



Land 2.1 – Land Regulation

	Protocol from CPA	Interim National Constitution	Blue Nile Interim Constitution	Southern Kordofan Interim Constitution
Wealth Sharing Agreement	 2.0 OWNERSHIP OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES 2.1 Without prejudice to the position of the Parties with respect to ownership of land and subterranean natural resources, including in Southern Sudan, this Agreement is not intended to address the ownership of those resources. The Parties agree to establish a process to resolve this issue. 2.2. The Parties agree that the regulation, management, and the process for the sharing of wealth from subterranean natural resources are addressed below. 2.3. The Parties record that the regulation of land tenure, usage and exercise of rights in land is to be a concurrent competency exercised at the appropriate levels of government. 2.4. Rights in land owned by the Government of Sudan shall be exercised through the appropriate or designated levels of Government. 2.5. The Parties agree that a process be instituted to progressively develop and amend the relevant laws to incorporate customary laws and practices, local heritage and international trends and practices. 	186. Land Regulation (1) The regulation of land tenure, usage and exercise of rights thereon shall be a concurrent competence, exercised at the appropriate level of government. (2) Rights in land owned by the Government of the Sudan shall be exercised through the appropriate or designated level of Government. (3) All levels of government shall institute a process to progressively develop and amend the relevant laws to incorporate customary laws, practices, local heritage and international trends and practices.	 94. Regulation of Land 1. The law shall regulate the possession and exploitation of land in the State and the exercise of rights thereon. 2. The State shall undertake to exercise the rights possessed by the Government of Sudan under Article 186 (2) of the Interim National Constitution of 2005. 3. The State shall initiate gradual procedures and measures to develop land laws that cover customary law practices, local heritage, and international trends and practices. 	 120. Regulation of Land The law shall regulate the possession and exploitation of land in the State and the exercise of rights thereon. The State Government shall undertake to exercise the rights possessed by the Government of Sudan under Article 186 (2) of the Interim National Constitution. The State shall initiate gradual procedures and measures to develop and amend land laws that cover customary law practices, local heritage, and international trends and practices.





