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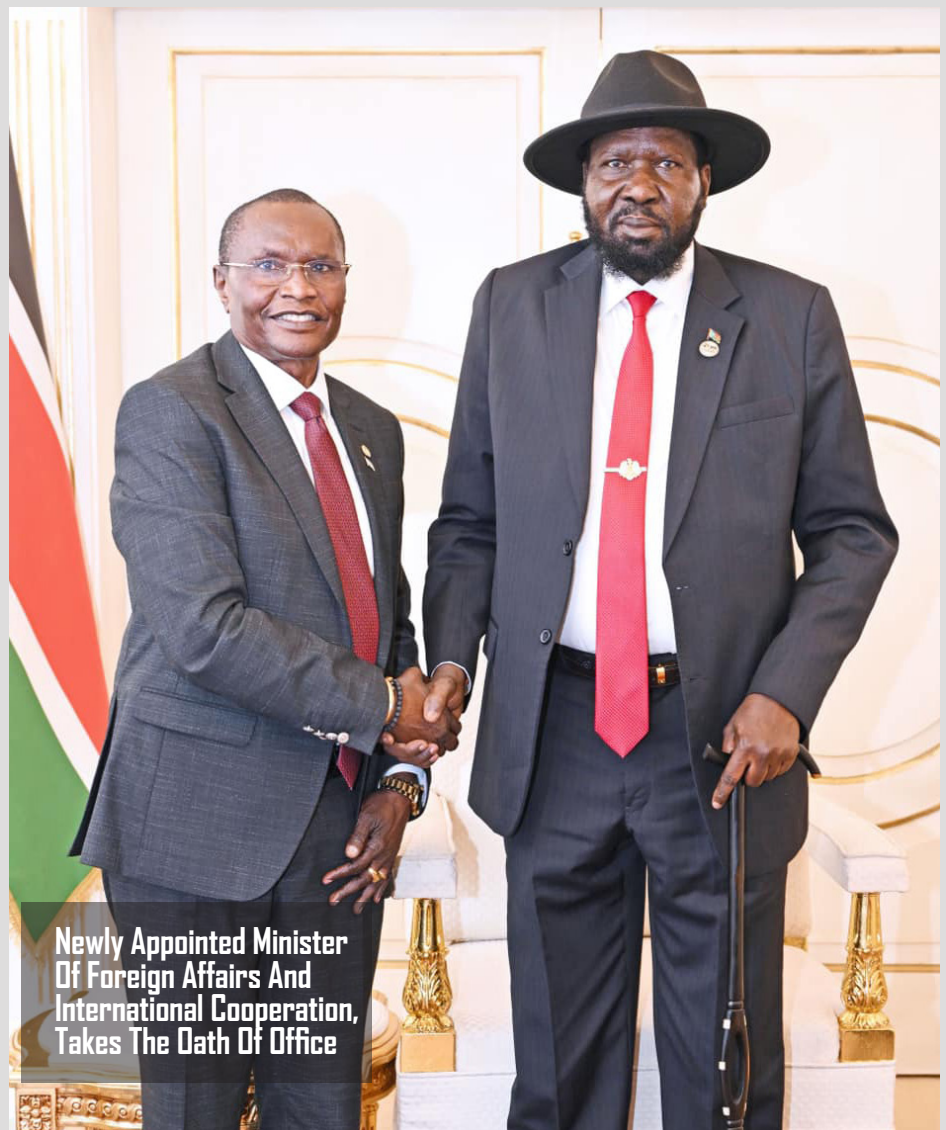
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President Kiir making first address at the UN General Assembly since 2014. Photo by Office of the President

President Kiir Reaffirms South Sudan's Commitment To World Peace, During His Address At The 78th UNGA

21 September 2023 (New York)

President Kiir has reaffirmed South Sudan's government commitment to the realization of a sustained peace and stability, while also pursuing common pursuit for world peace.

Kiir was addressing the High-Level meeting of the

UN General Assembly in New York. In his keynote address at the UN General Assembly, Kiir called on the United Nations to lift the arms embargo imposed on South Sudan, saying these actions have impeded proper and timely execution of the security arrangements, as enshrined in the peace agreement.

President Kiir also appealed to the international

community to help address the Humanitarian crisis, brought about by the ongoing conflict in Sudan.

