

Country/entity	Sudan Eastern Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement
Date	19 Jun 2006
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal

In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.

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Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - comprehensive

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process	Eastern Sudanese Peace Process
Parties	Government of Sudan; Eastern Sudan Front Sudan
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement comprises four chapters. The first addresses governance issues and the political participation of Eastern Sudan people, including the establishment of a Coordinating Council for Eastern Sudan states. The second deals with economic, social and cultural issues including the principle of wealth sharing and management of natural resources. The third comprises provisions on a ceasefire and security sector reform including integration of the Eastern Front into the national army. The fourth calls for a Consultative Conference on the Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement (ESPA), gathering all the stakeholders (including traditional leaders, political parties, civil society organizations, trade unions, religious leaders, business leaders and members of the diaspora, to publicize and mobilise support for the ESPA, build momentum for implementation and provide a forum to all stakeholders to provide recommendations to the Eastern Sudan authorities. The agreement incorporates six other agreements.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation	<p>Participation→Gender quotas Page 11, CHAPTER ONE, POLITICAL ISSUES: GOVERNANCE AND POWER, ARTICLE 9 The National Assembly 24. Prior to the elections and with a view to reflecting the need for unity and inclusiveness the GoS shall ensure the representation of Eastern Sudanese in the National Assembly, including the Eastern Front. In this regard, not less than eight seats shall be allocated to nominees of the Eastern Sudan Front. It is highly recommended that some of the nominees be women.</p> <p>Participation→Effective participation Page 7, CHAPTER ONE, POLITICAL ISSUES: GOVERNANCE AND POWER, Article 1 ... 7. Women shall be fairly represented in all government institutions at all levels and their equal and effective participation ensured.</p> <p>Page 10, CHAPTER ONE, POLITICAL ISSUES: GOVERNANCE AND POWER, ARTICLE 7 ... 19. Special measures shall be taken to ensure the participation of women in all institutions at all levels of government</p> <p>Page 11, CHAPTER ONE, POLITICAL ISSUES: GOVERNANCE AND POWER, ARTICLE 8: The Council of Ministers ... 23. Prior to the elections, and with a view to reflecting the need for unity and inclusiveness, the GoS shall ensure effective representation of the people Eastern Sudan, including the Eastern Sudan Front, as follows: ... (c) Special effort shall be made to ensure that women are represented in these nominations.</p> <p>Page 29, CHAPTER FOUR, CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE ON EASTERN SUDAN PEACE AGREEMENT, Article 33 140. All the stakeholders, including community and traditional leaders, political parties, civil society organizations, trade unions, professionals, religious leaders, business leaders, and members of the diaspora shall participate in the CC ESPA. There shall be adequate and effective representation of women and youth.</p>
Equality	No specific mention.
Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
International law	No specific mention.
New institutions	No specific mention.

Violence against women No specific mention.

Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform No specific mention.

Development Development→General
Page 19, CHAPTER TWO, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES, Article 22
75. The following shall be the fundamental objectives of development in Eastern Sudan:
...
(k) Ensuring that all the development programs address the specific needs of women;

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
