

Sudan's Peace Settlement: Progress and Perils

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Background

On January 9, 2005, amidst much international acclaim, the Government of Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army signed the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Nairobi, Kenya. This achievement marked the culmination of painstaking negotiations involving the Khartoum government, southern rebel groups, and outside mediators to bring closure to more than two decades of civil war. Still, less than two years after its adoption, international attention has turned away from the north-south peace agreement. The CPA may be faltering, and the chances for the full realization of its provisions could be in doubt. While the country has experienced a number of positive developments in the implementation of the agreement, it has also endured some serious setbacks and challenges, to include the death of former Vice President John Garang, increasing intra-factional divisions, and dwindling international focus on the requirements of the CPA due to the ongoing crisis in the Darfur region.

In 2005, President George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell characterized the violence in the western region of Darfur as genocide. Since that time, the American public and the Bush administration have focused increasing attention and resources on that crisis. While addressing the Darfur crisis is essential to the overall stability of the country and region, that crisis has over-shadowed the pressing need for the continued engagement required to successfully implement the provisions of the CPA.

In light of the above, an increased level of attention and a renewed commitment on the part of all parties to the implementation the CPA is necessary to engender further progress and maximize the prospects of success. To these ends, the National Defense University in partnership with the Woodrow Wilson Center will convene a one-day symposium to assess the progress and challenges to the CPA's implementation, evaluate the effectiveness of its provisions to date, and discuss the ways and means by which the international community can contribute to ensuring full and successful implementation of the CPA.

Conference Objectives

- To assess progress/problems encountered to date by the Sudanese parties in the implementation of the CPA.
- To look ahead at ways and means for strengthening the peace process and moving forward on key issues.
- To consider U.S. and international policy options for imparting new momentum to the process or for staving off further deterioration.

Program

0730-0830 Registration/Check-in

0745-0820 Library and/or Historical tours

0830-0850 Welcoming Remarks

Ambassador Mark Bellamy, *Senior Vice President, National Defense University* and
Dr. Michael H. Van Dusen, *Deputy Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*

0850-0935 Opening Keynote Address

"An Overview of the CPA: How Was It Achieved; What Did We Expect?"

Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo, *Kenyan Army - Ret; Chief Peace Talks Negotiator*

0950-1145 Morning Panel: Assessing the CPA's Progress

Moderator: **Dr. Marina S. Ottaway**, *Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*

"Wealth Sharing in Southern Sudan: Oil, Energy & Political Implications"

Honorable David Goldwyn, *Chairman, Goldwyn International Strategies*

"Abyei Boundary Commission: Status of Disputed Provinces Outside the 1956 boundary on the Blue Nile"

Ambassador Donald Petterson, *former Ambassador to Somalia, Tanzania and Sudan and
Chairman, Abyei Boundary Commission*

"Military Integration & Security Issues"

Mr. Michael J. Bittrick, *Deputy Director, Security Affairs, Office of Regional and Security
Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. State Department*

"Power Sharing and Development of Government Institutions in the South"

Dr. Francis Deng, *Director of the Center for Displacement Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of
Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University*

1150-1235 Keynote Presentation

"More than North-South: The CPA and the Greater Conflict(s) in the Sudan"

Ambassador Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, *Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor on
Africa, Office of the Special Advisor on Africa, United Nations*

1240-1345 Luncheon – Marshall Hall, Room 155

1345-1530 Afternoon Panel: Charting a Way Ahead

Moderator: **Mr. Charles R. Snyder**, *former Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S.
State Department*

"Impact of Darfur on the Implementation of the North-South Agreements"

Dr. John Prendergast, *Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group*

"Enhancing the Effectiveness of the CPA"

Ambassador Alan Gouly, *former UK Special Representative for Sudan*

"The International Community and the CPA: Refocusing Attention and Renewing Commitment"

Dr. Karin von Hippel, *Co-Director of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project, Center for
Strategic and International Studies*

1545-1615 Closing Speech

"U.S. Policy in the Sudan: Strategic Interests and a Road Map for Future Progress"

Honorable Jendayi Frazer, *Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, U.S. State
Department*