

Country/entity	Uganda
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Implementation Protocol to the Agreement on Comprehensive Solutions
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Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -)

Uganda has long experienced tensions along ethnic, religious and national lines. On independence in 1962, Ugandan politics were defined by smaller monarchies, among which the Southern Kingdom of Buganda dominated the national sphere. Resistance to this system was the campaign platform of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) led by Milton Obote, who won the 1962 elections. Tension between the Buganda's ruler King Mutesa II and Obote with his then-ally Idi Amin, led to Obote changing the constitution, abolishing the monarchic system and thus, centralizing power. However, a split between Obote and Amin eventually led to a military coup d'état in 1970, which brought Amin the presidency where he instituted his genocidal regime.

Despite economic collapse, President Amin was only removed from power following a failed attempt at invading Tanzania in 1979, whereby the Tanzanian counter-attack alongside forces loyal to former-President Obote toppled Amin. Authoritarianism continued under the new regime, after Obote won the 1980 elections under dubious circumstances, and in 1985, Obote was once again deposed in a coup. Out of the fray, Yoweri Museveni and the National Resistance Army (NRA) captured the presidency in 1986 and began instituting economic and democratic reforms.

Resistance to Museveni, however, continued with various insurgencies across the country including by former-supporters of President Obote or President Amin. Other insurgencies based on chiliastic beliefs based on the return of Jesus Christ, most notably the Holy Spirit Movement, fought in the late 1980s before splintering into several smaller factions. One such faction later became the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) led by Joseph Kony. Many of the 22 or more insurgency groups estimated to contain more than 40,000 insurgents, operate from across the Ugandan border and are based in either South Sudan or the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Close
Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -
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Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government

Peace process Uganda peace process

Parties Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda (Dr) Minister of Internal Affairs and Head of GoU Delegation.
Dr David Nyekorach Matsanga, Leader of the LRA/M Delegation.

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Description This Protocol sets out the framework by which the principles and commitments agreed in the Principal Agreement are to be implemented. Amongst other things, it commits the Government to provide a special fund for victims, out of which reparations will be paid, develop and implement a strategy for assisting the return and resettlements of IDPs and recovery programmes in affected areas, and appoint an Equal Opportunities Commission that shall work to address, inter alia, the regional and ethnic imbalances and disparities in participation in Government departments and institutions.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive Page 2, Participation in National Politics and Institutions (Principal Agreement: Part C) 2. In recognition of the Constitutional obligation to reflect the National Character, the Government in making public appointments shall ensure commensurate representation of the people from the conflict-affected areas.</p> <p>Page 2, Referral to Equal Opportunities Commission ... 6. The Government shall in accordance with clause 4, 5, and 6.1 of the Principal Agreement refer to the Equal Opportunities Commission the question of any regional or ethnic imbalances and disparities in participation in Government departments and institutions.</p>
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2, Referral to Equal Opportunities Commission ... 8. The Government shall facilitate any Ugandan living abroad who wishes to return to Uganda, and shall protect the personal security of those who return.</p> <p>Page 3, Return, Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons (Principle Agreement; Part D) 16. The Government shall develop and implement a strategy for assisting the return and resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the affected areas in accordance with the IDP policy. In implementing the strategy, the needs of IDPs who have already returned will be taken into account to ensure equitable support for resettlement. 17. The Government shall facilitate the process of the return of any internally displaced persons in accordance with the terms of the Internally Displaced Persons' Policy.</p>
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

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(Principal Agreement: Clause 8)

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General Provisions

In the appointment of members and staff of any implementation bodies envisaged by this Agreement, overriding consideration shall be given to the competences and skills required for the office, sensitivity to the candidate's knowledge of the affected areas, and gender balance.

Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording
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LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)

No specific mention.

State configuration

No specific mention.

Self determination

No specific mention.

Referendum

No specific mention.

State symbols

No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
Page 2, Referral to Equal Opportunities Commission

4. During the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement, the Government shall ensure that the Equal Opportunities Commission is appointed and becomes operational.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public
administration** Page 2, Participation in National Politics and Institutions (Principal Agreement: Part C)

2. In recognition of the Constitutional obligation to reflect the National Character, the Government in making public appointments shall ensure commensurate representation of the people from the conflict-affected areas.

