

## Civil Society Dialogue Network Geographic Meeting

# ‘Peacebuilding in Sudan and South Sudan: The Role of the EU’

Thursday 6 October 2011 (09.00 – 17.00)

Martin’s Central Park, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels

### Agenda

08.30 – 09.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09.00 – 09.15	<p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b></p> <p>Catherine Woollard – Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</p>
09.15 – 10.30	<p><b>The EU and the Sudans: a Comprehensive Approach</b></p> <p>The purpose of this session will be to present the EU’s policies towards Sudan and South Sudan and to set out the key questions for discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Catherine Woollard</p> <p>09.15 – 09.30: Opening comments by Ambassador Rosalind Marsden, EU Special Representative for Sudan</p> <p>09.30 – 10.30: Initial questions and comments from CSO participants</p>
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10.45 – 12.00	<p><b>Border regions: Conflict risks and mitigation strategies</b></p> <p>The objectives of this session will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to identify factors which heighten the risk of conflict in Sudan and South Sudan, including summaries of recent conflict risk assessments, with a focus on the latest developments in the border regions</li> <li>2. to present proposals for initiatives, ideas and strategies for the mitigation of conflict risks in and between Sudan and South Sudan</li> <li>3. to suggest means by which the EU could support peacebuilding with a focus on cross-border co-operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of confidence-building measures including people-to-people contacts</li> <li>• Integrated border management</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Moderator: William Tsuma – Programme Manager – Action Learning (Preventive Action and Human Security), Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict</p> <p>10.45 – 11.00: Opening comments by Richard King – Director of Operations, Concordis International</p> <p>11.00 – 12.00: Open discussion</p>

12.00 – 13.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
13.00 – 14.30	<p><b>Governance challenges and inclusive constitutional review processes in Sudan and South Sudan</b></p> <p>The purpose of this session will be to discuss and make recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promoting an enabling environment</li> <li>• empowering civil society</li> <li>• national-level approaches to national-level questions</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Fredrik Wesslau – Political Advisor to Ambassador Rosalind Marsden</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
14.30 – 14.45	<b>Coffee break</b>
14.45 – 16.15	<p><b>Peacebuilding and institution-building in South Sudan</b></p> <p>The purpose of this session will be to discuss and make recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• incorporating peacebuilding into institution-building efforts in South Sudan</li> <li>• state-society relations in South Sudan</li> <li>• promoting peaceful engagement with neighbouring countries: scope for regional integration</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Oliver Blake – International Aid / Cooperation Officer – Fragile States, Directorate General Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission</p> <p>14.45 – 15.15: Brief opening comments by Oliver Blake; Kwesi Sansculotte-Greenidge – Senior Researcher, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD); Lauren Hutton – Project Coordinator, Saferworld; and Patrick Zadi Zadi Anderson – Peacebuilding Specialist and Trainer</p> <p>15.15 – 16.15: Open discussion</p>
16.15 – 16.45	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil society involvement in peacebuilding: Opportunities and capacity in Sudan and South Sudan</li> <li>• Policy recommendations for EU institutions, EU Member States and civil society</li> </ul> <p>16.15 – 16.30: Overview of the day presented by Laura Davis – Meeting Rapporteur 16.30 – 16.45: Final comments from participants</p>

**17.00 – 18.00 Informal drinks reception for all participants**

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