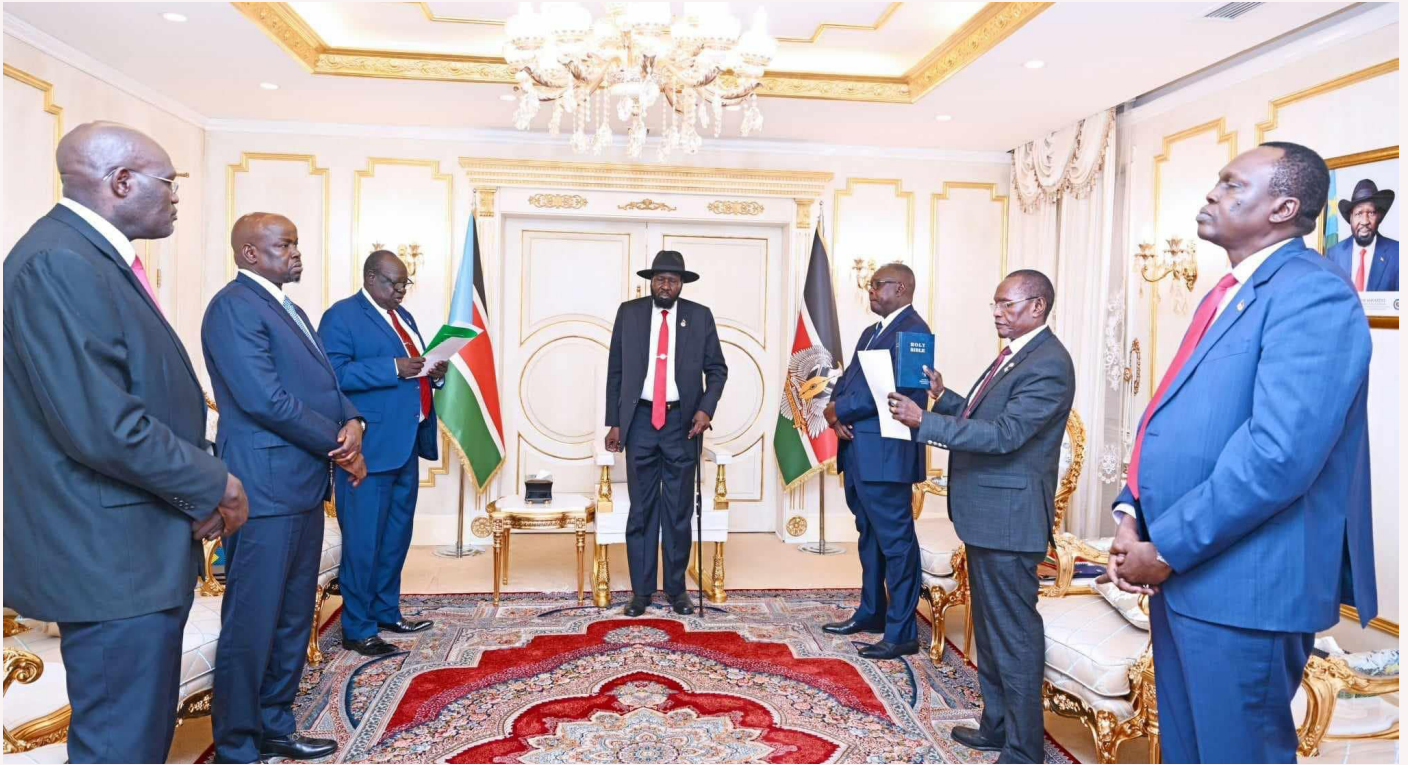
The President said his administration is working towards realizing sustainable development goals.

This is Kiir's first address at the UN General Assembly since 2014, and he reiterated South Sudan's march into the general elections in 2024.



President Salva Kiir addressing World Leaders at the 78th UNGA in New York. Photo by Office of the President

Newly Appointed Minister Of Foreign Affairs And International Cooperation, Takes The Oath Of Office



Hon. Amb. James Pitia Morgan, the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, taking the oath of office in the Presence of President Kiir and other Senior Officials. MFA&IC photo

