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Mission accomplished, mission impossible - Or the wrong mission all together?

Sudan/South Sudan Conference
Hermannsburg, Germany
October 31 - November 2, 2012
Heimvolkshochschule Hermannsburg
Organised by Sudan Forum e.V. and Sudan Focal Point, Europe
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The opposite of well done is well intended (African Proverb)

Lobby- and Advocacy Work
A good year after the separation of Sudan and South Sudan
In 1987, a very small Sudan Conference took place in Hermannsburg with very few people but with big topics around war and peace. Since then, the organizers maintained the focus on how best to support the desire of people for peace, justice and well-being. The conference always provided a setting for an open and free meeting space for all stakeholders.

Over the years, many key issues were discussed. In 2011, just before South Sudan became an independent state, we discussed how the now two new Nations could be built and become good neighbours.

A few days after that conference, the war in South Kordofan started again, followed by the one in Blue Nile. Tremendous human rights abuses, human suffering and denial of humanitarian access became priorities again.

The end of last year and the beginning of 2012 were marked by a terrible tragedy unfolding in the South Sudan State of Jonglei, by many ignorantly labelled 'cattle fighting' for too long. In March this year, it looked as if all those who had predicted a full war between the two Sudans to start rather soon again, would be proven right. The enthusiasm about the independence one year later has vanished from the media. Reporting highlighted negative developments in South Sudan at its first anniversary. How do people in Sudan and South Sudan feel about all these unsolved problems and armed conflicts? How do they feel about the regional instability with their countries at the brink of economic collapse? Finally, how do people in South Sudan feel about an ever growing influx of 'well-intending' people and organisations from outside? How do people in (North) Sudan feel about the decreasing interest and often extremely little understanding of outsiders? What are the people affected by violence, injustice and insecurity calling for and how is it possible to make outsiders 'listen'? After these experiences: is there still a need for continued co-operation? If yes – what should be its guiding principles? These are some of the questions to be addressed at the 25th Sudan Conference in Hermannsburg.

Looking forward to meeting you all in open discussions
Marina Peter and Hermann Hartmann

As usual, we hope to be able to conduct the conference with the speakers announced. Please be understanding should there be changes.

Program (Draft - as of September 26, 2012)

After presentations, there will be a Q&A session, tea/coffee breaks in morning and afternoon sessions

Wednesday, October 31

16.00h Welcome and Introduction, Marina Peter, SFP-E
16.15h Just because someone is smiling, it does not mean he is your friend
Keynote speech, Peter Schumann, former head of UNMIS, Juba
18.00h Dinner
19.00h If you want to know the truth about the cat, ask the mice
Advocacy for the Recognition and the Rights of the People - Tools and roles of outsiders
25 years Sudan Conference Talk show, Various guests and Sudanese music (Waldg Hoss)

Thursday, November 1

8.30h Breakfast
9.00h Money is not everything - but without money everything is nothing
A sound economy and strategic economic co-operation between Sudan and South Sudan - A tool for peace?
Prof Dr Karl Wohlmuth, University of Breman; NN, University of Khartoum
10.30h Break
11.00h Peace wins over money
Did life and advocacy in Diaspora help to prepare for economic security? Experiences and expectations of South Sudanese returnees Dr John Ariki, Philipp Tartissic; Juba/Kajokaji
Corruption - a hindrance for economic development?
Justice John Gwirch, chair anti-corruption commission, Juba
12.30h Lunch
14.00h Where there is no enemy within, the enemy outside cannot hurt you
Key note: Abyei, Darfur, South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Khartoum…
Armed struggle and peaceful demonstrations: what are people really calling for? Yasir Arman, General Secretary, SPLM/N
15.15h Discussion groups
Each group will have a moderator and a rapporteur: discussions shall be as realistic as possible and identify a way forward on how to address the issues in Sudan/South Sudan and which assistance from outside is wanted
1. Achieving peace in Darfur – forgotten dimensions? (input/NJ)
2. Chances for a sustainable solution for Abyei Referendum (input: Dr Luca Berg)
3. Blue Nile and South Kordofan: Political Demands and humanitarian needs (Daniel Koo; Yasir Arman)
4. New constitutions for Sudan and South Sudan (input: Prof Akora Thir, chair Constitutional Commission, Juba; Prof Eltayeb Haq Aleya, Khartoum)
5. Challenges for Faith based organisations in Sudan (input: Bj Salmaan, Blue Nile)
6. Young generation new networks for peaceful change (CS representatives South Sudan and Sudan)
7. Security Sector Reform (Wolf Christian Pass, BICC)
18.15h Dinner
19.30h Presentation of discussion groups results, Rapporteurs
20.30h End of session

Friday, November 2

8.30h Breakfast
9.00h People will forget what you said, forget what you did, but never forget how you made them feel
"Driving seats" and Networking - Panel discussion
Women from Sudan and South Sudan
10.30h Break
11.00h Final affirmations; adoption of the conference communiqué
Conference Resumee, conference observer
Closing prayer for peace, Rev Volker Faigle, EKD
12.30h Lunch
14.00h Annual general assembly of the German Sudan Forum e.V. (closed session, for members only)