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Invitation

DDR and Security Sector Reform in South Sudan

Talk

3 December 2013, 3 – 4.30 pm

At BICC premises, Pfarrer-Byns-Str.1, 53121 Bonn

Dear Sir or Madam,

On Tuesday, 3 December 2013, BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) cordially invites you to a talk on “DDR and Security Sector Reform in South Sudan” (in English).

After the independence of South Sudan in 2011, security sector reform has emerged as one of the key priorities for the government of the new nation. Following the incorporation of different militia groups into the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) during the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) period, South Sudan has one of the largest armed forces in Africa. By most estimates, the young nation is spending at least 40 percent of its budget on the security sector, much of which is going towards salaries, which are among the highest in the region. As a result, the demobilization and reintegration of members of both the SPLA and the various paramilitary forces (police, prisons and wildlife) is essential to free resources for development efforts, while at the same time contributing towards making the security sector more efficient and effective. While an earlier DDR program implemented by the United Nations under the auspices of the CPA between 2009 and 2011 succeeded in reintegrating some 11.000 ex-combatants, it fell short of the expectations of both the South Sudanese government and the donor community. Subsequently, a new DDR strategy was developed by the National DDR Commission (NDDRC) and a pilot program was launched in mid-2013 with the support of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Transitional DDR Program (TDRP) of the World Bank.

The Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) has been working with the NDDRC in South Sudan since 2008 and is currently assisting with the implementation of the pilot program. The event will focus on the current state of the DDR process in South Sudan—including the findings of a recent mid-term evaluation—and provide an opportunity to discuss the perspectives of both DDR and security sector reform in the coming years.

Speakers:

- William Deng Deng, Chairperson, National DDR Commission (NDDRC) of South Sudan
- Majur Machar Mayor, Deputy Chairperson, National DDR Commission (NDDRC) of South Sudan
- Stavros (Aki) Stavrou, Senior Conflict and Development Specialist, Transitional DDR Program of the World Bank

Moderator: Wolf-Christian Paes (BICC, Head of Section Advisory Services / Coordinator Sudan/ South Sudan Program)

Please don’t forget to register by 2 December 2013 at pr@bicc.de. For more information please contact Susanne Heinke, Head of Public Relations BICC, 0228/911 96 44, pr@bicc.de

Best regards

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