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**THE TWO SUDANS: MANAGING ONGOING CONFLICT
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**AGENDA
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Sudan has been in conflict for much of its 56-year modern history and the international community has been actively involved in trying to manage the conflicts since the 1990s. Although the South Sudan referendum occurred peacefully and yielded an accepted outcome, disputes over border areas between Sudan and South Sudan remain a troubling element in the relationship between the two Sudans. Other key issues in this relationship include oil revenue, citizenship, debt, and border demarcation. Each nation also faces significant internal political and socioeconomic challenges.

This three-day course will provide a better understanding of the complex environment and operating conditions of the two Sudans and will enable practitioners and analysts to work more effectively in the region. By the end of the course, participants will:

- Understand how the history, politics and social dynamics of the two Sudans shape the current operating environment;
- Gain an awareness of how to engage with local communities and how to navigate sensitive issues that may arise;
- Acquire a set of tools for developing and implementing programs, including essential skills for decision making on the two Sudans;
- Develop a sense of how to orient programs in relation to other organizations working on related issues in the region.

Utilizing case studies drawn from current issues, participants will apply tools and frameworks for information gathering, conflict analysis, scenario planning, and program evaluation. Participants will also

identify opportunities for productive engagement with local, national, and international actors in the process of building sustainable programs in the two Sudans.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

9.00 – 10.30

Introduction

- *Personal and professional experiences in the field*
- *Course plan & objectives*

10.30 – 10.45

Break

10.45 – 12.00

U.S. Engagement with the two Sudans

Speaker from the Office of The US Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan (invited)

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch

13.00 – 14.30

The Two Sudans: Practical and Operational Challenges

Speakers from Sudan activist group and National Democratic Institute

14.30 – 14.45

Break

14.45 – 15.45

Conducting Conflict Assessment in Sudan and South Sudan

Matt Levinger and Linda Bishai

15:45 – 16:15

Introduction of Case Studies and Program Assignments

Jonglei, Abyei, Darfur

16:00-16.30

Wrap up for the day

- *Facilitator comments; discuss plan for next day*
- *Participant comments/questions*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 – 9:30

Review of previous day

9:30 – 10:45

Conflict Assessment Exercise and Debrief

- Small groups assess the conflict environment within with their program will be functioning
- Identify actors, dividers, connectors, drivers of conflict, drivers of peace

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:00

Social Context and Engaging With Local Communities

TBD

- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 14:30** **Designing and Evaluating for Success**
TBD
- 14.30 – 14:45** **Break**
- 14.45 – 16.00** **Situation Analysis Presentation and Exercise**
Matthew Levinger
- *Defining your strategic narrative*
 - *SWOT analysis*
 - *Exercise: groups will define their strategic narratives and conduct a SWOT analysis*
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Wrap up for the day**
- *Situation Analysis Debrief*
 - *Facilitator comments; discuss plan for next day*
 - *Participant comments/questions*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9.00 – 9.30** **Review of Previous Day**
- 9:30 – 10.45** **Scenario Decision Planning**
Matthew Levinger
- 10.45 – 11.00** **Break**
- 11.00 – 12:00** **Scenario Planning Exercise and Debrief**
- 12.00 – 13.00** **Lunch**
- 13:00 – 14.00** **Program Proposal Small Group Work**
- 14.00 – 15.00** **Presentation of Proposals and Feedback**
- 15.00 – 15.15** **Break**
- 15.15 – 16.15** **Wrap up the Seminar**
- *Concluding Remarks*
 - *Course Evaluations*
 - *Presentation of Certificates*