

# SdNOG Overview

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# SdNOG



## Sudan Network Operator Group

- Non-profit Group, Managed and organized by volunteers.
- Aims to provide an open platform for knowledge sharing, capacity building, and technical collaboration in Sudan.

## Objectives:

- To bring together the region's network engineers in a functional technical community
- To enhance the quality of Internet services available in Sudan by exchanging of technical ideas and information between different companies and organisations.
- To provide network education, capacity building and knowledge transfer
- Promotion of the use of open source within the technical community.

# The origin of SdNOG

- The current situation in Sudan
  - Sudan Special Case (Sanctions).
  - There is different ICT Players and initiatives operating with isolation from each other.
  - Sudan has many resources and technical capacity that is not fully utilized.
- A group of volunteers realized that there needs to be a platform to discuss these issues.
- SdNOG was conceived.

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- SdNOG started by a group of volunteers.
- An “Executive committee” was formed to draw out the general proposal of the group and lay out the vision, mission and objectives of the group.
- The main roles that were defined are:
  - Head of the committee:
  - Finance officer
  - Event coordinator
  - Administrative officer / secretariats
  - Technical officer

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- The general Plan was to register SdNOG as an independent group.
- Depending on Sudan environment it was better to register the group under the umbrella of an existing entity.
- The Sudanese Internet Society (SIS) was chosen as a governing body for SdNOG as an unbiased entity.
- the logo and the letterhead were designed at this phase.

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- Design a website to hold the basic information about the group.
- Two mailing list were created:
  - General mailing list (SdNOG) – Public which is the main mailing list to be used by any interested individual.
  - Executive Committee mailing list – Private for planning, organizing and managing the workflow for the group



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- Choosing the type of event.
  - Conference only.
  - Workshop + conference
- The launching event was chosen to be a two day conference
- Setting the date.
  - The date were chosen to make sure that they don't coincide with other important events in the region



