

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. Find out 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.