

Sample Options for New Political Dialogue Processes in Sudan

Showing Process Outcomes that Include Transitional Governance Arrangements

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Sample options

- OPTION A TWO STRAND – DECOUPLED CIV-MIL
- OPTION B TWO STRAND – SUDANESE FACILITATED CIV
- OPTION C CIVILIAN DIALOGUES – TLC FIRST
- OPTION D STANDALONE CIVILIAN DIALOGUES – COORDINATED INT’L SUPPORT

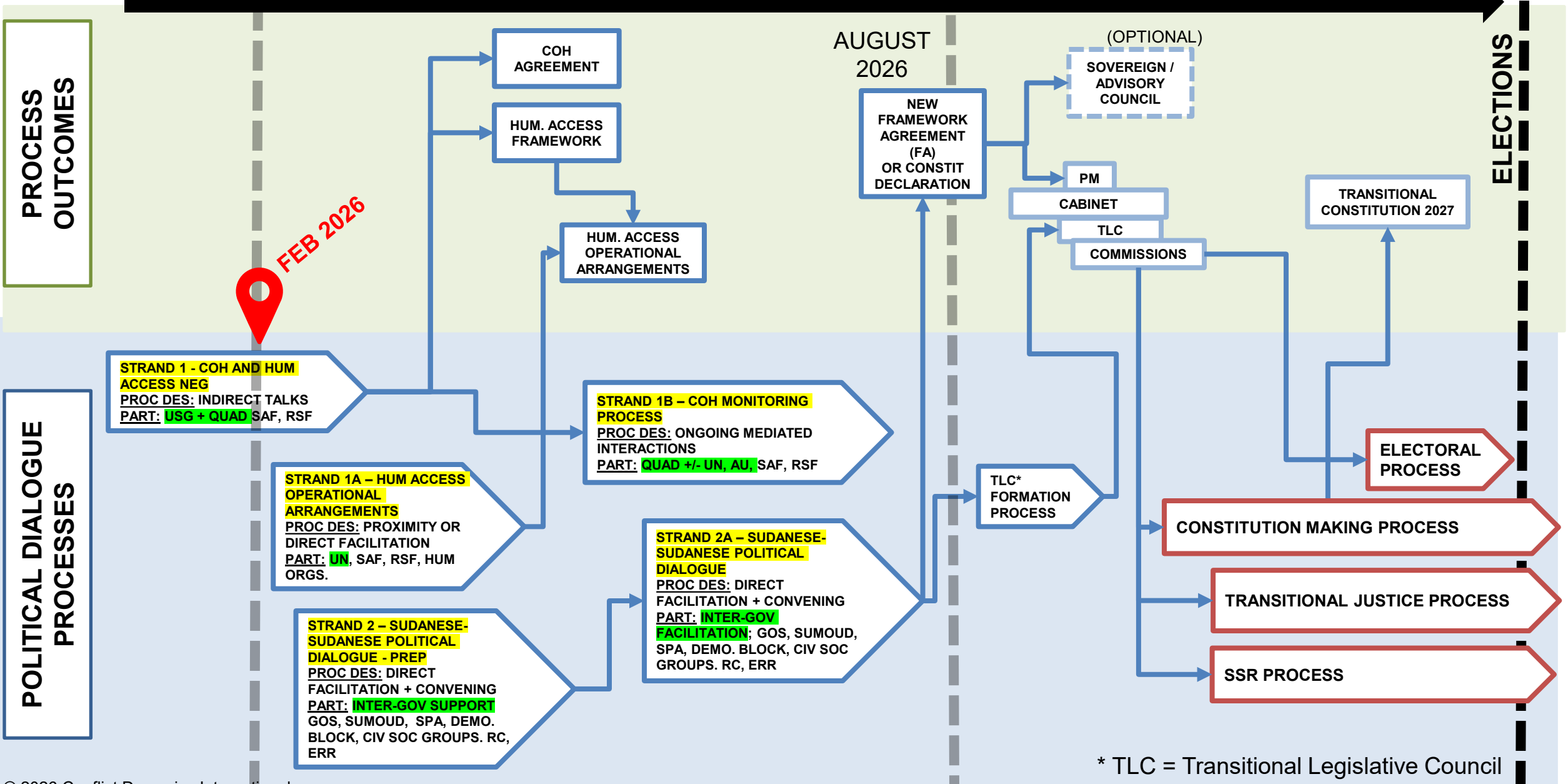
OPTION A - TWO STRAND – DECOUPLED CIV-MIL

- Main features

- Two strands ‘decouple’ processes with primarily military actors participating from those in which civilian actors participate
- **Strand 1** oriented towards key issues involving mediated dialogue between the parties to the conflict; including cessation of hostilities, monitoring mechanisms, humanitarian access, and (in the near term) preliminary aspects of security arrangements
- **Strand 2** is oriented towards political outcomes and features participation of civilian actors, including representatives of civil society constituencies, political parties (alone or in alliances), etc.

