



ROSS Historical Background

The Relief Organization for South Sudan (ROSS), formerly known as South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (SSRRA) is a humanitarian wing of the SPLM/A that provides license and registry for NGOS, CBOs/CSOs and any humanitarian organization operating in SPLM/A controlled areas in South Sudan. SSRRA coordinates, liaise and monitor humanitarian organizations and other NGOs in the areas controlled by the SPLM/A in the Republic of South Sudan for effective and efficient humanitarian intervention and service delivery. ROSS provides safe working environment to the humanitarian organizations in SPLM/A controlled areas. It conducts needs assessments and identifies target groups for humanitarian interventions. It builds capacity of stakeholders and local partners to enhance effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the target groups. ROSS is an agency that promotes peace, trust and healing to the traumatized and conflict affected communities by creating awareness on peace and reconciliation among South Sudanese citizens in collaboration with relevant partners.

ROSS -USA is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 incorporated to solicit funds legally from the US corporations, foundations and small private organizations and provides humanitarian assistance to South Sudanese in devastated areas in South Sudan. It builds capacity of stakeholders and local partners to enhance effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the target groups. It provides nationwide education to create awareness on the need for peace and reconciliation among South Sudanese citizens in collaboration with relevant partners. ROSS has regional offices across the US to streamline resource mobilization and coordination of humanitarian assistance for South Sudan. It collaborates with stakeholders to effectively coordinate and deliver humanitarian needs (food and medicines) to South Sudanese in devastated areas in South Sudan. The agency works to create awareness of the humanitarian needs in devastated areas of South Sudan through public conferences and latest field reports.

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Dear Attendee:

Welcome to the 2nd ROSS* USA * Diaspora Humanitarian Conference 2016

The SSRRA-U.S.A was established in September 2014, with a goal to mobilize and coordinate the efforts of South Sudanese community stakeholders, groups and individual contributions throughout the United States to help provide basic emergency assistance to South Sudanese. The primary aim of the agency is to provide humanitarian assistance to South Sudanese in devastated areas of the country. The ROSS - USA premiere conference began in 2015, as part of the hopes and dreams of leadership to address challenging humanitarian crisis in South Sudan. Its grassroots efforts, dedication, commitment, resulted in a highly-regarded, educational, professional conference.

This year's conference theme is, "*Calling All to Action in Support of those in Crisis and Peace in South Sudan.*" The conference will present new, innovative approaches in peace building and help to educate all of us on the need to consider new strategies to coexist as one nation. We know you will learn a great deal from this conference, equipping you in your quest to effectively serve individuals in our community, and most importantly, the country that we all love the most. This year we have added a new activity; there will be a special live concert on Saturday evening, featuring our local talented South Sudanese Artists, such as Kang JJ and more. The conference will begin on Friday April 15, 2016 to Saturday April 16, 2016 at 2:00 PM with numerous thought-provoking exhibits, cultural artifacts, and books-written by South Sudanese.

It is our hope that you will find this conference the best ever! On behalf of the conference planning committee, we welcome you to the 2nd ROSS – USA Conference and thank you for your attendance.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the 2nd Annual ROSS Conference of 2016
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Program Schedule

Security Team: Dak Muor/ Mr. Livi Both

Day One

Master of Ceremony (MC): Dr. Isaac K.Gang & Ms. Tibisa J. Thor

Friday, April 15, 2016

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM (Music and Slide Show)

3:00 PM-3:15 PM: South Sudan and US National Anthem

3:20-3:40 PM: Opening Remarks, House Keeping Rules and Guests Introduction

(Gospel music from Nuer women deacons)

(Prayer: Pastor Lazarus John)

Dr. John Kuek, Chair of the Conference
Mr. William Pay Tuoy-Giel, Country Director

General Conference Team's Recognition
Recognition of Sponsors (Display all sponsors')

3:45 – 4:15 Keynote Speaker: William Pay Tuoy-Giel, M. Ed

**4: 20 PM – 4:30 PM: Humanitarian Crisis and ROSS Draft Policy on Resettlement of IDPs
and Refugees**

Introduced by: Dr. John Kuek

4:35 – 7:30 PM: Presentations #1: Advocacy and Partnership

Presenter 1: Pastor James Dak Rut (20 minutes)

Humanitarian support from South Sudanese Diasporas

Presenter 2: MS. Rosemary Lokule (20 minutes)

The role of Diasporas in the implementation of Peace Agreement

Presenter 3: Rev. Jordan Long, President of LCSS and Advisor to ROSS USA (20 minutes)

