

Sudan Country Workshop: "Institutions and Investment in South Sudan. A Regional Cooperation Approach"

Date: December 9, 2009, 10.30 am to 18.15 pm

Venue: Faculty of Economics and Business Studies, University of Bremen, WHS 5, Room 1.14

Purpose: It is the purpose of the workshop to present new research results on institutions and investment in South Sudan and on new regional cooperation trends in the area. South Sudan is on the way to build up its economic and political institutions, and especially so the political, economic, and corporate governance mechanisms. However, four years after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2005 and two years before the Vote on Independence will take place in 2011 the situation in South Sudan is politically, economically, and socially very difficult. Neighbouring countries are of vital importance for the building up of a viable state and a sustainable economy in South Sudan, and therefore the core issues of regional cooperation will be discussed. Also new development strategies for the productive sectors (agriculture and industry) in South Sudan will be emphasized.

The main speakers at the Workshop are Mister Berhanu Denu from Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and IWIM, University of Bremen and Mister George Katete, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya and INIIS, University of Bremen. Both scholars of the Volkswagen Foundation project will present their studies and research results of the ongoing PhD work also at the International Sudan Studies Conference in November 2009 in Pretoria, South Africa and at the Second Volkswagen Grantees Meeting in Bayreuth in February 2010 (the first was held 2007 in Bamako, Mali).

The Sudan Country Workshop is held in the context of the research programme "Governance and Social Action in Sudan after the

Comprehensive Peace Agreement of January 21, 2005". The research programme cooperates in a network of project partners and students with three universities in Sudan, two in Kenya and one in Ethiopia, and it is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. Around fifteen PhD students and Master students are trained in the project. The work has started in Bremen on September 1, 2005 (headed by Professor Karl Wohlmuth and Dr. Elke Grawert) and continues the work until August 31, 2010. A final research workshop is planned for Khartoum, Sudan. It was the first research project of the Sub-Saharan Africa Research Cooperation Initiative of the Volkswagen Foundation (see the IWIM Homepage on the activities and publications: http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/forsch_grawert.htm).

The main speakers at the Workshop will present full papers of their researches. Related research papers by the speakers can be downloaded at the IWIM homepage (see **Sudan Economy Research Group Discussion Papers of IWIM**: <http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/publikationen/pub-sudan.htm>).

Participation of guests is welcomed upon application and invitation. Related researches on development in South Sudan can be presented by the guests in short statements. Guests can also become second discussants of the presented papers.

Programme of the Workshop on Wednesday, December 9, 2009

10.30 am -11 am: **Reception and Coffee**

11 am – 11.15 am: **Opening of the Workshop** by Professor Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen

11.15 am -13.15 pm: **First Session on "Institutions and Investment in South Sudan. Methodological Approaches and Empirical Results"**

Lectures/Presentations/Comments/Discussion:

"Institutions and Investment in South Sudan: How relevant is the New Institutional Economics Approach for Least Developed Countries?", by Mister Berhanu Denu, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Volkswagen Foundation Scholar, IWIM, Faculty of Economics, University of Bremen

"Institutions and Investment in South Sudan: Field Researches, Empirical Testing and Research Results", by Mister Berhanu Denu, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Volkswagen Foundation Scholar, IWIM, Faculty of Economics, University of Bremen

Comments by George Katete

Discussion by all Participants

13.15 pm -14.00 pm: **Lunch**

1400 pm -1500 pm: **Second Session on "Regional Cooperation and Investment Promotion in South Sudan"**

Lectures/Presentations/Comments/Discussion

"South Sudan in a Process of Conflict Transformation: Moving towards Regional Politico-Economic Cooperation?", by George Katete, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya and Volkswagen Foundation Scholar/DAAD Scholar at INIIS, Political Science Department, University of Bremen

"The External States and the Impact of their Political-Economic Policies on South Sudan: A Catalyst for Conflict Transformation, Growth and Investment?", by George Katete, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya and Volkswagen Foundation Scholar/DAAD Scholar at INIIS, Political Science Department, University of Bremen

Comments by Mister Berhanu Denu and Mister Dr. O. O. Uzor, IWIM Associate, Bremen

Discussion by all Participants

15 pm -16 pm: **Third Session on "Economic Reconstruction and Reform Strategies for South Sudan"**

Lectures/Presentations/Comments/Discussion:

"Institutions and Investment in South Sudan: Reconstruction and Reform Strategies and Policies", by Mister Berhanu Denu, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Volkswagen Foundation Scholar, IWIM, Faculty of Economics, University of Bremen

"Oil and Agriculture in South Sudan: Why is Agro-Industrial Development Neglected in South Sudan?", A Short Comment by Professor Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen

Comments: George Katete

Discussion by all Participants

16 pm - 16.30 pm: **Coffee Break**

17.00 pm -18.00 pm: **Fourth Session on Specific Issues on Development in South Sudan (Open Session)**

Short Presentations/Discussion:

Guests have the possibility to present short abstracts of their research reports on South Sudan and/or to give policy statements on specific development problems in South Sudan

Discussion by all participants

18.00 pm - 18.15 pm: **Final Remarks on the Workshop and on the future Research Work** by Professor Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen

18.15 pm: **End of the Workshop**

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