PROCESS OPTION A: TWO STRAND – DECOUPLED CIV-MIL

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PROCESS OUTCOMES

POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROCESSES

ELECTIONS

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(OPTIONAL)

STRAND 1 - COH AND HUM ACCESS NEG
 PROC DES: INDIRECT TALKS
 PART: USG + QUAD, SAF, RSF

STRAND 1A - HUM ACCESS OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
 PROC DES: PROXIMITY OR DIRECT FACILITATION
 PART: UN, SAF, RSF, HUM ORGS.

STRAND 2 - SUDANESE-SUDANESE POLITICAL DIALOGUE - PREP
 PROC DES: DIRECT FACILITATION + CONVENING
 PART: INTER-GOV SUPPORT
 GOS, SUMOUD, SPA, DEMO. BLOCK, CIV SOC GROUPS. RC, ERR

STRAND 1B - COH MONITORING PROCESS
 PROC DES: ONGOING MEDIATED INTERACTIONS
 PART: QUAD +/- UN, AU, SAF, RSF

STRAND 2A - SUDANESE-SUDANESE POLITICAL DIALOGUE
 PROC DES: DIRECT FACILITATION + CONVENING
 PART: INTER-GOV FACILITATION; GOS, SUMOUD, SPA, DEMO. BLOCK, CIV SOC GROUPS. RC, ERR

COH AGREEMENT

HUM. ACCESS FRAMEWORK

HUM. ACCESS OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

NEW FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (FA) OR CONSTIT DECLARATION

SOVEREIGN / ADVISORY COUNCIL

PM CABINET

TLC COMMISSIONS

TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION 2027

TLC* FORMATION PROCESS

ELECTORAL PROCESS

CONSTITUTION MAKING PROCESS

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE PROCESS

SSR PROCESS

* TLC = Transitional Legislative Council

OPTION B - TWO STRAND – SUDANESE-FACILITATED CIV

- Main features

- Two strands ‘decouple’ processes with primarily military actors participating from those in which civilian actors will participate
- **Strand 1** oriented towards key issues involving mediated dialogue between the parties to the conflict (proximity/shuttle, indirect or direct); including cessation of hostilities, monitoring mechanisms, and humanitarian access
- In **Strand 2** a group of respected and impartial Sudanese individuals coordinate the preparatory and full meetings of the Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue
- Venue, logistics and technical support can be provided by inter-governmental partners (AU/UN/IGAD/EU/LAS/QUINTET) for this Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue component

