Sample Script for In-District Meeting

Asking a Member of Congress to Cosponsor H.R. 1692

1. Introduction
   a. __________ Introduces self and the group.
      i. Give participant names and where you are from.
      ii. If you are affiliated with a faith group, school, or organization, be sure to mention.
   b. Give staff any leave-behind documents.
   c. Establish how much time you and they have to ensure all topics are covered.

2. Thank You
   __________ Thanks the Member for their support for past or current legislation on Sudan, Humanitarian Assistance, Refugees, or Human Rights, and for taking the time to meet.

3. Personal Story
   __________ Shares personal story about why he or she cares about ending genocide and helping those in Sudan, and why Congressional support is important to them.

4. Situation Updates/Talking Points
   __________ GIVES BRIEF UPDATE ON SITUATION IN SUDAN
   a. Sudan has experienced multiple conflicts over the past few decades – a civil war that killed over 2 million and resulted in South Sudan’s secession, the genocide and ongoing conflict in Darfur since 2003, and recent attacks against civilians & blocking all humanitarian aid from South Kordofan and Blue Nile states that have left over 900,000 in dire need of assistance.
   b. Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir is indicted by the International Criminal Court for genocide and crimes against humanity yet continues to rule the country.
   c. The root of problems lies with the government in Khartoum which economically and politically marginalizes the periphery areas and commits abuses to maintain control.

5. Asks
   __________ Makes Ask of Member/staff:
   a. It is important that our country continue to be a leader in the world on human rights issues. As my representative in Congress, I request that you sign on as a co-sponsor in support of H.R. 1692 and do all you can to further support efforts at peace for Sudan.

6. Close
   a. __________ Thanks the Staff Member for their time
      i. Ask if the staff member has questions or would like any additional information.
      ii. Ask when would be a good time to follow-up; set a potential date to call and/or email to check in on progress made concerning the Asks.
   b. __________ Ends the conversation
      i. Give contact information for group members, and be sure any materials are left.
      ii. Be sure to get contact information for all staff members with whom you met!
      iii. End with a final thank you for time and support and let them know you look forward to staying in touch on these issues moving forward.