



A Networking Conference Across Borders:

The Challenges and Strategies of Sudanese Women
for Democratic Change and the Rebuilding of Sudan

The Association
NileDanube for Development and Peace Culture

has the pleasure of welcoming you

to

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August 26th -28th, 2005
Vienna (Austria)



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The association „**NileDanube for development and peace culture**“ is a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded in 2004 in Vienna. In this conference, Nile Danube will feature experts on key areas of gender equality, gender justice and women’s empowerment. The Conference is based on the results of Beijing and will reflect on the Millennium Development Goals. The aims of this Conference are: to build strategies to achieve gender equality in democratic governance, to build and foster effective networks of women inside and outside Sudan and to follow the Oslo recommendations.

Conference Venue

August 26th, 2005

The first day will be held in the Austrian parliament under the auspices of the Second President of the Austrian National Assembly, Barbara Prammer. (see the separate invitation)

Parliament Building

Dr. Karl-Renner-Ring 1-3

A-1017 Wien

entry through door 4, at the back

Please have your identity cards ready when entering the parliament building.

The conference is targeted at Sudanese women living in Sudan and in exile. Participants who fall into this group, and have announced their attendance, automatically receive a ticket for entry into parliament (in their name).

Other participants who would like to attend the programme on the 26th of August (to be held in the parliament building), are kindly asked to register their name with Mrs. Esther Deutsch,

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August 27th & 28th, 2005

Renner Institut

entry through Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf, 1120 Wien, Hoffingergasse 26-28

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Public transport: U6 'Am Schöpfwerk'

Conference Language

The conference language on 26th of August is English.

The conference language on 27th and 28th of August is Arabic, except for the workshop on 'Women and civil society – How to learn from one another', which is held in English

Programme

August 25th, 2005

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18:00 Registration for conference

August 26th, 2005

Parliament Building

There will be an exhibition about the Darfur Crisis, presented to you by the Sudanese women human rights group (UK)

10:00 – 10:30

Press Conference

- Barbara Prammer (Second President of the National Assembly)
- Representative of NileDanube
- Representative of the Sudanese women's delegation
- Petra Bayer (MP, Social-Democrats)
- Ulrike Lunacek (MP, Greens)
- Representative of Sudan Platform Austria

10:40 – 10:50

Greetings and Introduction

Barbara Prammer

The Second President of the Austrian National Assembly

Ishraga M. Hamid

Chair of NileDanube

10:50 – 11:30

The role of the Sudanese women's movement in democratic change and the rebuilding of Sudan

Amal Seed Ahmed Jabralla (Sudanese Women's Right Organisation, UK)

Fatima Abd Elrahim Saeed Idris (Cairo Center for Human Rights Studies, Cairo)

Conflict in Darfur: causes and consequences

Suad Mustafa Musa (scholar & women's rights activist, UK)

Facilitation: Rose Loado (South Sudanese Women for Peace)

11:30 – 11:40 Coffee Break

11:40 – 12:20

Recommendations and alternative points of view for Sudanese politicians from women from different parties in Sudan

Amna Mohamed Salah Dirar (General Secretary of Bija Conference, Sudan)

Sudan's interim constitution and women's rights

Hanan Babiker (Women's Rights Activist)

Facilitation: Hannah Golda (WIDE-Women in Development Europe, Austria)

12:20 – 13:00

From conflict to sustainable development

Ann Albert Bindiku (New Sudanese Indigenous NGOs Network (NESI/Network))

The Sudanese diversity and the prospects of peace

Amal Kunna Abdelkarim Khairy (The Gender Centre for research and Studies (GCRS))

The role of women in building sustainable peace in Sudan

Suad M. Abukashawa (Assistant to the General Secretary of the Sudanese Women's Union)

Facilitation: Manal Mohamed Ali Taha (Researcher)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:40

The role of the minority group: gender aspects and the South Sudanese women's role in economic development

Margaret M. Mathiang (Bentiu Women Association for Development and Rehabilitation (BWADR))

Minorities and challenges of the post conflict situation

Dr. Mey El Tayeb (Environmental activist)

The strategic improvement of the situation of displaced women

Kaka Kori Koko (Nuba Mountain Women Committee)

Facilitation: Barbara Götsch (Diakonie International Humanitarian Aid, Austria)

14:40 – 14:55 Coffee Break

14:50 – 15:35

Nubian women challenges

Azaz M. Shami (the Sudanese Journalist Association)

