

Summit Meeting of Southern Sudanese Political Parties

Introduction

Steps towards the consolidation of a democratic political culture in southern Sudan have been halting and belated. In November 2008 there was a meeting of southern Sudanese political parties which resulted in recommendations on key issues including public financing. These recommendations have not been followed up. In advance of the elections it is important to generate and consolidate a consensus on key elements of electoral competition.

Southern Sudanese political parties have requested this meeting as a follow up to their November 2008 meeting.

Objectives/Outcome

- Agreement on a code of conduct for southern Sudanese political parties.
- Agreement on public financing for political parties.

Agenda

- Review of 2008 meeting, conclusions and recommendations, and implementation.
- Proposals for a code of conduct for political parties during the election period
- Mechanisms for dispute resolution during and after the elections.

Participants

All political parties in southern Sudan.

The AUHIP will participate and chair the opening and closing sessions.

Organization

An Organizing Committee of the Political Parties will convene the meeting.

Date and Venue

1-2 March, Juba.