

What Next in DDR

DDR Review conference opened in Juba on Monday November 15th, under the subtext of Lessons Learned and Challenges ahead of the Referendum. The two-day conference gathered together members of the diplomatic community, representatives from both North and South Sudan DDR Commissions, as well as UN and other stakeholders.

“Post-referendum period poses tremendous challenges to DDR and national armed forces are to be organized accordingly”, stated H.E. Lt. Gen. Riek Machar Teny, Vice President of GoSS, in his opening remarks.

How to accelerate DDR process, ensure better stability and more effective reintegration of ex-combatants were among the topics of the first days' remarks and presentations.

More than one speaker brought up longer reinsertion phase as an option for a more successful DDR in Sudan. Many certainly shared Vice President's wish for practical and acceptable ideas for ways forward.