

SUDAN CIVILIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

PILPG Knowledge Sharing Session: Federalism and Decentralization

March, 04, 2024 - 12:00 PM ET / 07:00 PM Khartoum time

Join the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) in a live discussion on March 04, 2024 at 12 PM ET (7 PM Khartoum time) for a 1-hour Peace Negotiation Training for Sudanese Civilians on Federalism and Decentralization.

In Sudan, an inspiring mobilization of civilians is underway, aiming to pursue peace for the nation. Following the 'Civil Front to Stop the War in Sudan' meeting in Addis Ababa, the Sudanese civilian leadership formed a Preparatory Committee to facilitate meaningful dialogues and negotiations. These developments are encouraging, yet ensuring durable peace requires that civilian leadership, especially women, are fully informed and actively engaged in the core elements of peace agreements.

In line with PILPG's commitment to providing capacity-building support for Sudanese civilian political representatives, civil society groups, and international partners engaged in efforts to promote peacebuilding and justice, PILPG has launched peace negotiation training sessions tailored for empowering Sudanese civil society women groups, with the renowned peace negotiator and PILPG Founder and President, Dr. Paul R. Williams, PILPG Managing Director Milena Sterio, and PILPG Program Manager Heba Bawaieh.

Drawing from the Sudanese context and PILPG's extensive experience advising civilians in various peace negotiations, this Federalism and Decentralization knowledge sharing session will delve into the establishment of effective power-sharing arrangements in post-conflict Sudan, emphasizing the balance between horizontal and vertical power sharing tailored to unique political and cultural landscapes. The session will explore horizontal power sharing across executive, legislative, and judicial branches to ensure inclusive political participation and representation of diverse constituencies. In addition, it will address vertical power sharing as a tool for local empowerment, focusing on devolving power to local levels to meet specific community needs in areas such as cultural preservation, education, and resource management. The session will also analyze case studies from various peace negotiations to understand the complexities of designing stable and inclusive governance frameworks.

This event will be conducted online in English and will include Arabic interpretation. You can register for the event <u>here</u>.