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Sudan's Peace Settlement: Progress and Perils

The progress and challenges in the implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) will be assessed at the National Defense University and Woodrow Wilson International Center symposium on September 11.

Ambassador Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, **Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo**, Kenyan Army (Ret), Chief Peace Talks Mediator, **Ambassador Cameron Hume**, Charge d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy Khartoum, **Ambassador Legwaila Joseph Legwaila**, Special Advisor on Africa, Office of the Special Advisor on Africa, United Nations, **Ambassador Donald Petterson**, former Ambassador to Somalia, Tanzania and Sudan and Chairman, Experts Committee, Abyei Boundary Commission, **Ambassador Alan Gouly**, former UK Special Representative for Sudan, **Dr. John Prendergast**, Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group, and the **Honorable David Goldwyn**, Chairman, Goldwyn International Strategies, will join many other distinguished U.S. and international security and foreign policy experts for this symposium on Sudan's north-south peace settlement. The event will be held at the university's Fort Lesley J. McNair campus in Washington D.C.

On January 9, 2005, amidst much international acclaim, the Government of Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army signed the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Nairobi, Kenya. This achievement marked the culmination of painstaking negotiations to bring closure to more than two decades of civil war. Still, less than two years after its adoption, international attention has turned away from the north-south peace agreement. The CPA may be faltering, and the chances for the full realization of its provisions could be in doubt. While the country has experienced a number of positive developments in the implementation of the agreement, it has also endured some serious setbacks and challenges, to include the death of former Vice President John Garang, increasing intra-factional divisions, and dwindling international focus on the requirements of the CPA due to the ongoing crisis in the Darfur region. An increased level of attention and a renewed commitment on the part of all parties to the implementation of the CPA is necessary to engender further progress and maximize the prospects of success.

Over 350 participants have registered, including policymakers, experts, journalists, members of the diplomatic community, and faculty and students from the National Defense University and other civilian and military colleges and universities. The conference agenda is available by following the link on NDU's homepage: www.ndu.edu.

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Unless noted by a speaker or moderator as “On the Record,” the symposium will be conducted in accordance with NDU’s non-attribution policy, which is available on the website with the conference agenda and registration form.

For more information on the symposium please contact the NDU Conference Directorate at 202-685-3857 or at ndu_conferences@ndu.edu .

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