

INTERNATIONAL SUDAN STUDIES CONFERENCE 2009

The Future of Sudan to 2011 and Beyond: African Dimensions of Peace, Stability and Justice

University of South Africa
25-28 November 2009

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The November 2009 Sudan Studies Conference is the eighth in a series of high level academic conferences on the Sudan organised by the Sudan Studies Associations. This time around the Centre for African Renaissance Studies at the University of South Africa is taking a leading role in organizing the conference. The Conference is the second since the signing of the historic comprehensive Peace Agreement in January 2005 between the Sudanese Government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army. The Conference will interrogate the future of Sudan from multidisciplinary perspectives against the backdrop of implementation of the CPA.

Wednesday 25 November 2009

Opening Session

7:30 – 8:15	Registration
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome Address Principal and Vice Chancellor, Barney Pityana
8:40 – 8:50	Statement on Purpose of Conference Chair and Director of CARS, Shadrack B.O. Gutto
8:50 – 9:10	Official Opening High level member of cabinet of the government of RSA
9:10 – 9:20	Cultural Presentation Praise Singer/Poet

Pillar One

The CPA: Achievements, Challenges and Threats for its Implementation

9:20 – 10:00	Lead Presentations (In plenary)
	Benaiah Yongo Bure Kettering University, USA 'The CPA: From its Conception to the End Game'
	Douglas H Johnson International Expert on Abyei Boundaries Commission 'Border Battleline'

10:00 – 10:10 Discussion

10:10 – 10:25 Tea and coffee break

10:35 – 12:00 **Paper Presentations**
(Sessions A and B will run parallel)

Session A: Contested Areas and Borders

Richard Lobban
Rhode Island College
'Comparative Study of Peace Treaties and Other Agreements in Sudan'

Peter Woodward
University of Reading, UK
Atta El-Battahanoi
University of Khartoum
'The Political Economy of the CPA'

Elke Grawert
University of Bremen, Germany
'Power and Wealth Sharing vs. Contested Governance'

Abu Bakr El Siddig Ahmed El Tohami
Ombdurman Ahlia University, Sudan
'Post Peace in Sudan: Expected Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts'

Session B: Power and Wealth Sharing

Vitale Otililing Eilia
Political Specialist, US Embassy Khartoum
'The CPA: Achievements and Limitations'

Guma Kunda Komey Kalo
'The CPA and the Questions of Identity, Territory and Political Destiny of the Contested Nuba Mountains'

Alekski Ylonen
Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
'The CPA in the Nuba Mountains: A Critical Point of Weakness?'

Asha Abdel Rahim
University of Juba, Sudan
'Ways to Improve Living Conditions of Women Groups in Nuba Mountains, Southern Kordofan'

Wendy James
Oxford University, UK
'Challenges for Returnee Population in the Blue Nile, 2005-2009'

Gavin Bradshaw
Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
'Conflict Transformation and the Future of Sudan'

12: 00 – 13:00

Discussion in plenary session

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Pillar Two

History, Culture, Identity and Human Development

14:10 – 14:50

Lead Presentations

(In plenary)

Al-Amin Abu-Manga

University of Khartoum, Sudan

'Language Problem in the Sudan: Management of Linguistic Diversity'

Pieter Tesch

Sudan Studies Association, UK

'Looking West from the Middle Nile: An Exploration of Sudan's Historical Place within the Sudanic Belt and Exploring a Comparison with Mauritania'

14:50 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:15

Tea and Coffee

15:15 – 16:30

Paper Presentations

(Sessions A and B to run parallel)

Session A: History and Identity

Yoporeka Somet

Expert on Egyptology

'L'Egypte des pharaons et la culture africaine contemporaine'

Samba Buri Mboup

University of South Africa

'A contribution to the debate on the Africanity of Sudan: Epistemic challenges in the area of historiography and cultural anthropology'

Idris Salim ElHassan

University of Khartoum, Sudan

'The CPA and the Cultural Diversity in Sudan'

Mahgoub El-Tigani

Tennessee State University, USA

'Irreconcilable Conflict: The Ghosting of Sufi Islam by Fundamentalist Muslims'

Abdu Mukhtar Musa

Omdurman Islamic University, Sudan

'Marginalization and Ehtnicization in the Sudan: How the elite failed to stabilize a diverse country'

Session B: Human Development and Social Factors

Paul Fean

University of Sussex, UK (PhD candidate)

'How adult learners change through education: Teachers' perceptions of the personal and social development of students in Adult Education Schools in Omdurman'

Mohamed Ahmed Abdeghaffar

University of Khartoum

'The future of Sudan to 2011 and beyond: Dimensions of peace, stability and reconciliation'

