



Faculty of Economic and Social Studies
University of Khartoum, Sudan Ministry of Finance and National Economy
And the World Bank
The 4th Annual Conference on:
Structural Reform, Transformation, and Sustainable Development in Post-Secession
Sudan: Economic, Political, and Social Perspectives

The aim of this conference is to provide a platform for discussing the experiences of structural reform and structural transformation and their economic, political, and social aspects to draw lessons for sustainable development in post-secession Sudan. Structural reform is necessary to address structural imbalances faced by least developed countries and to realize transformation and Development.

The world has gone through many economic, political, and social crises. Recently the Asian financial crisis (1997/98), the Global Financial Crisis (2008/09), and the current European Debt Crisis have deepened the structural imbalances and led to economic, political, and social problems such as widespread poverty, conflicts and political strikes. However, the efforts made in many Least Developed Countries failed to achieve structural transformation and sustainable development.

Sudan has suffered from many structural imbalances; agriculture remained the leading economic sector for decades with very low productivity and growth, the industrial sector failed to develop to bring diversification, and the recently developed oil sector has brought some potentials but new structural imbalances emerged after the secession of the South Sudan. The secession has led to severe internal and external imbalances, it also changed the political map of the country and raised border conflict with the South, conflicts over debts and assets sharing and oil transit, in addition to population mobility with its social impacts. The current situation is seen by many experts as a great opportunity for structural change to achieve sustainable development in post-secession Sudan.

Sudan has long ago implemented many reform programs, among which is the economic stabilization and structural adjustment program, the federal system, and recently the country adopted a three-year salvation program which focuses on developing the agricultural, mineral, and industrial sector to close the oil gap that resulted from the secession, in addition to restructuring the government, subsidy removal, and introduction of social support programs.



The Faculty of Economic and Social Studies at University of Khartoum, Sudan Ministry of Finance and National Economy and the World Bank invite researchers to submit papers on the following sub-themes for the conference:

Economic themes:

- Successful global experiences of structural transformation, economic diversification and sustainable development.
- Structural constraints to economic growth, productivity and sustainable development in Sudan, and a strategy for structural transformation.
- Non-renewable resource management and sustainable development in post-secession Sudan: oil and minerals.
- Economic and financial liberalization policies and their impacts on inflation, unemployment and poverty: lessons for post secession Sudan.
- Energy production and consumption strategies and sustainable development in Sudan.
- Agricultural exports: performance, constraints, and policies.

Social themes:

- The social impacts of structural transformation programs and the role of social safety-net programs.
- The role of social relations of production in sustainable development.
- Labor structure, social workforce, and productivity.
- Traditional mode of production and its impact on productivity.

Political themes:

- Political economy of structural transformation: the role of political institutions and political stability in sustainable development.
- Political reform agenda for post-secession Sudan: federal system reform, fiscal federalism, constitutional development, governance and transparency, and its role in transformation and sustainable development.
- The relationship between economic reform and political and social striations.
- Debts, grants, and international agreements: International support for transformation.

Important Deadlines:

- Submission of abstracts (maximum **300** words): **February 10, 2014.**
- Review and acceptance of submitted of abstracts: **February 20, 2014**
- Submission of full papers (maximum **5000** words): **March 20, 2014.**



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- Review of the full papers and selection of papers to be presented at the conference: **April 1, 2014.**
- Conference days: **April 21 – 22, 2014.**

Conference Venue:

- *Shariqa* Hall, University of Khartoum.

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