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You Are Invited to Attend A Brown Bag Lunch

The African Union, Darfur and the Question of Justice

Tuesday, April 14

12:30 - 1:30PM

The Church Center

777 United Nations Plaza, New York
(44th Street and 1st Avenue)

Since 2004, the African Union has played a critical role in efforts to resolve the ongoing crisis in Darfur. From facilitating peace negotiations in Abuja to deploying the region's first peacekeepers, the regional institution took a strong early lead in the international response. Although the United Nations has taken on an increasing role in recent years, the African Union remains a key partner in peacekeeping and mediation efforts.

More recently, the question of justice has come to the fore of this engagement, with the African Union reacting with consternation to the presentation of charges against Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir. **Dismas Nkunda**, Co-Chair of the Darfur Consortium and Co-Director of the International Refugee Rights Initiative, will present his perspectives on the role that the African Union has played in mediating the crisis so far and the impact that debates over international justice have had in its recent engagement.

In conjunction, we will be presenting the report ***In the Interests of Justice? Prospects and Challenges for International Justice in Africa***, which provides an overview of how international justice concepts, mechanisms and strategies have been deployed in Africa since the creation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. It documents important developments, highlights opportunities and gaps and articulates areas of policy concern for a more effective deployment of international justice in Africa. The report provides a starting point for the building of an informed constituency for international justice on the continent that will serve to monitor and hold international justice to account in Africa.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

Please RSVP by **Monday, April 13** by sending an email to rsvp@refugee-rights.org.