



Coalition of Advocates for South Sudan – CASS

The Voice of the Diaspora

3rd Annual Conference
United in Diversity for Peace:
Using Non-Violent Means to End the
Conflict in South Sudan

September 30 – October 1, 2017
Grandview University, Des Moines, IA



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Welcome! The next two days will be full of discussions and opportunities to learn from each other.

Conference Objectives:

- To unite the Diaspora to speak with one voice for peace in South Sudan.
- To empower and equip South Sudanese leaders in North America to use non-violent means to end conflict and build a just and lasting peace in their communities and back home in South Sudan.
- To encourage the Diaspora to work to increase awareness in the US and Canada about the situation in South Sudan and to solicit their governments support in ending the conflict.

1st Annual CASS Conference Vision for South Sudan

South Sudan is a reconciled, unified and stable country, proud of its diversity as represented by its 64 tribes and enjoying equality, peace and harmony.

The government of South Sudan is a democratic federal government whose powers are vested by a permanent citizen-informed constitution and whose leaders are qualified and committed to serving the people of South Sudan and whose systems are efficient, transparent and free of corruption.

The people of South Sudan are educated and healthy and they enjoy all freedoms, protection through justice, accountability and the rule of law, and prosperity through the effective management of the country's resources and the empowerment of its people to realize their unlimited potential. South Sudan is an example for the continent and it is respected by the nations.

Conference Guidelines

- We are practicing *Humanity Before Politics*:
 - Listen
 - Seek to understand
 - Avoid judging
 - Avoid blaming
 - Take a time out if you need it
- Speak only for yourself about beliefs, feelings, and responses. Refrain from generalizations and dare to be vulnerable.
- Respect and receive what others offer, even if you disagree.
- Listening is more important than talking. Avoid cross-talk, interrupting, speaking for others, or trying to "fix" another person's concerns.
- Please do not take pictures or videos of others without their permission.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Reuben Garang, President, CASS

Saturday, September 30th

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| 8:00 - 9:00am | Registration and Refreshments |
| 9:00 – 9:15am | Welcome Prayer and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aluel Poni Mayen, Treasurer, CASS |
| 9:15 – 10:15am | Peace Greetings from Ethnic and Civil Society Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Aguek, President, of Abyei Ngok Community Association• Jimmy Otira, Board Chair, Equatorian South Sudanese Community Association (ESSCA)• Bul Thuc Dut, President, Twic Community Association USA• Professor William Atilio Ator, Pashoda Community Mutual Assistance Association (Shilluk Community)• Albert Salatin, Vice President, Western Bahr el Ghazal Community – USA• Kamen Awad Makuer, President, Rumbek Community Association USA |
| 10:15 – 11:00am | Keynote Training: Building a Relational Container Strong Enough to Hold the Energy of Our Differences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Randy Butler, CEO, Institute for Sustainable Peace |
| 11:00 – 11:15am | Break |
| 11:15 – 1:15pm | World Café Dialogue and Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A guided, safe and productive discussion about South Sudan |
| 1:15 – 1:25pm | Peace Greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Micheal Chin Makuon, President, Bentiu Nuer Community• Atelio Ater Deng, President, Federation of Aweil communities in Canada |
| 1:25 – 2:00pm | Sharing Life Stories: building empathy on the path to peace |
| 2:00 – 3:30pm | Discovering Our Strengths and Envisioning Peace |
| 3:30 – 3:45pm | Break |



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- 3:45 – 4:00pm Peace Greetings
- Dobuol Madieng, President, Lou Nuer Community in the USA
 - Kieu Monydhot Weiu, President, Ngok Lual Yak Community in North America
- 4:00 - 6:00pm Breaking the Cycle of Violence through Forgiveness
- 6:00 – 6:15pm Peace Greetings
- Pajok Kong, Fangak Nuer Community
 - Butros Lasha, Vice Chairman, Maban Community
- 6:15 – 6:30pm Closing Remarks and Group Photo
- Bill Address, Secretary, CASS
- 6:30 - 8:00pm Break
- 8:00-10:00pm Panel Discussion – Political Leaders
Moderator: Randy Butler, CEO, Institute for Sustainable Peace
- Government of the Republic of South Sudan - Invited
 - Hon. Angelina Jany Teny, Chairperson of Security & Defense - SPLM/A (IO)
 - Ladu Jada Gubek, Diplomatic Representative to the UN and US, National Salvation Front (NAS)
 - Amb. Emmanuel Ajawin, National Democratic Movement
 - Gen. Biel Torkech Rambang, Chairman, South Sudan United Democratic Alliance (SSUDA)
 - Former Detainees - Invited
 - National Democratic Movement for Change - Invited



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Sunday, October 1st

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| 8:00 – 8:30am | Refreshments |
| 8:30 – 8:50am | Worship and Reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archbishop Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel Nhiera, Episcopal Church of South Sudan |
| 8:50 – 9:00am | Peace Greeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Anaal, Vice Chairman, Luo [Jurchol] Community |
| 9:00 – 9:30am | Peacebuilding Strategies and Timeline |
| 9:30 – 10:30am | Mapping Your Influence and Using Your Influence |
| 10:30 – 10:45am | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:15am | Reporting on Top Ideas for Exercising Influence |
| 11:15 – 1:15pm | Civil Society Leadership Panel: The Way Forward
<i>Moderator: Esther Sprague, Sudan Unlimited</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth Aluk, Manitoba Women for Women in South Sudan• Kuir E. Garang, Peace Activist• Dr. Jok Madut Jok, The Sudd Institute• Miyong Kuon, Journalist• Sarah Rial, Global Partnership for Peace in South Sudan |
| 1:15-1:45pm | Closing Remarks and Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reuben Garang, President, CASS |

Thank you for joining us!