



Summary: Darfur After the Peace Agreement

On May 22, 2006, the CSIS Africa Program hosted a roundtable discussion on recent developments in Darfur. The session addressed outcomes and implications of the Abuja process, the international community's role and future security in the region. Mike Ranneberger of the U.S. Department of State, Victoria Holt of the Stimson Center, Francis Deng of Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Michael Heller Chu of United Nations DPKO all presented and Stephen Morrison of CSIS moderated.

Presenters stressed the necessity for international forces to aid the African Union and take immediate action to show the general population that the Darfur Peace Agreement will bring about positive change. Options for a NATO or UN force were discussed along with the implications for integrating such a force with the existing African Union troops currently on the ground. The speakers also commented on the importance of looking at the Darfur conflict as part of the wider political dynamics in Sudan and that the DPA must be implemented with care not to derail the CPA between the North and the South. When considering the rebel groups that have yet to sign the agreement, it appears that there is strong political will from Khartoum, the SPLM, and the international community to convince both groups to sign by the end of the month.