



BERLIN:

Marie-Noël

Koyara

Shares

Practical

Pathways

to

Peace

in

Sudan





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In Berlin, at the heart of a Europe closely watching African crises, the voice of experience resonated powerfully. As a special guest of SICG Sudan, Marie-Noël Koyara delivered a compelling and unflinching presentation on realistic pathways to peace in Sudan. Her intervention was marked by pragmatism, shaped by the complex conflict dynamics of her own country — the Central African Republic.

Addressing an audience of diplomats, security experts, and humanitarian actors, the former minister offered a clear diagnosis: no sustainable solution can emerge without a comprehensive approach that combines security, governance, and reconciliation. **“Peace is not declared; it is built patiently,”** she stressed, warning that political agreements without local ownership remain fragile.

A THREE-PILLAR APPROACH

Drawing on her experience, Marie-Noël Koyara structured her remarks around three fundamental pillars.

First, restoring security. She emphasized the need to rebuild credible, inclusive, and professional defense forces. According to her, any transition

in Sudan must prioritize security sector reform, without which armed groups will continue to dominate the landscape.

Second, national reconciliation. Beyond ceasefires, Koyara highlighted the importance of inclusive dialogue involving all segments of Sudanese society: local communities, religious leaders, women, and youth. **“True peace requires acknowledging wounds and rebuilding the social fabric,”** she noted.

Finally, the role of the international community. While not a silver bullet, she called for coherent and coordinated external support, avoiding fragmented approaches that often prove counterproductive.

LESSONS FROM THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

One of the highlights of the conference was the comparison drawn with the trajectory of the Central African Republic. Koyara reflected on both the missteps and the progress made, particularly in restructuring the armed forces and fostering intercommunal dialogue.

She cautioned against imported solutions disconnected from local realities. **“Every conflict has its own**



dynamics. Sudan must forge its own path to peace,” she asserted.

BERLIN, A HUB FOR DIALOGUE

The choice of Berlin as the venue was far from symbolic coincidence. A city once divided and later reunified, it embodies the possibility of overcoming deep fractures. The SICG Sudan conference is part of a broader international effort to keep Sudan high on the diplomatic agenda.

A Demanding but Achievable Peace
In conclusion, Marie-Noël Koyara delivered a message both sober

and hopeful: **peace in Sudan is achievable, but it will require political courage, patience, and a genuine commitment to compromise.**

Her intervention, widely praised by participants, underscores a crucial truth: beyond strategies and agreements, it is ultimately human choices that determine the outcome of conflicts. And in Berlin that day, a powerful lesson in realism and commitment was shared with all those who still believe in a reconciled Sudan.





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