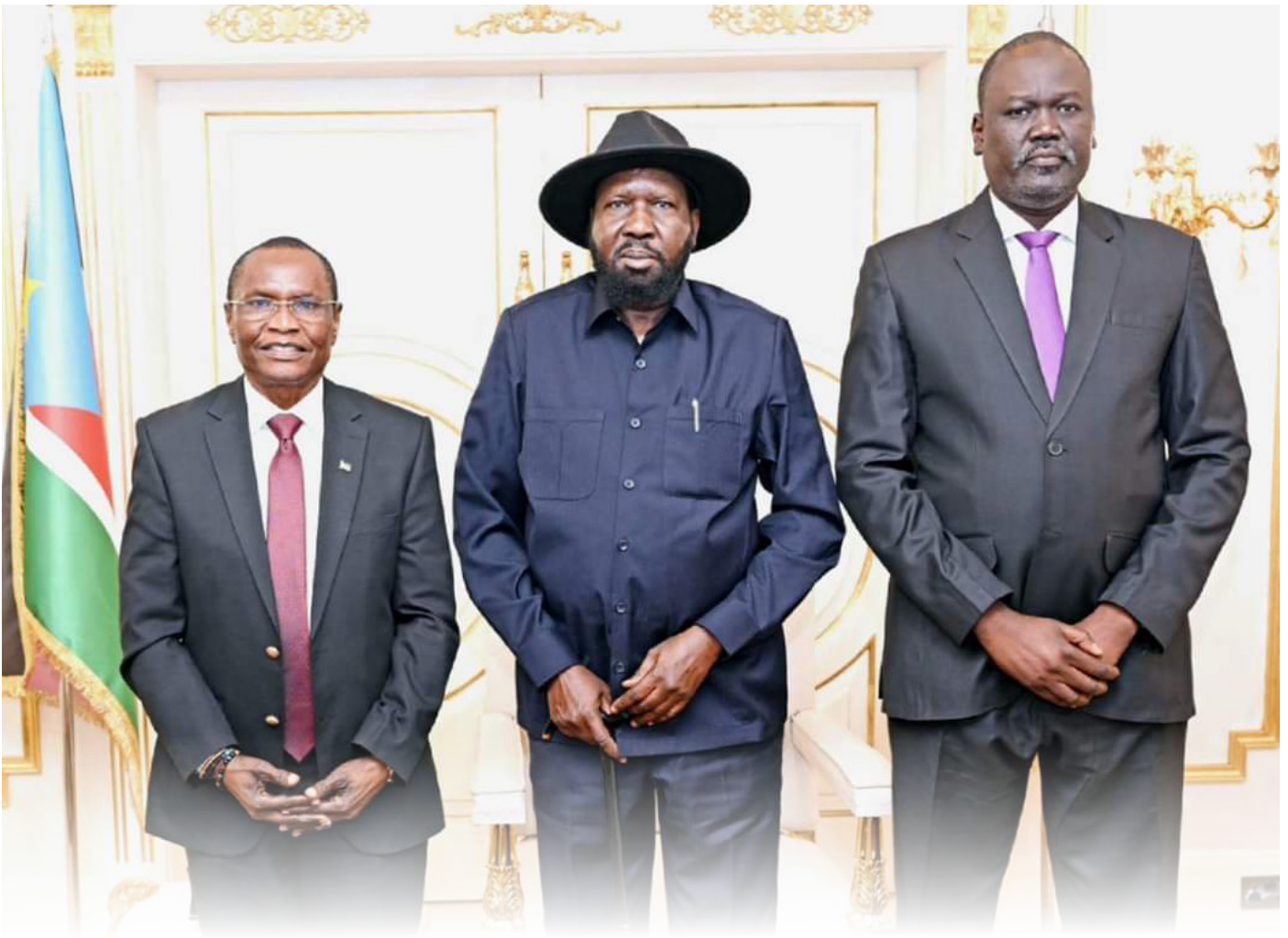
JUBA, 4 September 2023
(MFA&IC)

Hon. Amb. James Pitia Morgan, newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, took the oath of office on 4 September 2023.

H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit appointed Hon. Amb. Morgan to replace Acting Minister Deng Dau Deng on 31, August 2023.

Hon. Amb. Morgan previously served as South Sudan's Head of Mission in Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union (AU), IGAD and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa.