Abraham Matoc Dhal

University of Juba, Sudan

'Private Sector Development: Towards Realisation of Rural Development in Southern Sudan'

Al-Sadig Yahya Abdallah Ezza

Amir Mohammad Salih Libris

(Affiliation)

'The Role of Language in Negotiating Power in Sudan'

Esther K Sebetosi

University of South Africa

'Towards a viable HIV/AIDS policy in southern Sudan: The need to address misconceptions and gender inequity'

Abdulmageed Abdulraheem Alhaj Ahmed

(Affiliation)

'The Impact of Education in social Cohesion in Sudan'

Berhanu

(Affiliation)

'Institutions and Investments in South Sudan: An Institutional Economic Perspective'

16:30 – 17:30

Discussion in plenary session

18:00 – 20:00

**Welcoming Cocktail
Unisa Venue**

Thursday 26 November 2009

Pillar Three

Governance, Electoral Processes, Democracy and Human and People's Rights

8:30 – 9:10

Lead Presentations

(In plenary)

Khalil A Al Medani

(Affiliation)

'From Assimilation to Confrontation: Macro-micro Level Processes of Acculturation and Cultural Pluralism in Southern Blue Nile Region (Funj Region) Sudan'

Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban

Rhode Island College, USA

'Sharia Law and social Transformation and the Potential for Democracy After the CPA'

9:10 – 9:20

Discussion

9:20 – 9:35

Tea and coffee break

9:35 – 12:00

Paper Presentations

(Sessions A and B to run parallel)

Session A: The Political Aspects

Peter Adwok Nyaba

(Affiliation)

'SPLM-NCP Asymmetrical Power Relations Jeopardise the CPA Implementation and the Future of Sudan'

Abdel Salam Sidahmed

University of Windsor, Canada

'Challenges to Democratic Transformation in post-CPA Sudan'

Adlan Hardallu

University of Khartoum, Sudan

'The Projected 2010 Elections in Sudan: Prospects and Outcomes'

Georgio Musso

University of Genova, Italy

'We will revert to how we were': The National Congress Party Face to the Elections and the Referendum'

Hassan El Sauori
Al Neelain University, Sudan
'Prospects of Fourth Sudanese Democratic System'

Abdel Rahman Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed
National Centre for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan
'The Current Political Challenges and their Impact on the Stability of Sudan'

Azzamzami Basheer Abdul Mahmoud
University of Africa, Sudan
'Sudanese February 2010 Elections and Internal Challenges Interventions'

Session B:

George Onyango Katete
University of Bremen, Germany
'The Regional Outcome of the Sudan's CPA Four Years on the Road: Are External Forces Playing Progressive Roles'

Ahmed T el-Gailli
Law Offices of Sullivan & Cromwell, UK
'The Politics of Judicial Independence in Sudan: The Equilibrium of Capture'

Sarah Washburne
University of Exeter, UK (PhD candidate)
'Civil Society Development in Southern Sudan: Prospects and Pitfalls'

Sidiga Washi
United Arab Emirates University
'Challenges Faced in the Financing of the Sudanese Women's Priorities and Recommendations to the Oslo Donors' Conference in Sudan 2005'

Aisha Mustafa Mohamed
University of Khartoum, Sudan
'Cultural identity and politics and gender dimensions of peace, stability and social justice'

Johan Kriel
University of South Africa
'Human Rights Challenges for the Southern Sudan Prisons Service'

Dr. Kamal
(Affiliation) and (Title to be added)

12:00 – 13:00 **Discussion in plenary session**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Pillar Four

Issues of Statehood and Nation-Building

14:10 – 14:50

Lead Presentations

(In plenary)

Muhammad Jalal Hashim

Independent Scholar, Sudan

'The Dams of Northern Sudan and the Policy of Demographic Engineering'

Garang Akok

(Affiliation)

Ulrike Schultz

(Affiliation)

'Life would be easy if I would be Dinka' The Construction of Ethnic Identities in Southern Sudanese communities after the CPA'

14:50 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:15

Tea and coffee break

15:15 – 16:30

Paper Presentations

(Sessions A and B to run parallel)

Session A: Management of Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion

Al Athanzio Surur

University of Juba, Sudan

'Censuses in the History and Politics of Sudan'

Salma Mohamed Abdalla

Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies

'The State of Sharia (Islamic Law) and the Rights of non-Muslims in post-CPA Khartoum'

Yasir Awad Abdalla Eltahir

University of Khartoum, Sudan

'Sudan Politics in Ethnicisation: Mismanaging Diversity, Dismantling the State'

Gamal Adam*

York University, Canada

* Presenter

Anne Bartlett
University of San Francisco
Baballa H Nour
Main, USA
'Slavery in Sudan: From Stereotyping to Practice'

