



CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL SUDAN STUDIES CONFERENCE
ON THE THEME:

**“THE FUTURE OF SUDAN TO 2011 AND BEYOND: AFRICAN
DIMENSIONS OF PEACE, STABILITY, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION”**

25TH – 28TH NOVEMBER 2009, SENATE HALL, TVW
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA: SENATE HALL PRELLER STREET
PRETORIA - CITY OF TSHWANE, SOUTH AFRICA

The Centre for African Renaissance Studies (CARS) in collaboration with the Sudan Studies Association, invites all interested parties to submit abstracts for papers to be presented during the above conference.

Background and objectives of the conference

The November 2009 Sudan Studies Conference is the eighth in a series of high level academic conferences on the Sudan organized by the Sudan Studies Association. This time around, the Centre for African Renaissance Studies at the University of South Africa is taking a leading role in organising the Conference. The Conference is the second since the signing of the historic Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005 between the Sudanese Government and the SPLM-SPLA and indeed the first of its kind to be convened on African soil outside Sudan. The Conference will interrogate the future of Sudan against the backdrop of implementation of the CPA. *What has happened to the CPA since its signature and where is it taking Sudan and Africa?*



Although primarily an academic endeavour, the Conference seeks to involve all major role-players and political actors in the Sudan situation. It aspires to be a spring board for a new process in raising awareness about the Sudan situation and paving the way for a future of lasting peace, stability, justice and prosperity for all in the country and in the region. As it is, the Conference aims at positioning itself within the framework of a medium and long term vision of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Sudan in which the rights of individuals and all communities will be equally guaranteed.

Expected outcomes and follow-up

Publication of conference proceedings in the form of a book as well as a special issue of the International Journal for African Renaissance Studies will contribute to building of knowledge and awareness about the Sudan in Africa, throughout the African Diaspora and internationally.

Themes to be discussed at the conference:

Pillar One: The CPA: Achievements, Challenges and Threats for its Implementation

- Power-sharing
- Wealth-sharing
- Border-demarcation
- Integration of armies and security forces
- Normalisation of life in Abyei, Southern Blue Nile, Nuba Mountains and Darfur
- Is unity being made attractive?
- Sudan's futures: a united Sudan or a two-state scenario?

Pillar Two: Darfur as Epitome of the Sudan Situation?

- Migration patterns, population settlement trends and history of social formations
- Race and ethnic identities: African-Arab relations
- Human and peoples' rights violations and serious international crimes
- Resource allocation and governance
- Context and challenges of aid
- Global imaging (of Darfur)



Pillar Three: Governance, Electoral Processes, Democracy and Human and Peoples' Rights

- From liberation movement to party in power: institution and capacity-building and governance challenges for the SPLM and GOSS
- Prospects for the February 2010 general elections
- Challenges and stakes for the upcoming referenda in Southern Sudan and Abiyei, and popular consultations in Southern Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains
- Human and peoples' rights, democracy and the rule of law in Sudan
- Slavery, captivity, serfdom, child abduction and human trafficking
- Cultural identity and politics and gender dimensions of peace, stability and social justice

Pillar Four: Issues of Statehood and Nation-Building

- Energy and infrastructure building and threats to the environment
- Management of cultural diversity and social cohesion
- Censuses and demographics in the history and politics of Sudan
- Political ideology and social classification and stratification (ethnicity, race, religion, gender and class) in the history, political economy and social dynamics of Sudan
- Archetypes, stereotypes and ethnotypes: an archaeology, sociology and political economy of conflicting images of self and other in Sudan

Pillar Five: History, Culture, Identity and Human Development

- Epistemic and methodological challenges and stakes in the history and historiography of Sudan and Nile Valley civilisations
- Linguistic diversity, language policies and socio-linguistic situation
- Art and literature
- Resource endowment, rural development and industrialisation
- Education and knowledge production and application
- Health policies and public health systems
- Peace-building, resettlement, rehabilitation and social re-integration



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

- Empowerment of the AU and its coordination with the Arab League for a viable and sustainable solution in the Sudan
- The ICC and Sudan
- Arms race, scramble for resources and issues of global safety and security
- Sudan and the Nile as common patrimony for Eastern Africa: major stakes, challenges and threats
- Sudan: opportunities and challenges for its emergence as a regional driver for Africa's future
- Bilateral and multilateral engagements with Sudan (South Africa and other countries)

Working languages for the Conference: English, Arabic, French

Submission details

Abstracts: Submitted abstracts should be (preferably) in English and strictly limited to between 100 and 500 words, including keywords.

All abstracts must be received by the Conference Secretariat by 30 June 2009.

- Title of paper; full name(s) of author(s) and their organization;
- Full postal address, e-mail address and contact number(s) for the first author;
- Number of words; Author's resume of up to 270 words;
- Conference pillar or/and sub-theme of which the paper should be considered;
- File type abstracts: MS Word for Windows, Arial, Size 12, (1.5 line spacing)

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