Land 2.2 – Land Commissions

CPA Protocol		CPA Protocol	Blue Nile	
	Sudan Interim Constitution	Southern Kordofan/Blue Nile	Interim	Southern Kordofan Interim Constitution
Wealth Sharing Agreement		Protocol	Constitution	
National Land Commission	187. National Land Commission	9. State Land Commission:	95. Land	121. Land Commission
2.6 Without prejudice to the jurisdiction of	(1) Without prejudice to the jurisdiction	9.1. The regulation of the land	Commission	
courts, there shall be established a National	of the courts, there	tenure, usage and exercise of rights		1. A State Land Commission shall be
Land Commission that shall have the following	shall be established a National Land	in land shall be a concurrent	1. A State Land	established and formed by the State Council
functions:	Commission that shall	competency exercised by the	Commission	of Ministers. The commission shall have the
2.6.1 Arbitrate between willing contending	have the following functions:-	National and State Governments.	shall be	following functions:
Parties on claims over land, and sort	(a) arbitrate between willing contending	9.2. Rights in land owned by the	established by	
out such claims.	parties on claims over land, (b)	National Government within the	law. It shall	a. Regulation of the possession of, use
2.6.2 The party or group making claims in	entertain claims, at its discretion, in	State shall be exercised through the	comprise	of, and exercise of rights on land in
respect of land may make a claim	respect of land, be they against the	appropriate or designated level of	persons with	coordination with the National Land
against the relevant government and/or	relevant government or other parties	government.	expertise and	Commission.
other Parties interested in the land.	interested in the land. The parties to	9.3. There shall be established a	competence in	
2.6.3 The National Land Commission may at	the arbitration shall be bound by the	State Land Commission in the State	the State. It	b. Exercise of rights on land owned by
its discretion entertain such claims.	decision of the Commission on the	of Southern Kordofan/Nuba	shall exercise	the National Government in the State
2.6.4 The Parties to the arbitration shall be	basis of mutual consent and upon	Mountains and Blue Nile,	all the	through the appropriate level of
bound by the decision of the National	registration of the award in a court	respectively.	authorities of	government.
Land Commission on mutual consent	of law,	9.4. The State Land Commission	the National	
and upon registration of the award in a	(c) enforce the law applicable to the	shall be composed of persons from	Land	c. Exercise of all rights of the National
court of law.	locality where the land is situated or	the State concerned.	Commission at	Land Commission at the State level.
2.6.5 The National Land Commission shall	such other law as the parties to the	9.5. The State Land Commission	the State level.	
apply the law applicable in the locality	arbitration agree, including	shall exercise all the powers of the		d. Formulation of terms for the leasing
where the land is situated or such other	principles of equity,	National Land Commission at the	2. The State	of state land, review of current land
law as the Parties to the arbitration	(d) accept references on request from	State level.	Land	lease contracts, examination of land
agree, including principles of equity.	the relevant government or in the	9.6. The State Land Commission	Commission	allocation criteria, and provision of
2.6.6 Accept references on request from the	process of resolving claims, make	shall be competent to review existing	shall review the	recommendations to the state
relevant government, or in the process	recommendations to the appropriate	land leases and contracts and	use of land	authorities regarding changes it deems
of resolving claims, and make	level of government concerning land	examine the criteria for the present	contracts and	necessary, including affirmation of the
recommendations to the appropriate	reform policies and recognition of	land allocations and recommend to	shall examine	right to possess and be compensated
levels of government concerning:	customary rights or customary land	the State authority the introduction of	current criteria	for land.
2.6.6.1 Land reform policies;	law,	such necessary changes, including	for the	
2.6.6.2 Recognition of customary land rights	(e) assess appropriate land	restitution of land rights or	allocation of	2. The State Land Commission shall
and/or law.	compensation including but not	compensation.	land. It shall	cooperate with the National Land





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2.6.7 Assess appropriate land compensation,	limited to monetary compensation, for	9.7. The National Land Commission	recommend	Commission in coordinating their activities
which need not be limited to monetary	applicants in the course of	and the State Land Commission shall	changes that it	for the efficient use of their lands. The two
compensation, for applicants in the	arbitration or in the course of a	cooperate and coordinate their	deems essential	commissions may agree to:
course of arbitration or in the course of	reference from	activities so as to use their resources	to the State	
a reference from a court.	a court,	efficiently. Without limiting the	authorities,	a. Exchange of information and
2.6.8 Advise different levels of government	(f) advise different levels of	matters of coordination, the National	including	decisions issued by each commission.
on how to co-ordinate policies on	government on how to coordinate	Land Commission and the State	affirmation of,	
national projects.	policies on national projects	Land Commission may agree as	or	b. The State Land Commission's
2.6.9 Study and record land use practices in	affecting land or land rights,	follows:-	compensation	undertaking of several, specific
areas where natural resource	(g) study and record land use practices	9.7.1. To exchange information and	for, land rights.	functions of the National Land
exploitation occurs.	in areas where natural resource	decisions of each Commission;		Commission regarding data and
2.6.10 The National Land Commission shall	development occurs,	9.7.2. That certain functions of the	3. The State	research.
be representative and independent. The	(h) conduct hearings and formulate its	National Land Commission,	Land	
composition of the membership and	own rules of procedure,	including collection of data and	Commission	c. The resolution of any dispute that
terms of appointment of the National	(2) The National Land Commission	research, may be carried out through	shall cooperate	may arise due to conflicting
Land Commission shall be set by the	shall be independent and representative	the State Land Commission; and	with the	information or recommendations.
legislation constituting it. The	of all levels of government.	9.7.3. On the way in which any	National Land	
Chairperson of the National Land	(3) Membership, appointment, terms	conflict between the findings or	Commission in	3. Should the two the national and state
Commission shall be appointed by the	and conditions of service of the	recommendations of each	coordinating	commissions issue conflicting results and
Presidency.	National Land Commission shall be	Commission may be resolved.	their activities	recommendations that cannot be reconciled
2.6.11 The National Land Commission may	regulated by law. The Chairperson of	9.8. In case of conflict between the	for the efficient	by an agreement between them, the matter
conduct hearings and formulate its own	the National Land Commission shall be	findings and recommendations of the	use of their	shall be referred to the Constitutional Court
rules of procedure.	appointed by the President of the	National Land Commission and the	lands.	for a decision thereon.
2.6.12 The National Land Commission will	Republic with the consent	State Land Commission which	4 771 04 4	A.D.: A. I. d. A. I. I. d. I.
have its budget approved by the	of the First Vice President.	cannot be resolved by agreement, the	4. The State	4. Prior to elections, the land commission
Presidency and will be accountable to	(4) The National Land Commission	two Commissions shall reconcile	Land	shall comprise members in the following
the Presidency for the due performance	shall be accountable to the Presidency	their positions. Failure to reconcile,	Commission	proportions: 55 percent National Congress
of its functions.	which shall approve the budget of the	the matter shall be referred to the	shall be	and 45 percent Sudan People's Liberation
	Commission.	Constitutional Court for	responsible to	Movement.
		adjudication.	the Governor.	





