

UNAMID BULLETIN

Donors Pledge Billions for Darfur Recovery

On 8 April 2013 in Doha, Qatar, the International Donor Conference for Reconstruction and Development in Darfur concluded with calls from United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for the Government of Sudan to demonstrate its commitment to the region and to facilitate humanitarian and development work there.

"The Darfur development strategy acknowledges that while current conditions may not be perfect, the people are ready for change," the Secretary-General said in a message to the conference participants.

The international donor forum, hosted by Qatar, came to a close after two days of pledging, which organizers express hope would raise US\$7.2 billion to cover the costs of reconstruction and development in Darfur during

a six-year period. According to reports, at least US\$3.7 billion was pledged.

"We share a collective commitment to achieving a comprehensive and inclusive peace for the people of Darfur," said the Secretary-General. "Resolving the conflict there remains critical to consolidating peace and stability for Sudan as a whole."

He noted that the long-stalled effort to find a political solution to the conflict reached a turning point in July 2011 with the adoption of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur by the Government of Sudan and the Liberation and Justice Movement. Recently, the Justice and Equality Movement - Sudan agreed to sign on to the Doha Document.

Mr. Ban urged the Government to cooperate in facilitating the work of UNAMID, humanitarian



On 8 April 2013 in Doha, Qatar, UNAMID Joint Special Representative, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, greets representatives of the Government of Sudan after the closing ceremony of the International Donors Conference for Reconstruction and Development in Darfur. Photo by Albert González Farran, UNAMID.

actors and international development partners throughout Darfur, while respecting human rights. "The Government of Sudan

must clearly demonstrate its commitment to fulfill its financial obligations to support recovery and development in Darfur," he said. ■

Joint Commission Assesses Peace Document Implementation



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On 9 April 2013, the fifth meeting of the Implementation Follow-up Commission (IFC) was held in Doha, Qatar, to review the progress made so far in the implementation of the provisions of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD), and to address issues of concern.

The meeting's participants considered the report presented by the Head of UNAMID and Joint Chief Mediator *a.i.*, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, on the status of the implementation of the Doha Document, acknowledged the continued cooperation between the Government

of Sudan and the Liberation and Justice Movement (LJM), and reaffirmed the international community's support to the DDPD as the only framework for peace in Darfur.

"The DDPD has greatly contributed to the decline in levels of violence and to bringing security that large parts of Darfur are enjoying today," said IFC Chairperson Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Mahmoud, Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs. "It is true there are some challenges and difficulties, but we think that any serious delay or major shortcomings in the implementation of the Doha Document could have a negative impact on Darfur, Sudan and the entire region. For this reason, it is crucial to preserve and build on the various accomplishments made so far to achieve a sustainable peace in the region."

Speaking to the media following the meeting, the Chairperson

hailed the event as positive, and expressed the IFC members' condemnation of recent attacks by non-signatory armed groups, which he said are impeding peace and development efforts in Darfur. Chairperson Al Mahmoud called on the holdout movements to walk in the footsteps of the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan (JEM-Sudan) and join the peace process on the basis of the DDPD. "We are on the right track, and peace is the solution," he concluded.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Government of Sudan, LJM, JEM-Sudan, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Egypt, France, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, the African Union, the League of Arab States, the European Union and UNAMID.

The sixth meeting of the Commission is scheduled to take place in Darfur, in four months. ■

Chambas Takes Up Official Duties as UNAMID Chief



On 1 April 2013, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas becomes Head of UNAMID and Joint Chief Mediator a.i. Photo by Albert González Farran, UNAMID.

On 1 April 2013, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas arrived in Sudan to take up the position of Head of UNAMID and Joint Chief Mediator a.i. During the upcoming weeks, the new UNAMID Chief is scheduled to meet with a range of Sudanese Government officials, Darfur authorities, am-

bassadors, United Nations representatives, as well as UNAMID leadership and staff.

"I will work diligently and tirelessly to accomplish the tasks assigned to UNAMID, including advancing the agenda of peace and stability in Darfur," said Dr. Chambas. "Only an all-inclusive peace on the basis of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur can bring a lasting solution to the suffering of millions of men, women and children in this region."

On 20 December 2012, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma appointed Dr. Chambas, of Ghana, as their Joint Special Representative for UNAMID.

His responsibilities include those of the African Union-United Nations Joint Chief Mediator.

Most recently, Dr. Chambas served as Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States. Prior to that, he was President of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 2006 to 2009, and Executive Secretary from 2002 to 2005.

A former Member of Parliament, Dr. Chambas served as Deputy Foreign Secretary of Ghana in 1987, and as Deputy Minister for Education in charge of Tertiary Education from 1997 to 2000. Between 1991 and 1996, he was involved in mediation efforts in Liberia.

Peace Agreement Reached Between Sudan and JEM-Sudan



The Government of Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement - Sudan sign a peace agreement on 6 April 2013 in Doha, Qatar. The Movement is the second group to sign a peace agreement with the Government on the basis of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur. Photo: Albert Gonzalez Farran, UNAMID.

On 6 April 2013, speaking at the Doha signing ceremony of the peace agreement between the Government of Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan (JEM-Sudan), the new Head of UNAMID and Joint Chief Mediator a.i., Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, hailed the event as a "milestone in the peace making in Darfur."

JEM-Sudan is the second group to renounce violence and sign a peace agreement with the Government of Sudan on the basis of the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur (DDPD). The Liberation and Justice Movement was the first group to conclude a peace deal on 14 July 2011.

"Today's event [...] epitomizes the courage of the Par-

ties in choosing the path of dialogue; and in making the necessary concessions in order to reach agreement for the sake of moving Darfur closer to a comprehensive settlement of the conflict that has brought so much hardships to its victims," said Dr. Chambas, urging the holdout movements to abandon violence and embrace dialogue to achieve a comprehensive settlement on the basis of the DDPD.

Dr. Chambas praised the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, for his patronage of the Darfur peace process, and commended the Qatari Deputy Prime Minister, Ahmad bin Abdallah Al Mahmoud, for his mediation efforts.

The UNAMID Chief acknowledged the mediation efforts by his predecessors, Mr. Djibrill Bassolé, Prof. Ibrahim Gambari and Ms. Aichatou Mindaoudou, who, jointly with the Deputy Prime Minister Al Mahmoud, helped develop the

basis for achieving comprehensive peace in Darfur.

"At this juncture, I reaffirm my commitment and readiness to build on the foundation already laid and achievements made by my predecessors; and to closely collaborate and work with all the regional and international partners, including in particular the State of Qatar and the other members of the Implementation Follow-Up Commission; and with all the belligerent parties in order to push the peace process forward and toward its logical conclusion," Dr. Chambas said.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber al-Thani; Sudan's First Vice President, Ali Osman Taha; Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar, Ahmad bin Abdallah Al Mahmoud; Dr. El Tigani Seisi, Chairperson of the Darfur Regional Authority; and, Mohamed Bashir, President of JEM-Sudan.