3. In furtherance of the above provision, the liaison mechanism referred to in clause 37 (e) of this Protocol shall recommend to the Government names of persons from the conflict-affected areas to be considered for appointment into political posts as well as the public and diplomatic services; provided that any appointments made shall be based on merit and in accordance with the laws of Uganda.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality
State level
Page 2,
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State level
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Referral to Equal Opportunities Commission

4. During the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement, the Government shall ensure that the Equal Opportunities Commission is appointed and becomes operational

5. In accordance with section 5 of the Equal Opportunities Commission Act, the Government shall consider for appointment persons from North and North Eastern Uganda to the Equal Opportunities Commission

6. The Government shall in accordance with clauses 4, 5 and 6.1 of the Principal Agreement refer to the Equal Opportunities Commission the question of any regional or ethnic imbalances and disparities in participation in Government departments and institutions

7. The Government shall act expeditiously on the recommendations of the Equal Opportunities Commission

Territorial power sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	Power sharing→Military power sharing→Merger of forces Page 3, Institutional Agreements for Security Organs (Principal Agreement: Clause 8) Institutional Arrangements for Security Organs (Principal Agreement: Clause 8) 12 The Government shall continue to ensure that the composition of the armed forces and other security agencies reflects the national character; including regional and gender diversity 13. In furtherance of Clause 8.2 if the Principal Agreement, the Government shall assess the experience and rank of former LRA combatants and integrate into the armed forces or other security agencies any combatants who are willing to join. 14. LRA combatants who join in accordance with the above paragraph shall be afforded the opportunity to undertake training or promotional programmes. 15. The Treatment of other LRA combatants shall be determined in accordance with other agreements and arrangements.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Education
Page 2, Education and Training

9. The Government shall adopt and actively promote a policy for increasing access to tertiary education and training for persons from the conflict affected areas. This shall include the provision of additional scholarships to be allocated according to districts.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts Page 3, Judiciary and Policing Issues (Principal Agreement: Clause 7)
10. The Government will strengthen the institutions of justice in the conflict-affected areas especially through the programmes of the Justice, Law and Order Sector.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 4, Economic and Social Development of North and North Eastern Uganda (Principal Agreement: Part E)

18. The Government shall promote recovery programmes in the affected areas, in particular, shall implement the Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP) expeditiously, and will further ensure that the Plan reflects the principles and commitments of this agreement.

National economic plan Page 4, Economic and Social Development of North and North Eastern Uganda (Principal Agreement: Part E)

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Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business Page 4, Economic and Social Development of North and North Eastern Uganda (Principal Agreement: Part E)

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Business incentives

19. The Government shall support business and investment initiatives in the conflict-affected areas and shall identify and commit special funds to the implementing agency for that purpose.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
Page 5-6, Issues Relating to Land (Principal Agreement: Clause 14),
... 32. The Government will give priority to strengthening the capacity of District Land Boards and other tribunals in the affected areas to oversee and adjudicate cases of land ownership and disputes.

Page 5-6, Issues Relating to Land (Principal Agreement: Clause 14),
... 33. The implementing agency referred to in Clause 11 of the Principal Agreement shall monitor any redress relating to land.

Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution
Page 5-6, Issues Relating to Land (Principal Agreement: Clause 14),
31. The Government shall ensure that landowners whose land have been used for the benefit of displaced persons or otherwise appropriated during the conflict are duly compensated or receive redress in accordance with the terms of the Principal Agreement.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** Page 5, Livestock (Principal Agreement: Clause 13)

29. The Government shall implement the restocking programme under the supervision of the implementing agency identified in clause 11 of the Principal Agreement, and in accordance with clause 14 of the Principal Agreement.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment Page 4, Economic and Social Development of North and North Eastern Uganda (Principal Agreement: Part E)

Environment

20. The Government shall promote policies and programmes to address and mitigate any adverse environmental impacts of the conflict.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police

Page 3, Judiciary and Policing Issues (Principal Agreement: Clause 7)

10. The Government will strengthen the institutions of justice in the conflict-affected areas especially through the programmes of the Justice, Law and Order Sector.

11. The Government will strengthen the deployment of the Uganda Police Force in the conflict-affected areas.

Armed forces

Page 3, Institutional Agreements for Security Organs (Principal Agreement: Clause 8)

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

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Page 5, Transitional Security Arrangements (Principal Agreement: Part F),

30. The agreement between the Parties on disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration shall specify the arrangements to ensure the safety of members of the LRA.

Page 6, Stakeholders' Conference and Implementation (Principal Agreement: Clause 17),

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35. The full implementation of this Agreement shall commence upon the final disarmament of all members of the LRA under the Final Peace Agreement.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	Page 5, Victims and Vulnerable Groups (Principal Agreement: Clause 12) 27. The policy for the support of victims and vulnerable persons and the mechanisms for its implementation shall be consistent with the principles and mechanisms relating to the Agreement on Accountability and Reconciliation.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 5, Victims and Vulnerable Groups (Principal Agreement: Clause 12) 26. The Parties agree that the Government shall develop and implement a policy for the support and rehabilitation of the victims of the conflict. 27. The policy for the support of victims and vulnerable persons and the mechanisms for its implementation shall be consistent with the principles and mechanisms relating to the Agreement on Accountability and Reconciliation. 28. The policy shall include, and the Government shall establish, a special fund for victims out of which reparations shall be paid, including reparations ordered to be paid by an institutions established pursuant to the Agreement on Accountability and Reconciliation.
Missing persons	No specific mention.

Reparations

Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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