

# THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PEACE BUILDING IN SOUTH SUDAN AND OTHER RELATED PEACE EFFORTS FOR ENDING THE WAR IN THE SUDAN.

**"BLESSED ARE THE PEACE MAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD". (MATT: 5:9)**

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## INTRODUCTION

First of all I would like to salute all of you and the Sudan Inter-Agency Reference (SIARG) Group which has organized this landmark historic event. It is an opportunity for us to share and discuss these crucial issues highlighted the slavery, religious persecution, genocide, peace process and suffering of hundreds of thousands of the people, more particularly in the oil fields in South Sudan with increasing escalating of conflicts and massive displacement of civil the population by the Sudan Government, using aerial bombardment on the villages. The People to People Peace Process in South Sudan began in 1994 in Akobo Conference for Lou-Jikany Nuer and later in 1998 in Wunlit Conference for Nuer-Dinka todate. It can not necessarily be assumed that every one is familiar with the background and progress. This intends to explore the process as based on peace building and its successes and difficult balance on its efforts.

The New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC) was formed in 1989 by the Protestant and Catholic churches and also the NSCC represents churches serving outside the Sudan Governments controlled areas and in this particular case movements' administered areas. The NSCC is a member agency of churches in the non-government controlled area separated from the churches by the war. The churches in the Sudan aim at serving all communities irrespective of religious background and the churches are allowed freedom of worship and freedom of advocacy.

In the liberated areas the movements affirm the freedom of worship and free assembly of churches in prayers, meetings and other church activities, free expression and charitable work of the churches in line with biblical duties to serve all members of the church and communities at large.

## Peace Process- An overview:

The Sudanese churches are over burdened by the effects of the continuation of the civil war which erupted for the second time in 1983. The escalating of the conflicts and the devastating effects of the war have caused enormous suffering, loss of lives, homes and property since 1955 except in 1972 to 1983 when there was relative peace and costly war is destroying humanity, property and the basic