



Human Security Centre

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### Ferdinand von Habsburg-Lothringen



**Ferdinand von Habsburg-Lothringen** is a political and security advisor in the fields of peace-building and conflict transformation, with almost 20 years of practical field-and country-office experience in transitional, conflict and post-conflict relief and recovery environments in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He has been an advisor, facilitator and trainer to a wide range of actors, from grassroots audiences to heads of government and senior UN and NGO management. He has served as a humanitarian field coordinator and a project coordinator to faith-based bodies in some of the hardest hit zones in Sudan during the second civil war.

In recent years, Ferdinand has served as Advisor to the Committee for National Healing, Peace and Reconciliation in South Sudan; an informal advisor to the Vice President of South Sudan and the Steering Committee guiding the 'Road Map to Reconciliation and Good Governance in South Sudan'; and as Consultant to UNICEF South Sudan, in which capacity he designed UNICEF and the Ministry of General Education's 'Peace-building and life skills programme'. Prior to that, he served as Strategic Planning Advisor for UNDP to the Sudan Council of Churches peace and reconciliation process in Jonglei State and the Presidential Committee for Peace, Reconciliation and Tolerance in Jonglei State (2011–2012); as Advisor on Social Cohesion and Governance at the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Maldives (2009–2011); and in various administrative and advisory capacities at UNDP in Southern Sudan from 2003 to 2009.

In the past, Ferdinand had also served as an Assistant Field Officer for the Catholic Relief Services in Sudan, Logistician for German Emergency Doctors (GED)/Cap Anamur in Sudan, Project Coordinator for the Diocese of El Obeid and NMPACT Field Coordinator/Humanitarian Officer for UNDP and Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Sudan.

He speaks a handful of languages including 3 European ones and 2 African ones, is married and is based in Nairobi with his family.