PROCESS OPTION B: TWO STRAND – SUDANESE FACILITATED CIV

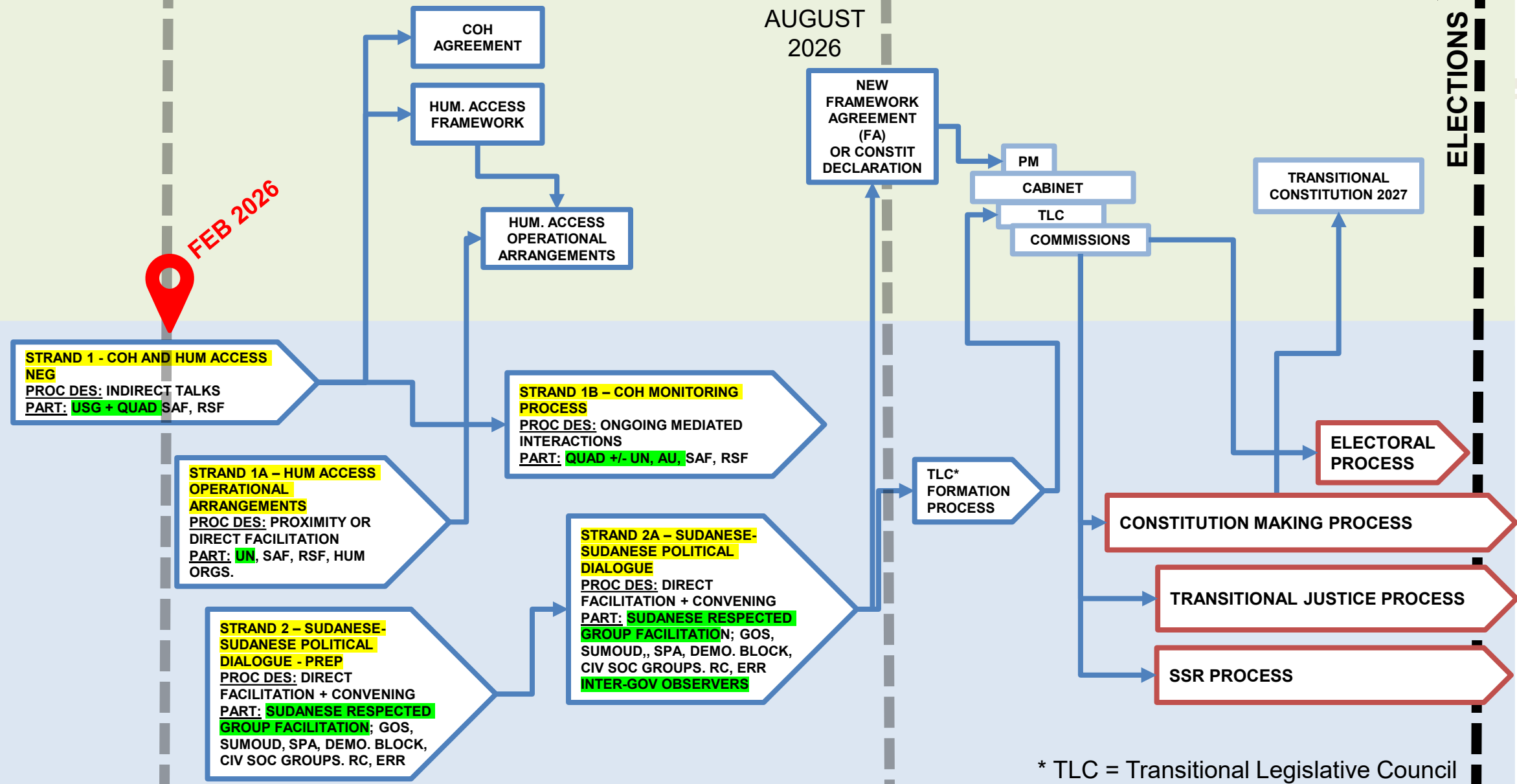


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* TLC = Transitional Legislative Council

OPTION C – CIVILIAN DIALOGUES, TLC FIRST

- Main features

- The intra-Sudanese political dialogue is exclusively civilian in nature
- The intra-Sudanese dialogue results in the selection of members for the civilian Transitional Legislative Council (TLC)
- That TLC then elects the PM, and approves members of the Cabinet; the TLC forms 4 Commissions to manage follow on processes
- In this option there is a Council of the Wise; respected non-partisan Sudanese individuals who can advise and support the PM and serve as interlocutors with others (including military)