Land Reform 2.3 – Oil Management

Protocol from CPA		Interim National Constitution		Southern Kordofan Interim Constitution
Wealth Sharing Agreement	A. Guiding Principles for the management and development of the petroleum sector 3.1 The Parties agree that the basis for an agreed and definitive framework for the management of the development of the petroleum sector during the Interim Period shall include the following: 3.1.1 Sustainable utilization of oil as a non-renewable natural resource consistent with: a) the national interest and the public good; b) the interest of the affected states/regions; c) the interests of the local population in affected areas; 3.1.5 Persons enjoying rights in land shall be consulted and their views shall duly be taken into account in respect of decisions to develop subterranean natural resources from the area in which they have rights, and shall share in the benefits of that development. 3.1.6 Persons enjoying rights in land are entitled to compensation on just terms arising from acquisition or development of land for the extraction of subterranean natural resources from the area in respect of which they have rights. 3.1.7 The communities in whose areas development of subterranean natural resources occurs have the right to participate, through their respective states/regions, in the negotiation of contracts for the development of those resources. 3.1.8 Regardless of the contention over the ownership of land and associated natural resources, the Parties agree on a framework for the regulation and management of petroleum development in Sudan during the Interim Period.	The basis for a definitive framework for the management and development of the petroleum sector shall include:- (a) sustainable utilization of oil as a non-renewable natural resource consistent with:- (i) the national interest and the public good, (ii) the interest of the affected states, (iii) the interest of the local population in affected areas, (iv) national environmental policies, biodiversity conservation guidelines and cultural heritage protection principles, (b) empowerment of the appropriate levels of government to develop and manage, in consultation with the relevant communities, the various stages of oil production within the overall framework for the management of petroleum development, (c) give due attention to enabling policy environment for the flow of foreign direct investment by reducing risks associated with uncertainties regarding the outcome of the referendum on self-determination at the end of the Interim Period, (d) persons enjoying rights in land, shall be consulted and their views shall duly be taken into account in respect of decisions to develop subterranean natural resources from the area in which they have rights. They shall share in the benefits of that development, (e) persons enjoying rights in land are entitled to equitable compensation on just terms arising from acquisition or development of land for the extraction of subterranean natural resources from the area in respect of which they have rights, (f) the communities in whose areas development of subterranean natural resources occurs have the right to participate, through their respective states, in the negotiation of contracts for the development of those resources, (g) regardless of the contention over the ownership of land and associated natural resources, there shall be a framework for the regulation and management of petroleum development in the Sudan during the Interim Period.	None	None