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Omar DIA, Former Civil Affairs Officer, United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)

A graduate of the Fletcher School with specializations in Public International Law and Conflict Resolution, Mr Dia has 8 years of professional experience in the UN system working on political, humanitarian and development issues at both headquarters and in the field. Most recently, he led the information and analysis cell of UNMISS' Civil Affairs Division, a role through which he advised senior leadership on matters ranging from the implications of the deployment of a regional protection force to South Sudan to the recasting of a political engagement strategy for the peacekeeping mission and the impact of the politicization of displaced populations returns on the overall conflict dynamics.

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Prof. Laurent GOETSCHEL, Director, swisspeace and Professor of Political Science, University of Basel

Laurent Goetschel is director of swisspeace and professor of political science at the University of Basel. He studied international relations and political science at the Graduate Institute of International Studies and at the University of Geneva where he obtained his PhD in 1993. He conducted research and lectured at the Universities of Lausanne and Bern. He was a visiting scholar at the Centre for European Studies (Harvard University, Cambridge MA), at the Centre for international Conflict Resolution (Columbia University, New York), and a senior fellow at the European Institute of Peace in Brussels. He directed a Swiss National Science Foundation's research program on Swiss foreign policy from 1997 to 2000 and a research module on governance and conflict of the North-South National Centre of Competence in Research from 2001 to 2013. Outside of academia, he worked as a journalist with the Associated Press from 1989 to 1991 and served as the political advisor of Swiss Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheline Calmy-Rey from 2003 to 2004. He is currently president of the Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries of the Swiss Academy of Sciences.



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Prof. Jok Madut JOK, Executive Director, The Sudd Institute

Jok Madut Jok is cofounder of the Sudd Institute. Born and raised in Sudan, Jok studied in Egypt and the United States. He is trained in the anthropology of health and holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Jok recently joined the Government of South Sudan as undersecretary in the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. He was a J. Randolph Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and a fellow at the Rift Valley Institute. He is a Professor in the Department of History at Loyola Marymount University in California, from which he is on an extended leave. He has also worked in aid and development, first as a humanitarian aid worker and has been a consultant for a number of aid agencies. He is the author of three books and numerous articles covering gender, sexuality and reproductive health, humanitarian aid, ethnography of political violence, gender-based violence, war and slavery, and the politics of identity in Sudan. His book Sudan: Race, Religion and Violence, was published in 2007. Jok is co-editor of The Sudan Handbook, 2010.



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Toni Joller holds a commercial vocational diploma (2009) and has worked for several years in the real estate sector as a commercial clerk. Toni joined swisspeace in September 2014 in the frame of Civilian Service. Since March 2015, Toni has been working in the function of Office Manager in the Training Team, the Research Coordination Team as well the Central Services. In this function, Toni provides administrative support to the three Team Leaders as well as the Senior Management. He is currently studying Management and Law at the University of London International Program, academic direction by LSE.



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Dr. David LANZ, Head of Mediation Program, [swisspeace](#)

David Lanz is the head of the swisspeace Mediation program. He was previously seconded by the Swiss Expert Pool of Civilian Peacebuilding and worked in the Mediation Support Team of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre in Vienna. In this capacity, he acted as adviser to the head of the OSCE National Dialogue Project in Ukraine in 2014 and he worked with different Special Representatives of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. Previously he worked as a researcher at swisspeace and with the UN Mission in Sudan. He is a trained mediator and has experience as an election observer with the Carter Center in South Sudan. David Lanz holds a doctorate in political science at the University of Basel, examining the role of norms in international interventions in armed conflicts. He holds a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University as well as a licence from the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He has published on different aspects of conflict management, including in the Oxford Handbook of UN Peacekeeping Operations, International Negotiation, Global R2P, African Affairs, and the Journal of Modern African Studies.



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Martina Santschi is a Senior Researcher in the Statehood and Conflict program. She wrote her doctoral thesis in Social Anthropology at the University of Bern. Her doctoral research focuses on statehood, local governance and citizen-state relations in Northern Bahr el-Ghazal in South Sudan. She has extensive field research experience in South Sudan, DRC and Uganda. Martina has been involved in research projects and consultancies including with the University of Durham, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Rift Valley Institute, the United States Institute for Peace, the London School of Economics and the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium. In these projects Martina has studied and worked among other things on local justice, customary law, traditional authorities, socio-political structures, statehood, land governance, international aid and conflict resolution. Currently, she works for the Civil Wars and State Formation research project funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies, for the Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility in South Sudan and teaches during the fall term at the University of Basel.



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Franziska Sigrist holds a MA in Political Science and International Law from the University of Bern, Switzerland and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux, France. She joined swisspeace in February 2012 to design swisspeace's first Postgraduate Course in Civilian Peacebuilding (CAS). swisspeace's training area has grown since and now includes a team of 3 people accompanying a wide range of trainings and postgraduate courses. From 2010 to 2012, Franziska Sigrist was a Research Fellow at the Institute of Federalism at the University of Fribourg. Previously she worked for the UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg (2010), the Swiss Embassy in Damascus (2009), and UNICEF in Addis Ababa where she also conducted field research on the Ethiopian water policy for her Master thesis within the framework of the NCCR North South (2006). During her studies she worked for the World Trade Institute in Bern (2005), the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes EADI in Bonn (2004) and engaged as peace observer in Chiapas, Mexico (2005). Franziska Sigrist is particularly interested in the Middle East and has lived and travelled in the region in 2008/2009.



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Aly Verjee is a political analyst and RVI Senior Researcher, author of numerous RVI reports and research papers. He was formerly deputy and then acting chief of staff of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC), senior political advisor to the chief mediator of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)-led peace process for South Sudan, and chief political analyst for the European Union observation mission for the South Sudan independence referendum.



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Christoph Wille has been working as a Human Security Advisor for the FDFA's Human Security Division in South Sudan since September 2016. He oversees Switzerland's peacebuilding work in South Sudan, which centers on the creation of genuine spaces for dialogue. Prior to joining the FDFA, Christoph worked in the private sector, as a Central Africa expert with a leading risk consultancy firm, and the humanitarian industry, overseeing in Uganda, Ivory Coast and Congo (DRC). He holds a Masters in Conflict Studies from King's College London and has been working on issues related to peacebuilding in the sub-region for the past decade.

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