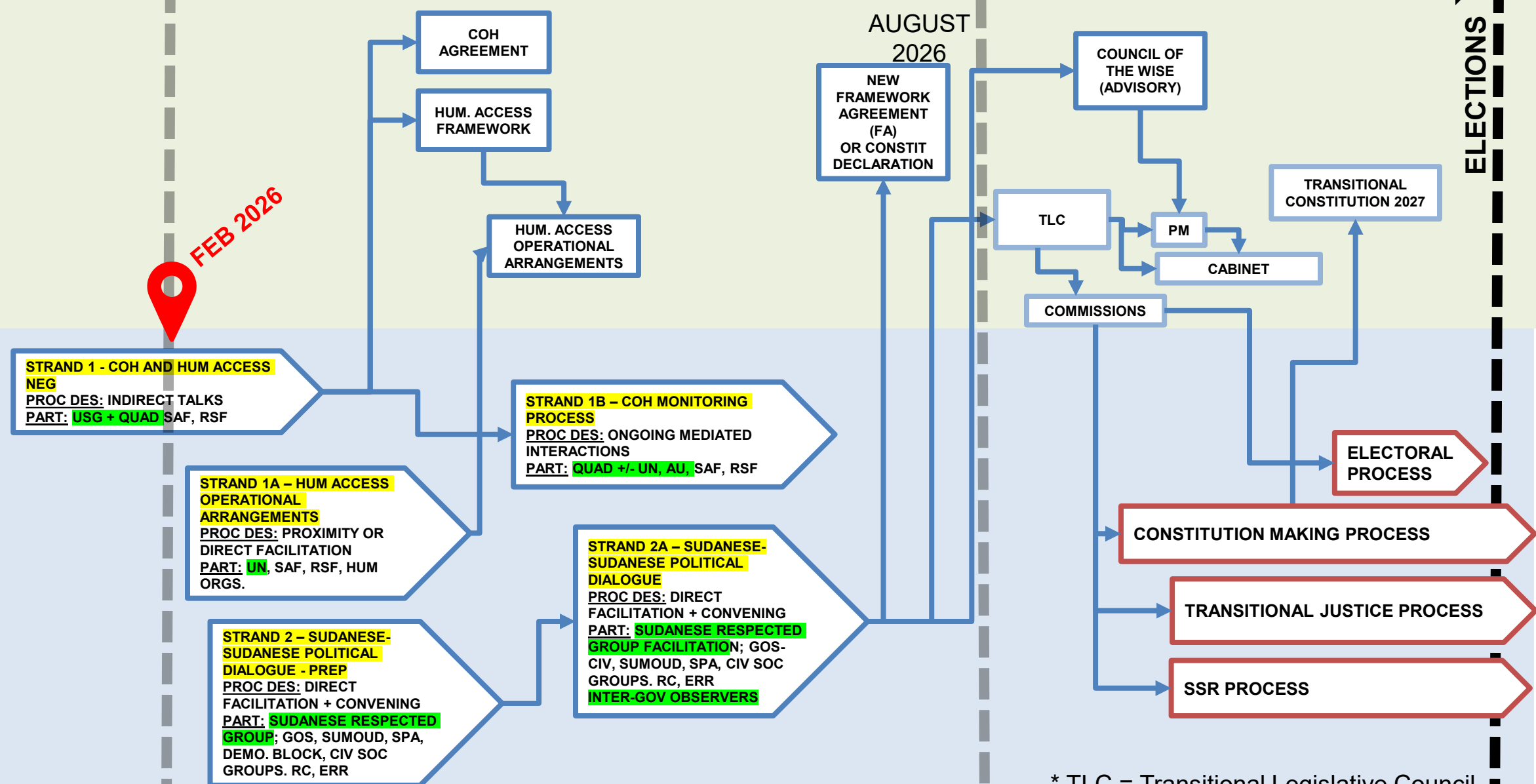
PROCESS OPTION C: CIVILIAN DIALOGUES, TLC FIRST

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OPTION D – STANDALONE CIVILIAN DIALOGUES – COORDINATED INT’L SUPPORT

- Main features

- The intra-Sudanese political dialogue is exclusively civilian in nature
- These dialogues can proceed irrespective of status of dialogues between parties to the conflict
- The intra-Sudanese dialogue is supported by inter-governmental actors, including through conduct of a series of preparatory consultations with a broad range of Sudanese civilian constituencies
- Inter-governmental organizations’ support is closely coordinated according to comparative advantages
- One outcome of the Sudanese civilian dialogues is a Transitional Advisory Council (TAC) which could be the precursor to the Transitional Legislative Council (TLC)

OPTION D: STANDALONE CIVILIAN DIALOGUES – COORDINATED INT’L SUPPORT

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PROCESS
OUTCOMES

POLITICAL DIALOGUE
PROCESSES



**SUDANESE-SUDANESE
POLITICAL DIALOGUE – PREP
CONSULTATIONS**
PROC DES: **CONSULTATIONS
UNDERTAKEN BY INTER-GOV**
PART: SUDANESE RESPECTED
GROUP; GOS, SUMOUD, TISIS
MEMBERS, SPA, DEMO. BLOCK,
CIV SOC GROUPS, RC, ERR

COMPILED PERSPECTIVES –
AREAS OF
CONVERGENCE/DIVERGENCE

**SUDANESE-SUDANESE
POLITICAL DIALOGUE**
PROC DES: **INTER-GOV
FACILITATION + CNVENING**
PART: SUDANESE RESPECTED
GROUP; GOS-CIV, SUMOUD, SPA,
CIV SOC GROUPS, RC, ERR

PROPOSED
AMENDMMENTS
TO CONSTIT
DECLARATION

TAC
FORMATION
PROCESS

TAC

SPEAKER

DEP. SPEAKER

COMMISSIONS

ELECTIONS

AUGUST
2026

* TAC = Transitional Advisory Council

In the preceding process option diagrams, each block arrow represents a component of a process

Here is an example:

