

## **Crisis in South Sudan: Issues, Actors and Options for Canada**

**Wednesday February 26, 2014 8:30 AM-12:00**

**University of Ottawa, Desmarais building 12102, 55 Laurier East**

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### **Background**

The conflict that erupted in South Sudan in December 2013 has claimed over 10,000 lives and displaced over 700,000 persons. What are the roots of the armed violence, what are key South Sudanese stakeholders' positions and how are international actors responding? What are the diplomatic, humanitarian and longer-term options for Canada and its international partners?

Please join us for a morning of informed dialogue between practitioners and scholars working on these issues. This session will be on the record. Registration is required. Please follow the links via <http://cips.uottawa.ca/event/conflict-in-south-sudan-issues-actors-and-options-for-canada/>

### **Agenda**

8:30: Registration

9:00 Welcome and introduction, Prof Stephen Baranyi, University of Ottawa  
Minute of silence for victims of the violence

### **9:05 Session I: Context, issues, actors**

Chair: Prof Rita Abrahamsen, University of Ottawa

Speakers (8-10 minutes each):

- Mr Tag Elkhazin, Subsahara Centre: Context 9:10-9:20
- Mr Gordon Buay, SSLM/A (by Skype) 9:20-9:30
- General Taban Deng, SPLM/A-in opposition (by teleconference) 9:30-9:40. Followed immediately by Q&As for Gen Taban 9:40-9:50
- Mr Paul Wel, Generations for Peace: A view from South Sudanese civil society 9:50-10:00

Discussion 10:00-10:30

10:30 Refreshment break

## **10:40 Session II: Canada and the international community**

Chair: Prof Stephen Baranyi, University of Ottawa

Speakers (8-10 minutes each):

- Ms Peggy Mason, Peacebuild: International responses to date 10:45-10:55
- Mr Kyle Matthews, MIGHRS: R2P options Sudan 10:55-11:05
- Dr Eric Abitbol, IRIS: Peacebuilding options 11:05-11:15
- Mr John Siebert, Ploughshares: Longer-term options 11:15-11:25

Discussion

**11:55 Closing remarks:** Tag Elkhazin and Stephen Baranyi

A room will be available for media interviews with selected participants after. This session may be podcast on CIPS' website (tbc). Background documents will also be available at the event.

### **Chairs & speakers**

Abitbol, Eric: Senior Fellow, Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability, York University and Vice-Chair, Peacebuild

Abrahamsen, Rita: Professor, Graduate School of International and Public Affairs, University of Ottawa

Baranyi, Stephen: Associate Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies and Coordinator, Fragile States Research Network, University of Ottawa

Buay, Gordon: Senior representative, SSLM/A

Elkhazin, Tag: Principal Analyst, Subsahara Centre, Ottawa

Deng, Taban: General and Chief Negotiator, Peace talks Addis Ababa, SPLM/A-in opposition

Mason, Peggy: Independent Consultant and Chair of Peacebuild, former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament (1989-1995)

Matthews, Kyle: Senior Deputy Director, Will to Intervene Project, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University

Siebert, John: Executive Director, Project Ploughshares

Wel, Paul: Chief Executive Officer, Generations for Peace, South Sudan