Civil society in Sudan: governance and development, the reality and prospects

Rose Loado (South Sudanese Women for Peace)

Reproductive rights FGM and the child marriage from a womans perspective

Enshrah Ahmed (human rights activist)

Facilitation: Maha Bashir (Sudanese Human Rights Group, Canada)

15:35 – 16:05

The challenge of Sudanese women in cultural change

Um El Kheir Kambal (Artist)

Bridging the gap between our cultural differences – realities and lessons: Western feminism and the Sudanese women's movement

Amina Nayel (Sudanese Women's Rights, The Netherlands)

Facilitation: Magda Mergni (Sudanese research association)

16:30 – 17:00 Tour in the Austrian Parliament

17:00 End of Programme in Parliament

18:00 Evening Reception

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This evening's motto:

Art for Women and Life

Venue

Haus der Begegnung

Otto Bauer Gasse 7 / corner of Königsegggasse 10, 1060 Wien

public transport: U3 Zieglergasse (direction Otto Bauer Gasse)

18:30 Official Opening

Exhibition

Um El Kheir Kambal

Farouz Omer

Mitra Strohmeir

19:00 – 20:00 Buffet

20:00 – 22:40

Poem Recitation

Texts by the following Sudanese authors (partly read by the authors themselves):

Rugia Warg

Alia Awad El Kareem

Lila Abdel Mageed (Bit el Damer)

Afif Ismail

Ayoub Mustafa

Iman Ahmed

Reading of German version: Anna Hauer (actress, director)

as well as texts by the following authors, who show their solidarity:

Lidia Emaschova

Mitra Strohmeir

Grace M. Latigo



Drama performance

Tamdor Scheich el deen/USA
Aischa Mobarak/Oman

Songs

A joint women's song
Rascha Scheich eldeen/ Spanien
El Ham Abdel Khalig/ Oman

Dance

The women's group 'Birds of Nile'

22:40 Ending

The Artist Grace M. Latigo will lead you through the evening

August 27th, 2005

Renner Institut

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 Words of Welcome at Renner Institut

Martin Janata

9:10 – 11:30 Workshops

1. The role of Sudanese women abroad in the support of peace and rebuilding democracy

Input: Amna Dirar Facilitation: Souad Abu Kaschua

2. The empowerment of women in the war zones in Sudan

Input: Margaret M. Mathiang (Bentiu Women Association for Development and Rehabilitation (BWADR), and Nur El Sadig Facilitation: Iman Mohyeldin

3. The constitution and women's rights in Sudan

Input: Hala e Ahmadi Facilitation: Zeinab Badr eldeen

4. Family law in Sudan

Input: Mathaba Haag Hassan Facilitation: Manar Mubarak Azrag

5. Women and civil society – How to learn from one another

Input: Amal Kuna Facilitation: Petra Bayer

6. Violence against women in Sudan

Input: Aischa Mobarak Facilitation: Ihsan Fagiri

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30 Presentation of the results of the workshops

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Workshops

1. Women and the challenge of cultural change in Sudan

Input: Um el Kair Kambal Facilitation: Ilham Abdel Khalik

2. The empowerment of displaced women

Input: Kaka Kori Koko Facilitation: Awadia Al Haag

3. The role of Sudanese migrant women in democratic change and reconstruction in Sudan

Input: Nawal Hasan El Scheick Facilitation: Tamdor Scheich El deen

4. Strategies of networking and lobbying among Sudanese women in and outside Sudan

Input: El Izz Fadil Alla Facilitation: Amina Nayel

5. How to follow the Oslo Recommendations

Input: Tamdor Khalid Facilitation: Souad El Tayeb

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Presentation of the results of the workshops

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

19:00 Tour in the City

**20:00 Party organized by
the Organisation of African Sudanese in Diaspora, Vienna
Venue: Urania 1010 Wien**

August 28th, 2005

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

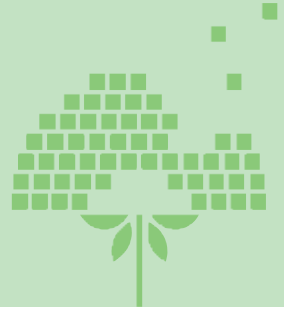
9:00 – 11:30 Drafting a Declaration:

A very important aim of this conference is to agree on a declaration stating the minimum common objectives regarding the transitional period in Sudan and a provisional plan on how to move forward with it.

Facilitation: Amal Kuna

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