



## **REIMAGINING THE SECURITY SECTOR IN SUDAN**

### **WEBINAR SERIES**

#### ***INFORMATION NOTE***

**WHAT:** The Africa Center for Strategic Studies and the US Institute of Peace (USIP) will convene an academic webinar series that explores the lessons learned of the roles of the security sector and national security strategy development during times of transition from military to civilian rule. The webinar series will provide an opportunity to share evidence-based insights and experiences and their implications for Sudan during its challenging transition to a civilian-led, democratic government.

**WHERE:** Online, via Zoom for Government

**WHEN:** Webinar 1: March 1, 1400-1530 KRT  
Webinar 2: March 15, 1400-1530 KRT  
Webinar 3: March 29, 1400-1530 KRT  
Webinar 4: April 12, 1400-1530 KRT  
Webinar 5: April 26, 1400-1530 KRT

**WHO:** The Africa Center and USIP, in collaboration with the University of Khartoum's Peace Research Institute (PRI), have been engaging leaders in security sector and civil society in Sudan on the role of the security sector and civil-military relations in a time of political transition. This has culminated in forming the Sudan Citizen Security Network to provide a platform for discussing issues related to security in Sudan during its challenging transition. Invitations to this academic webinar series will be extended to all these networks and to any Sudanese interested in issues related to security sector transformation and civil-military relations. Friends of Sudan including the UN, WB, IMF, USG, EU, UK, EIP, DCAF and others working in NSSD and SSR related fields in Sudan will be welcome to participate as well.

**WHY:** Sudan is at a critical moment of transition toward a democratic, civilian-led government that presents an opportunity to put the country on the path of political stability and sustainable peace. Sudan has a golden opportunity to learn from the experiences of other military to civilian transitions on the continent and to transform the security sector to play a key role in the process of democratic transition.

**HOW:** This program will share experiences from other transitions in relation to the security sector in the time of transition and implications for security sector transformation in Sudan. It will be organized into five webinars: *(1) Democratic Transition and the Critical Role of the Security Sector; (2) Taking Stock of Sudan’s Civil-Military Relations; (3) Security Sector Reform and National Security Strategy: African Experience; (4) National Security Strategy: A Practical Tool; and (5) The Relevance of National Security Strategy Development for Sudan’s Transition.*

Webinar sessions will be 90 minutes each comprised of recorded discussion between a moderator and leading experts or catalysts (60 min) followed by non-attribution, interactive Q&A with participants (30 min). The moderated discussions will be posted on the Africa Center website; the Q&A portions will not be recorded. The webinar series will be conducted in English and Arabic.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- To learn from the experiences and the role of security sector in other military transitions on the continent.
- To examine relevant lessons learned from other experiences in security sector reform in Africa.
- To interrogate what Sudan can do differently to build a solid civil-military relationship and ensure that the process of security sector transformation will consolidate the transition to a civilian-led, democratic government.
- To share the Africa Center’s National Security Strategy Development Toolkit.