The Sudan Crisis:

a call for bold action

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As the first anniversary of the Sudanese conflict looms, the international community faces a critical moment. The upcoming Pledging Conference in Paris is not simply a routine event; it's a crossroads demanding a fresh approach to a crisis met with widespread apathy and inaction.

Despite escalating famine and relentless conflict, authentic leadership has emerged from within Sudan– its resilient people. Their unwavering strength is a clarion call for a strategic shift.

Traditional aid and intervention frameworks have demonstrably failed, as evidenced by the desperate situation. Tales from mutual aid groups in Darfur, Khartoum, and Kassala paint a harrowing picture of a broken humanitarian system. Promises of funding and support remain as conversation, with very little trickling to the front line responders, leaving thousands struggling to survive and dying. This is a failure not just of resources but of imagination and resolve.

Standing in solidarity with Sudan, we must champion innovative solutions that break from the status quo. The Paris conference must catalyse change, forging new partnerships and fostering unconventional ideas that deliver tangible results.

> **It's time to listen to those living in this daily crisis and empower them to lead the way. Only then can we envision a Sudan rising from the ashes of conflict and famine towards a future of stability and prosperity.**
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> **The world watches; let us not be found lacking.**

Key Recommendations

Declare the risk of famine and initiate concerted and holistic efforts around famine prevention/response.

Prioritise direct funding: **Channel resources directly to mutual aid groupsin Sudan and neighbouring countries for immediate humanitarian assistance.**

Unlock funding bottlenecks: **Develop clear risk management frameworks, ensuring the real risk of inaction is understood and mitigated to facilitate funding access for these groups.**

Demand Open Communication: **Advocate for lifting internet shutdowns to maintain open and accessible communication, which is crucial for aid coordination and transparency.**

Champion durable solutions: **Advocate for long-term solutions and protection for all displaced by the crisis, including securing the rights and well-being of third-country nationals caught in the conflict.**

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