Role of Religious institutions in promoting peace in the country



8:00-10:30: Presentation #2: Human Rights Violation in South Sudan

Presenter 1: **Mr. Simon Deng Kak, Human Rights Activist (30 minutes)**

The Debate of Genocide and Its Prevention

Presenter 2: **Hon. Sophia Pal Gai, MP, NLA (25 minutes)**

Effective of South Sudan War on children, women and elderly

Presenter 3: **Hon. Agnes Nyoka, MP, NLA (25 minutes)**

Justice and Accountability for war crimes –Retributive justice vs. Restorative justice

Presenter 4: **Gatwech R. Nyoot (20 minutes)**

International Law Violation and Its application in South Sudan

Words of Encouragement: (10 minutes each)

- **SPLM/A IO Mission Office: Sabata Ramba**
- **UN Office Rep:**
- **Chapter Rep:** Role of the SPLM Chapters in supporting and promoting peace in the US
- **Women League Rep: Ms. Nyagile Thot, SPLM Women League, USA**
- **Youth League Rep:**
- **Speaker 3: Hon. Nyaduer Jock**

7:35-7:55 Tea/Coffee Break

10:35 – 11:00 PM: Closing Remarks by the Conference Chair, Dr. John Kuek, PhD

Concluded with prayer by: Rev. John Gok Badeng

Day Two

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Holy Name

Venue: Main Hall

Master of Ceremony (MC): Dr. Isaac K. Gang, PhD & Ms. Tibisa J. Thor

8: 00 – 8: 30: Registration/ Music/ Traditional Dancer/ Entertainment

9:05-10:11 AM: South Sudan & US National Anthem

8:35-9:00 AM: Opening Remarks, House Keeping Rules and Guests Introduction

Conference Chair: Dr. John Chuol Kuek

House Keeping Rules

Mr. Koang Keat

Deputy Conference Chair

Opening Prayer (Pastor Jock Tut Paleak)



9:05 -9:15 AM: Dancers/Singers and Entertainment

9:20 – 10:20 PM Keynote Speaker: William Pay Tuoy-Giel, Country Director (45mins)
Humanitarian Crisis and ROSS Draft Policy on Resettlement of IDPs and Refugees
Introduced by: Ms. Rosemary Lokule

LUNCH BREAK
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

1:05 – 2:30 PM: Presentations #3: Public Health Awareness

Presenter 1: Mr. Gatbel Chamjock, PA., Advanced PhD Student (30 minutes)

- Health Disparity in South Sudan (Rural areas and IDPs camps)
- Importance of Travel Medicine
- Heart health

Presenter 2: James Duol Rut, M.S., PhD Advanced Candidate (30 minutes)

- Community Wellness/ Mental health

Presentation #4: Peace Building, Community Relations, and Development in South Sudan

Presenter 1: Mr. Deng Tiir, National Advisor, ROSS – USA (20 minutes)

People-to-People Peace Initiatives

Presenter 2: Dr. Isaac K. Gang, PhD, JPIN/ROSS/CASS (20 minutes)

Role of International Community (US) in the current peace initiatives in South Sudan

3:00 – 3:10 PM: Entertainment by Artist John Mishuol

3:00-4:30: Last Presentation #5: Development and Peace

Presenter 1: Rev. Francis Chan

Making peace attractive to South Sudanese in the Diasporas

Presenter 2: Dr. Gatluak T. Thach, PhD, NICE/ASSD/ROSS (30 minutes)

Improving Social Infrastructure as Peace Dividends

Presenter 5: Dr. Joseph D. Malual, PhD (30 minutes)

Proper management and utilization of National Resources to reduce disasters and poverty

2:35 – 2:45 PM: Break/ Entertainments/ Shows

2:45 – 4:10 PM: Words of encouragement on the following items:

Speaker 1: Ms. Nyanguok G. Riek (10 minutes)

Speaker 2: **Dobuol Mading Kueth** (10 minutes)

Speaker 3: **James Mut Nyang** (10 minutes)

Speaker 4: John Jock Tai (10 minutes)

Speaker 5: Pastor James Deng Dhiach (10 minutes)

Speaker 6: Rev. James Tut Liech (10 minutes)



4:20 -5:20:00 pm: Town Hall: all Sessions with conclusion of the Conference and Awards, Recognition of State Representatives and attendees/ Q&A Forum/ Resolution

5:20 – 6.30 PM: **Closing Remarks by the Conference Chair, Dr. John Kuek, PhD**
Closing Prayer by: Rev. James Chieng Rieng

6:00pm-3:00AM: Concert/Entertainment/ Fundraising

Special Word of Encouragement by: Elder Sarah Nyakuach Gach, ROSS - Alaska State Advisor (15 minutes)

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