Introducing Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc, (Left of President Kiir) Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan, appointed on September 7, 2023. MFA&IC photo

Introducing Hon. Goc, The New MFA&IC Deputy Minister

With an impressive background, Hon. Goc served as the Head of the Secretariat of the South Sudan Mediation Committee for Sudanese Peace Talks, showcasing his expertise in conflict resolution and diplomacy. Additionally, he held a significant position as

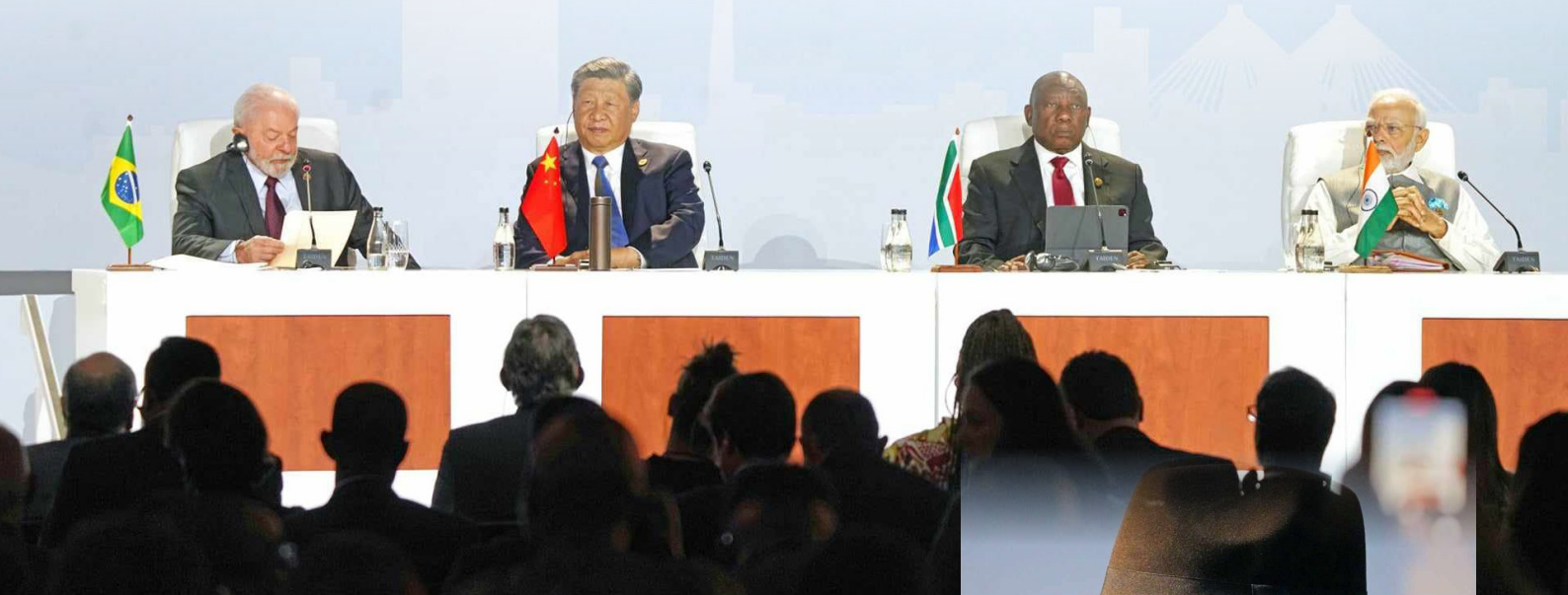
a member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) National Liberation Council, further highlighting his contributions to the political landscape. Before his appointment as Deputy Minister, Hon. Goc shared his knowledge and passion for education as a Lecturer at the esteemed University of Bahr el Ghazal, specifically at

the College of Education. There, he skillfully taught a range of courses on Sociology, nurturing the minds of future leaders. Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc's diverse experiences and dedication to promoting peace, education, and diplomacy make him a valuable asset to the Republic of South Sudan and its international relations.

 **3.7 billion**
BRICS global population

 **29.2 trillion**
BRICS total GDP in USD

Source, *The Economic Times*
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com>



President Kiir Addresses World Leaders At BRICS Summit In South Africa

The addition of six new members to the BRICS grouping will see it controlling 46 per cent of the world's population and 30 per cent of its economic output, according to a research paper.

Economics Times

Johannesburg, 24th August 2023

President Kiir has joined leaders from across Africa, Asia and South America for BRICS summit in South Africa to discuss challenges facing the emerging economies and the developing countries.

In his Keynote address, President Kiir asserted that BRICS nations have created

a new vision for a multi-polar world.

“With BRICS, people in the global south and Africa can now imagine a new world where nations can cooperate and trade on mutually acceptable terms” Kiir also said his administration will deploy BRICS nations system to improve agriculture sector and promote infrastructure development. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Chi-

nese President Xi Jinping and a majority of leaders spoke at the summit, echoing the need for cooperation among the members in addressing the challenges facing the world.

During the Summit, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ethiopia, Egypt, Argentina and the United Arab Emirates were admitted to the bloc, with their full membership coming into effect in January 2024.