# SdNOG-1

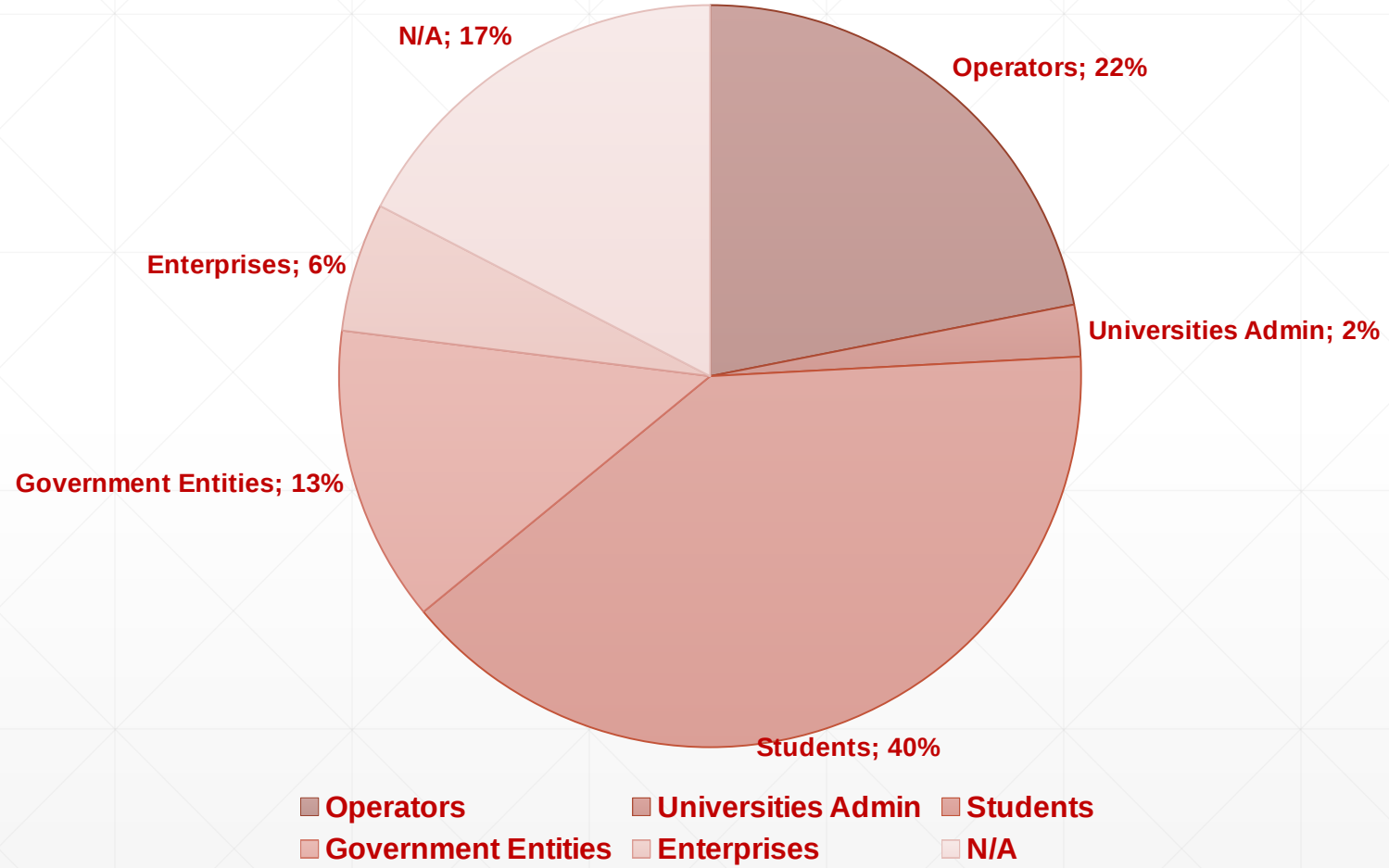
# SdNOG-1

- SdNOG1 was a two-day conference held in Khartoum, Sudan, during December 6 - 7 2014.
- The meeting brought together more than 150 people from local Operators, Regulators, Universities' admins and all other interested individuals in the Networking Community in Sudan and outside of Sudan from organizations like ICANN, PCH, Ripe NCC and ISOC.

# SdNOG-1 Stats



# SdNOG1 Participation Details



# Where we stand

- 1 Conference held.
- 100+ mailing list subscriber, 600+ Facebook likes, 50+ twitter follower.
- 2 mini introductory session in collaboration with SudREN.
- SdNOG wiki to ensure transparency keep the process open to all.
- Produced a document on How to build a NOG.

# Future Plans

- Projects
  - Working with Sudan NIC to produce ToR for improving SIXP.
  - collaborating with local operator to promote enriching the local content and caching/mirroring global open source repositories.
- Capacity building
  - Continuing the partnership with SudREN to hold mini-workshop across Sudan States.
  - Working with ISOC for capacity building initiative.
  - Holding periodic workshops aside from the main conference.
- Sustainability:
  - Seeking for local and global partnership
- SdNOG-2, 3, 4 ...

# Challenges

## Sustainability

- Sponsorship & Support.

## Member Engagement

- it takes hours to build a server and a mailing list, weeks to organize an event, but years to build a community.
- Choosing the suitable communication platform (social media interaction vs. mailing-lists.)

## Dedication

- Keeping the working team motivated and dedicated.



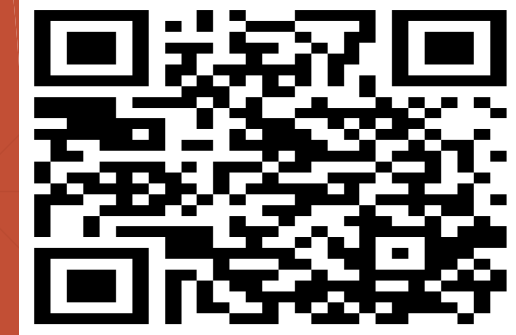
## See you in Khartoum !

SdNOG Second Meeting  
26 - 27 August 2015  
Khartoum, Sudan

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