

8. “African Potentials” from South Sudan

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The armed conflict waged by the SPLM/A (Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army) against political regimes in the Sudan culminated in the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The civil war, Wassara argues, affected the economies and social fabric of neighbouring countries. Members of the Inter-Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD) took the initiative to seek solutions to the conflict, which was a lengthy and acrimonious exercise. The outcome was a peace without political and social healing. Wassara explores and indicates researchable issues relating to “African Potentials” with examples from South Sudan and relevant sub-regions. The role of the international community is also the target of this exploration exercise.