

DARFUR FAST FOR LIFE

Standing in Solidarity with our Sudanese Brothers and Sisters and Children

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NPR RADIO HOST JANE WALES JOINS DARFUR FAST FOR LIFE

CEO and President of World Affairs Council Begun Fast to Show Solidarity with Refugees in Darfur

Washington, DC — Today, Jane Wales, CEO and President of World Affairs Council and the Global Philanthropy Forum, joined the fast as an expression of her support for the victims of genocide in Darfur.

Said Wales, “This is one of the many means we have available to us to express our support for the victims of the violence and our fervent hope that peace will one day be enjoyed by the people of Darfur, all of Sudan and of neighboring states. There are many indigenous voices for peace and justice. To theirs each of us adds ours.”

Wales is also vice president, Philanthropy and Society, and director of the Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation at the Aspen Institute. She is host of the nationally syndicated weekly National Public Radio interview show *It's Your World*. From 2007 to 2008, she served as acting chief executive officer of The Elders, chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In 2008, Ms. Wales also chaired the Poverty Alleviation Track for the Clinton Global Initiative 2008 Annual Meeting

Previously, she served in the Clinton administration as special assistant to the president, senior director of the National Security Council and associate director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She chaired the international security programs at the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the W. Alton Jones Foundation, and directed the Project on World Security at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. During her tenure as national executive director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, the organization's international arm was recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

Wales joins a string of fasters including Actress-Activist Mia Farrow, Virgin CEO Sir Richard Branson, Recording Artist Peter Gabriel, Recording Artist Jon Foreman, Olympic Swimming Champion Josh Davis, U.S. Representative Donald Payne and U.S. Representative Barbara Lee among others. A complete list of fasters and video and blog posts are available at www.fastdarfur.org.

The Darfur Fast for Life | We are leaders, activists and citizens around the world who fast in solidarity with the people of Darfur because they do not have a choice. We fast as a personal expression of outrage at a world that has allowed the suffering of millions of innocent people. We fast because as we simply watched, Darfur's defenseless people were forced into wretched camps where today they are facing starvation and disease. We fast because those in positions of authority who know what is right and just, could and should do more to alleviate their suffering and bring peace, protection, and justice to the people of Sudan.

We fast for Darfur's courageous people —because we yearn for a world where human rights are respected and a life of dignity is the legacy for every man, woman and child.

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