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Sudanese Women on Peace Agenda in Darfur Panel Discussion: "A Step Forward on the Darfuri women's Road to Peace"

Tuesday March 24th 2009, from 13.00 – 15.00
Room XXVII - Palais des Nations

Panellists

Khartoum: Ms. Rehab Al Fadhil
North Darfur: Ms. Zeinab Abdul Karim Nahar
Diaspora: Dr. Mahmoud Braima
South Sudan: Ms. Angela Achiro Onorio
West Darfur: Ms. Nawal Hassan Osman

The 2nd Sudanese Women's Forum on Darfur (SWOFOD), took place from 5-7th of January 2009. The Forum was organised by Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) in partnership with Realizing Rights (RR), the Gender Is My Agenda Campaign network, and with the support and collaboration of DFID, the Norwegian Government, the African Women's Development Fund and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. The event proved to be fruitful and the enriching discussions highlighted that beyond their differences, Sudanese women are committed to participating in the peace process in Darfur. More than 160 Sudanese, African, International women and men participated. After the Forum, during the 13th Pre-Summit Consultative meeting of 27-28 January, 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, representatives of the SWOFOD presented their advocacy message intended for the 12th African Union Heads of State and Government Summit. The message stated how the women were prepared to take their place at the negotiation table, and insisted on the 25 per cent representation secured by the transitional constitution of Sudan. Today's panel will provide an opportunity to hear from the Sudanese women their experiences on the progress made on the Road to Peace in Darfur since they were last here, a year ago.
