

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.

CASS Mission: CASS seeks to help establish a just and lasting peace in South Sudan. Our advocacy is directly informed by the situation on the ground and the South Sudanese people who urgently seek: justice, peace, an end to violence, humanitarian aid, and establishment of a democratic nation with equality for all.

CASS Leadership Team:

Reuben Garang, President
Aluel Poni Mayen, Treasurer
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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">• Joseph Gatyong Khan, General Secretary, 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
- Doboal 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 – 6:20pm Peace Greetings
- Pajok Kong, Fangak Nuer Community
 - Butros Lasha, Vice Chairman, Maban Community
 - Michael Gach Chockchock, President, Nuer Community in the U.S.
- 6:20 – 6:30pm Closing Remarks and Group Photo
- Bill Andress, 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 | Planning to Increase 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• Hon. Mrs. Agnes Lokule, Agape International Organization• 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• Archbishop Alapayo |

Thank you for joining us!



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BIOGRAPHIES

Randall E. Butler. Mr. Butler was licensed in Texas in 1980 and practiced for eighteen years as a trial lawyer. Formerly a partner in the law firms of Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., and Cook, Butler & Doyle, LLP, he began his mediation practice in October of 1995 and has completed over 200 hours of mediation and negotiation training with the Attorney Mediator Institute, the Harvard Negotiation Project, the Institute for Christian Conciliation, and the Association for Conflict Resolution. On January 1, 1999, Mr. Butler left his litigation practice to focus full time on mediation, conflict transformation, and peacemaking. He has helped resolve over 2000 disputes involving individuals, small businesses, and Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Butler is a long-standing member of the Association for Attorney Mediators and served as president of the Houston Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution in 2010.

His passion for conflict transformation took him to the Balkans twelve times over a period of ten years where he helped lead the ROM Leadership Development & Peace Gathering, an indigenous transformational leadership development and peace-building program involving over 700 young leaders from all of the region's ethnic and national groups. His experience there led him to found The Institute for Sustainable Peace (ISP) in 2007 while continuing his mediation practice in Houston. He led the ISP team in the design and/or facilitation of Transformational Leadership Workshops for over 200 activists and leaders in the Sudanese/South Sudanese Diaspora and from Sudan, Darfur, and South Sudan. He has also designed and facilitated numerous civic engagement and dialogue projects in the Houston and Dallas regions with American Leadership Forum, the office of the Mayor of the City of Houston, the Houston Health Department, Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church USA, Leadership Houston, the Houston Area Urban League, the Houston Galveston Institute, and the Center for Houston's Future.

Recognition of his work includes membership in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, "AV"-rating: Martindale-Hubbell since 1985, the 2010 Julie and Ben Rogers Ecumenism Award of the Anti-Defamation League – Southwest Region, the 2011 Garland R. Walker Inn of Court Award for Attorney Professionalism, and inclusion in U.S. News-Best Lawyers for Mediation & Arbitration.

Amb. Emmanuel Aban, National Democratic Movement. Amb. Aban is a former senior diplomat with the South Sudan Permanent Mission to the United Nations. He is a former SPLM Member of the Sudan Constitution Review Commission that drafted Sudan's Interim Constitution after the signing of CPA.



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Elizabeth Aluk Andrea lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada where she co-founded Manitoba Women for Women of South Sudan (MW4WSS) and serves as its current president. She holds a degree from the University of Winnipeg in Urban Inner-City Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies. Using her Conflict Resolution education, she and a group of diaspora women and men initiated local peace dialogue among the ethnic communities in Rumbek, South Sudan. Supported by UNMISS, the dialogue had good participation by politicians, youth, men, women and religious leaders from Lakes State. It has had the positive benefit of reducing violence. In November 2016, MW4WSS hosted a Women's Peace Table Campaign on South Sudan in Winnipeg. In October of 2016, she made a presentation to the Sudan/South Sudan Mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on the status of women in the conflict in South Sudan. She is a member of Dialogue for South Sudan, a volunteer organization based in Winnipeg which promotes dialogue among South Sudanese and is a former representative of women in the Winnipeg Chapter of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement.