Adam Cholong Ohiri Aham
University of Juba, Sudan
'Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion: A factor for making unity attractive'

Session B:

Thomas Schmidinger
University of Vienna, Austria
'Another Darfur in the North? Kajbar Dam, Dal Dam and the Destruction of Nubia'

Census Lo-Lyiong
(Affiliation)
'The Impact of Construction Projects on the Sudd Swamp and its Importance as a Livelihood System for the South Sudan Region'

Laura Mann
University of Edinburgh, UK (PhD candidate)
'Nice work if you can get it: University education, social capital and the promise of social mobility in Sudan'

Mahdi Osman
(Affiliation)
'Dualism and the destructive politics of polarization in Sudan'

Amira Y Badri
Ahfad University, Sudan
'Federalism in Sudan: Applicability, challenges and opportunities'

Yosa Wawa
(Affiliation)
'The Southern Sudan: Roots to Secession'

16:30 – 17:30

Discussion in plenary session

19:30 – 21:00

Gala Diner

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Principle of UNISA

University Restaurant, UNISA

His Excellency President Thabo Mbeki, Keynote speaker

Friday 27 November 2009

Pillar Five

Darfur as Epitome of the Sudan Situation?

8:30 – 9:10

Lead Presentations

(In plenary)

Mutasim Bashir Ali Hadi

University of Gadarif, Sudan

'The Impact of the Darfur Peace Agreement on Local Politics in Darfur: The Case of Southeast Darfur'

Jide Martyns Okeke

University of Leeds, UK

'Contextualising the 'Responsibility to Protect' in Darfur'

9:10 – 9:20

Discussion

9:20 – 9:35

Tea and coffee break

9:35 – 12:00

Paper Presentations

(Sessions A and B will run parallel)

Session A: The Darfur Conflicts from Different Perspectives

Johan Brosche

Uppsala University, Sweden

'This Land is whose Land? A Comprehensive View of 20 Years of Communal Conflicts'

Scott Edwards

Amnesty International, USA

'Field Work from the Sky: Remote Data collections from Active Conflict Zones (The Case of Darfur)'

Savo Heleta

Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

'The Darfur Conflict from the Perspective of the Rebel Justice and Equality Movement'

Anne Bartlett*

University of San Francisco, USA

Jennifer Alix-Garcia

University of Wisconsin, USA

David S Saah

University of San Francisco, USA

'City Growth Under Conflict Conditions: The View from Nyala, Darfur'

Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker
University of Khartoum, Sudan
'The ICC and the Darfur Crimes: The dilemmas of peace and supra national criminal justice'

Session B: Root Causes of Conflict in Darfur

Mey Eltayeb Ahmed
University of Khartoum, Sudan
'Gender and Elections in Conflict Affected Areas of Sudan: Focusing on Darfur Cases'

Regine Penitsch
Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
'The Dynamics of Polarised Identities in Darfur'

Abdelbagi Jibril
Darfur Relief and Documentation Centre, Geneva
'The Rebellion in Darfur: An Incarnation of Sudan's Identity Crisis'

James J Hentz
Virginia Military Institute
'Wars across States: The Systematic War in Darfur'

12:00 – 13:00 **Discussion in plenary session**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Pillar Six

Regional and International Correlations and Dimensions of the Sudan Situation: Role of the African Union, the Arab League and External Factors

14:10 – 15:10 **Civil Society Presentations**
(In plenary)

15:20 – 16:00 **Lead Presentations**
(In plenary)

Farouk Rahman Eisa
Sudan Studies Society
'Scramble for Southern Sudan and the New Devil'

Bankie Forster Bankie
Independent Scholar

'Antithesis – The reconstruction of the African Union and its Co-ordination with the Arab League for a Viable and Sustainable Solution for the Unity of Africans'

16:00 – 16:10

Discussion

16:10 -16:25

Tea and coffee break

16:25 – 17:25

Paper Presentations

(In plenary)

Khaled Qasaymeh

University of South Africa

'Indictment of the President of Sudan: The power of the ICC in the context of the inherited immunity of a Head of State in Office'

Shadrack B.O Gutto

University of South Africa

'Preaching Marriage and Divorce at the same time: Challenges of the CPA to the foreign policies of GOSS and GNU in the pre- and post- 2011'

Fadwa Rahman Ali TaHa

University of Khartoum, Sudan

'The Sudan's role as middle stream country between Egypt and the riparian countries of East Africa: Past present and future'

Dirk Hansohn

Ministry of Foreign Trade, Sudan

'Sudan's reintegration into world economy: What role for regional integration?'

17:25 – 18:25

Discussion in plenary session

Saturday 28 November 2009
Closing Session

9:00 – 10:00 Synthesis of conference proceedings – Closing remarks