



# *The International Engagement Conference for South Sudan*

## **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

### **What is the International Engagement Conference for South Sudan?**

The United States will host the International Engagement Conference for South Sudan on December 14 and 15 in Washington, DC, to commence an open dialogue with the Republic of South Sudan (RSS) on its development priorities and opportunities for engagement with public and private sector partners. Conference participants include the United Kingdom, Norway, Turkey, the European Union, the African Union, the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the Corporate Council on Africa, and InterAction. This conference will set the policy foundations for future international donor and private sector engagement with the RSS.

### **What is the schedule for the conference?**

Guests can check into their hotels on December 13 and the conference will take place December 14 and 15. The agenda on the registration website reflects the most updated information.

### **Who is invited to the conference?**

Invitees will include a delegation of South Sudanese government officials and civil society leaders, as well as foreign ministers, development ministers, and private sector and NGO leaders. Speaker information will be included in the conference agenda, however, lists of invitees will not be distributed.

### **Can I transfer my invitation to another person?**

No. Invitations are nontransferable and in your name only; however, if your invitation includes additional guests, you may register them while declining your own invitation.

### **Can I request additional invitations for my colleagues to attend?**

Your invitation may include an option to invite a guest. You will not be able to invite more guests than your invitation allows. Due to space limitations, we unfortunately cannot honor requests to invite additional guests.

### **Can I forward my invitation to other people?**

Registration is limited to individuals who receive an invitation directly. Other people may not register using a forwarded invitation.

### **Can I buy additional invitations to the conference?**

No; invitations are not for sale and have no retail value. They are provided as a courtesy to invited guests only.

### **Is the invitation time sensitive?**

Yes. The deadline for registration is November 18, 2011.

### **What if the registration system does not accept my email address?**

The email address to which your invitation was sent will serve as your username to register and to change your registration information (and any additional allocated guests). You will not be able to log in from other email addresses.

**Do I need to attend the entire conference?**

No. During registration, please only select sessions you plan on attending.

**What if I need to cancel?**

To cancel, visit the registration website and click “View or Change Your Existing Registration.” Login with your email address and password, then click “Cancel” and “Ok” to confirm.

**How can I book a room at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel?**

Please book your hotel accommodations for the conference through the Marriott using the following link: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/usaidssudan>. Rooms may be limited, so we recommend booking as soon as possible.

**Can I book a room by phone?**

Yes. You can book your room by phone instead of through the link in your invitation by calling this number: 1-800-266-9432. Please mention that you are affiliated with the International Engagement Conference for South Sudan so that you receive the discount on your nightly room rate that we have negotiated with the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for event attendees.

**Who are the speakers at the conference?**

As the agenda is finalized, we will update the registration website with the latest speaker information.

**What if I don't plan to attend both days of the event?**

You may register yourself or your guests for one day only.

**Where can I access visa information?**

Visa Information can be found on the registration website. Also, the State Department provides information for [temporary visitors to the United States](#).

**Will you have interpreters?**

Interpretation services will not be provided at this conference. All discussions will be in English.

**What if I need special accommodations?**

If you plan to participate in the conference and require special accommodations to enable your full involvement (such as special needs pertaining to diet, disability, or other issues), please email [SouthSudanConference2011@usaid.gov](mailto:SouthSudanConference2011@usaid.gov) with a description of your specific requirements. We will communicate your request to the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

**Will you provide ground transportation to the venue?**

No. Please arrange your own transportation.

**Will meals be provided?**

Some meals will be provided as part of the event. See the agenda for details.

**Who should I contact if I have additional questions?**

Direct any questions to [SouthSudanConference2011@usaid.gov](mailto:SouthSudanConference2011@usaid.gov).