Kuir ë Garang is a South Sudanese author, poet and political commentator currently living in Calgary, Canada. He's been writing political commentaries on Sudan and South Sudan for more than ten years. His writings focus on inclusiveness, political accountability, inter-tribal and intra-tribal relations at home and abroad. He advocates for national unity using tribal best practices to ensure a long-lasting peace in South Sudan. Kuir has published eight books [poetry, fiction, and nonfiction] including South Sudan Ideologically and Is 'Black' Really Beautiful? He's currently writing a book on the failure of leadership in South Sudan. Kuir holds a Bachelor degree in Philosophy from McGill University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy and Cultural Studies at Athabasca University.

Ladu Jada Gubek, a teacher, a journalist, civil rights activist, a poet and playwright. Gubek served as the President of ESCA-MN, Secretary General of Parara-USA, Secretary General of SPLM-MN, Deputy Chairperson of SPLM USA Secretariat, Chairperson of SPLM USA Secretariat, Chairperson of Southern Sudan Referendum Task Force USA, President & CEO of Hellen Keller Fellowship for International Training and Research, Poet-In-Residence of University of Minnesota, Vice President and President of ESCA-USA respectively. Gubek is currently the Ambassador of the National Salvation Front (NAS) to United States and United Nations. Gubek is the Author of Arrows and the Bow (African World Press 2003), published numerous articles and lectured worldwide on civil rights and the North-South conflict.

Jok Madut Jok is cofounder of the Sudd Institute. Born and raised in Sudan, Jok studied in Egypt and the United States. He is trained in the anthropology of health and holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Jok recently joined the Government of South Sudan as undersecretary in the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. He was a J. Randolph Senior Fellow at the



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United States Institute of Peace and a fellow at the Rift Valley Institute. He is a Professor in the Department of History at Loyola Marymount University in California, from which he is on an extended leave. He has also worked in aid and development, first as a humanitarian aid worker and has been a consultant for a number of aid agencies. He is the author of three books and numerous articles covering gender, sexuality and reproductive health, humanitarian aid, ethnography of political violence, gender-based violence, war and slavery, and the politics of identity in Sudan. His book *Sudan: Race, Religion and Violence*, was published in 2007. Jok is co-editor of *The Sudan Handbook*, 2010.

Sarah Rial, Founder and Executive Director, Global Partnership for Peace in South Sudan. Sarah Cleto Rial, 2014 Rotary Peace Fellow, a women human rights and humanitarian advocate, and recipient of the 2010 Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights, is a native of South Sudan, who headed an unprecedented peacebuilding initiative, Sisterhood for Peace. She is the founder and president of Global Partnership for Peace in South Sudan, a non-profit organization founded exclusively for civic, educational, and development purposes, and in particular for the purpose of engaging the South Sudanese communities across the globe to work collectively for dialogue, lasting peace, social justice, and gender equality, as well as respect of human rights. Sarah has served as the Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO and President of Management Sciences for Health and, before that, she was the program director of My Sister's Keeper. Sarah holds a BSc. Degree in Statistics and Demography from Juba University, Sudan; MA in Political Science – Professional Development from American University in Cairo, Egypt; and a Graduate Certificate on Women in Politics and Public Policy from University of Massachusetts, USA. She was awarded Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Leadership, Community Service, and was honored as one of the Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts in 2007.



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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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 - Deandrea Mills, Catering and Retail Manager

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- John Kanyo, Former Secretary General, Maban Tribe
- Charles Boly, Member, Equatoria Community and Kuku Tribe in the U.S
- Esther Mabior, Member, Twic East Dinka Community
- Lillian Lodiya Lado, Member, Equatoria Community and Pojolu Community

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