

**Excellencies Speaker Gabon Senate,
Head and Participating Members of Delegations.**

Cordial Greetings.

We convene today in belief of the great role and responsibility placed on the shoulders of the Senate and Shoora and Equivalent Councils to contribute in drawing the brilliant future awaiting our countries and peoples. No doubt that coordination, consultation and cooperation between our Councils on bilateral level and in regional international Parliamentary arenas would be of help in that vision within which framework we are meeting today for boosting legislative authority in its endeavour to realize aspired objectives.

Hon. Colleagues:

The Arab and African region is experiencing fluctuating political, economic and security situations which necessitate from all rendering of efforts to deal with these situations in realization of security, peace and stability in order to witness a world free of conflicts and tensions; a world permeated by peace, justice, stability, democracy as well as human rights. Our responsibilities in that respect as Legislative Councils are exemplified in opening new avenues of liaison, boosting of dialogue between authorities in the region and its encouragement to assume its role in coordination with its governments to realize peace, stability, comprehensive sustainable development, utilization of capacities and available resources allocated for conflicts, wars, killing and destruction in construction, provision of employment opportunities, investment as well as alleviate poverty, hunger and unemployment the thing which consolidates foundations of social peace.

All that is attained through adoption of legislations boosting social and economic development, monitoring governmental economic policies and effective

partnership between public and private sectors as well as boosting of woman's participation and involvement in development programs.

Excellencies:

The referendum experimental by my country is a drastic historical progress through which I would like to confirm to you our absolute acceptance of the result of the free choice after success of our vision and efforts in realization one of the greatest epics in contemporary history. An achievement festooned with confidence, courage in a civilized way which surprised every monitor and one concerned. Since our brothers in the South expressed themselves and chose secession as a means for attainment of their aspirations and expectations. As referendum has continued to be an ever present demand in every North-South dialogue since Juba Conference in 1947; if referendum resulted in secession, that would be destined by the Al Mighty God and His destiny is unquestionable.

And from this standpoint I should like to extend through your esteemed Forum our heartfelt congratulations to our brothers in Southern Sudan; expressive of our good intentions, patience and broadmindedness in initiation of a relation aspiring the future and not forgetful of past affiliations which is forgetful of differences and unheedy of vengeful sorrowful past; a relation in full awareness of unity of destiny even if unity of soil is retracting.

And on the other hand, work is now underway as concerns Darfur issue and negotiations would be leading to solutions related to final document which is hoped to be reached in the coming few days.

Likewise Popular Consultation is being undertaken in two regions of the Sudan (Southern Kordofan – Blue Nile); being the mechanism for dealing with people's issues and formulation of Comprehensive Revival Programs with the centres; a process undertaken within the framework of one country and agreement according to responsibilities.

Hon. Colleagues:

It is the right time for Arab and African women to strongly unite for our erasure of the passive picture fabricated against them, with the purpose of enabling both Arab and African woman to contribute to realization of national development, stabilization of social security system and its application, by enactment of necessary legislations.

We wish that conference of the parliamentarian ladies, on the side line of this forum, may result into whatever guarantee for consolidation of cooperation within the two Arab and African regions.

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Association of Senate and Shoora Councils have adopted a number of projects that led to boost cooperation among association member countries, in various social and economic domains. Performance of Association Secretariat General has been generally distinguished and satisfactory to aspiration of hon. Members. We are now considering opening of nomination for the two posts of the Secretary General and Assistant Secretaries as we would like to extend great thanks to H.E. present Secretary General of the Association and his Assistant Secretaries, for their wise administration and Association sponsor when it was newly born and up to its present situation. To this we may not miss opportunity of wishing success to countries giving their candidates along with their success in performance of their role in Secretariat General, which is considered the actual engine for running Association business and taking it to purposes of its establishment.

Last, but not least, I pray to Almighty God to keep us all successful in serving our region and humanity at large.

As I would like to extend thanks to the State of Gabon.. both governmental and people, for their warm reception and hospitality. Please accept compliments of Sudan people and government.

Lt. General (Staff)
Adam Hamid Musa,
Speaker, Council of States.

