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Government of Southern Sudan

The Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) is the newest of ID's clients. Sudan is quickly rising to the top of the international agenda. With its national elections imminent, and a referendum due on possible secession by March 2011 under the terms of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), which ended Sudan's 22-year North-South civil war, the diplomatic choices and challenges facing GoSS are formidable. ID is advising GoSS on meeting those challenges.

GoSS is discussing both the terms of the referendum, its implementation and issues that may arise in the new constitutional agreement with the government in the North. These issues will require careful explanation to the international community, whose support will be essential both to ensure the full implementation of the CPA and a peaceful post-referendum outcome.

For more background, please view [ICG Report: Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement: Beyond the Crisis](#). ID's work with the most marginalised clients is only made possible through donations from supporters like you. Please consider supporting our work in 2010 with clients like the Government of Southern Sudan by [making a donation](#) today.

Harvard Business Review: Top 10 "Breakthrough Ideas of 2010"

The *Harvard Business Review* (January-February 2010 issue) included ID as one of the top 10 "Breakthrough Ideas of 2010".

Why pretend that only nation-states shape international affairs?

As globalization puts all of us at the whim of forces without borders, the power of states is in decline, and that of other actors is rising. The [UN Security Council](#) was constituted in 1945 to deal with conflict between states. Today more than three-quarters of its agenda involves so-called nonstate actors-guerrilla groups, separatists, the remnants of decaying states, and the kernels of new ones.

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Chilcot Inquiry: Carne Ross commentary

For those of you following the Chilcot Inquiry into the UK's role in the Iraq war, click [here](#) to see Carne's commentary on Lord Goldsmith's testimony, as shown Wednesday on the BBC's *Newsnight*. To see Carne's

commentary today on Tony Blair's testimony, click [here](#).

Leanne Smith leads our 'Meet the Parties' initiative

ID is delighted to welcome [Leanne Smith](#) as the newest member of our team. A former Australian diplomat and former Deputy Chief of the Peacekeeping Situation Centre in the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Leanne leads our ['Meet the Parties'](#) initiative to bring parties to disputes on the Security Council together with Council members for informal, private discussions.

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