

International organisations' response to the Darfur crisis
9th April, 2008
Madrid

PROGRAMME

09h00 Welcome and registration

09h30 **Seminar inauguration and introduction**
Diego Hidalgo (FRIDE, Spain)
Ivan Briscoe (FRIDE, Spain)

10h00 Panel one
Analysis of the crisis and the legitimacy of the UN/AU intervention

The crisis in Darfur is continuing to deteriorate, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in 2005 has failed to bring peace and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has recruited new soldiers and rearmed. What are the lessons learned from the CPA implementation for the forthcoming intervention? Does this previous peace agreement still hold a central role for peace efforts in Darfur and Sudan? What key factors will ensure the legitimacy of the hybrid UN/AU mission? Is the AU's participation merely symbolic?

Speakers: *Gunnar Sorbo* (Christian Michelsen Institute, Norway)
Ricardo Arredondo (Embassy of Argentina, Spain)

Moderator: *Borja Lasheras* (Fundación Alternativas, OPEX, Spain)

11h15 Coffee break

11h45 Panel two
Minimum requirements for a successful intervention

The UN's peacekeeping experience over the last few decades, with its relative successes and failures, points to the reality that certain minimum conditions are needed for a mission to succeed: there must be a peace to keep, a political commitment to resolve the conflict, and the support of a unified Security Council. Is the UN heading for failure due, to a lack of political process, before it has even deployed? What will the UNAMID force do to improve the situation? How will the peacekeepers deal with different rebel groups?

Speakers: *Jair van der Lijn* (Clingendael Institute, The Netherlands)
Richard Cornwell (Institute for Security Studies, South Africa)

Moderator: *Robert Matthews* (FRIDE, Spain)

13h30 Lunch break

**14h30 Panel three:
Mission mandate and the role of the UN and AU in the protection of civilians**

UNAMID, a standardised UN integrated mission, has a complex and exhaustive mandate, though the situation on the ground points mostly to humanitarian and protection needs due to the way the severe deterioration of the crisis is affecting civilians. Will adequate human and material resources be available, as well as clearly defined rules of engagement, to enable the mission to effectively fulfil its mandate? Which groups will be protected: civilians at large, refugees and/or internally displaced persons (IDPs)?

Speakers: *Solomon Gomes* (Darfur Integrated Task Force, African Union Commission, Ethiopia)
Aitor Zabalgogezkoa (Medicos Sin Fronteras, Spain)

Moderator: *Mariano Aguirre* (FRIDE, Spain)

**15h45 Panel four:
UN-EU and EU-AU coordination**

The recent developments in neighbouring countries such as Chad and the Central African Republic demonstrate the regional character of the current crisis in Sudan. Are the EU and UN coordinating their crisis management efforts? Will the EU support the AU beyond financing? What is the impact of EU intervening in Chad, alongside a hybrid AU-UN mission? Is enhanced coordination between EU-UN-AU foreseeable and how? Is the international community prepared for a long-term deployment of its troops and political action to restore peace and stability in the region?

Speakers: *Sarjoh Bah* (Centre for International Cooperation, New York University, USA)
Federico Santopinto (Groupe de recherche et d'information sur la paix et la sécurité, Belgique)
Sulayman Jack (UNAMID, Sudan) tbc

Moderator: *Juan Garrigues* (FRIDE, Spain)

17h00 Conclusions and possible recommendations

Moderator: *Amelie Gauthier* (FRIDE, Spain)
Sarah-Lea John de Sousa (FRIDE, Spain)