“From the 15th April 2023,

with the eruption of the conflict in the Sudan, I bilaterally reached out to both Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Chairperson of the Sovereign Council and Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, leader of Rapid Support Forces to deescalate and stop the war as this conflict has ramifications on the region especially with the growing influx of refugees entering the neighbouring states. This will not only have security implications but also economical between people to people and Governments to Governments”, a statement of H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit, during the summit of the Sudan’s Neighbouring countries, Cairo, Egypt.

On the 17th April 2023, via a telephone call with H.E. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, I discussed the emerging situation in the Sudan and on bringing an end to the war and resumption to dialogue. I also conveyed the same message to Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan. On the 8th May 2023, I received a Special Envoy of the H.E. President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Hon. Sameh Shoukry, Min-

ister of Foreign Affairs who delivered a message on this particular meeting.

South Sudan, under the leadership of H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit, is greatly concerned about Sudan’s ongoing conflict. Recognising the importance of regional stability and peace. South Sudan has taken an active role in diplomatic measures to address the problem and foster communication among all parties involved.

Accompanying President Kiir in these efforts was South Sudan’s former Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, who has been essential in establishing and implementing the country’s foreign policy objectives. They have been at the vanguard of advocating for a peaceful resolution to the Sudan problem and fostering regional collaboration.

Recently, a significant regional effort was undertaken in Egypt, the AU, the UN, Jeddah, and Chad. This gathering illustrated the commitment of the region to finding a peaceful solution that ensures the well-being of the Sudanese people and fosters sustainable development in the country.

South Sudan recognises

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General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan (Wearing ear device) and General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo. File photo

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President Salva Kiir

the complexities of the Sudan conflict and recognises that a peaceful resolution necessitates open discourse, human rights respect, and the establishment of democratic institutions. South Sudan, as a close neighbour is totally dedicated to assisting Sudan on its path to stability, peace, and development. South Sudan anticipates the following goals to be accomplished after weeks, if not months, of continuous talks:

1. Declaration of Cease-

fire (should include Darfur, Kordofan, and other areas where fighting is flaring up).

2. Transformation of the declared ceasefire into a sustainable ceasefire.

3. Agreed mechanism to monitor the ceasefire.

4. Declaration of Cessation of Hostilities.

5. Opening of Humanitarian Corridors and Delivery of Humanitarian Aid.

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6. Agreed mechanism for the cantonment of Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

7. Mutually agreed commencement of Political Talks.

South Sudan will continue to interact with regional and international stakeholders to boost diplomatic efforts, facilitate reconciliation, and contribute to the region's general stability, in accordance with its foreign policy objectives. South Sudan's administration is adamant that a peaceful Sudan is not just in the best interests of its people, but also necessary for regional peace, security, and collaboration. President Salva Kiir Mayardit has played an important role in the efforts to mediate the Sudan situation. His participation and leadership have been critical in building an environment and advancing the peace process. President Kiir has held the following major positions:

1. Mediator and Facilitator: President Kiir has actively taken on the role of mediator and facilitator between the Sudanese government and various opposition groups. He has used his influence and diplomatic skills to bring the parties to the negotiating table and en-

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President Salva Kiir in his office in Juba.-

Photo by Office of the President



H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit has presented a set of suggestions necessary to achieving a comprehensive peaceful and political settlement in Sudan while “prioritising the interests of the Sudanese people.”

See recommendations

courage meaningful dialogue.

2. Hosting Peace Talks: South Sudan, under the leadership of President Kiir, has provided a venue for peace talks between the Sudanese government and opposition

groups. Juba, the capital of South Sudan, has been a crucial location for these discussions, providing a neutral ground for parties to engage in negotiations.

3. Building Trust and Confidence: President Kiir has worked tirelessly to build trust and confidence among the different stakeholders involved in the mediation process. He has emphasized the need for inclusivity, respect for human rights, and the establishment of democratic institutions as key components of a sustainable peace agreement.

4. Engaging Regional and International Actors: President Kiir has engaged with regional organizations, such as the African Union (AU) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to garner support for the mediation efforts. He has also liaised with international partners, including the United Nations and other key stakeholders to seek their assistance in advancing the peace process.

5. Sustaining Momentum: President Kiir has continuously emphasized the importance of maintaining momentum in the peace process. He has urged all parties to remain committed to the negotiations, overcome challenges, and work to-

wards a comprehensive and lasting peace agreement.

President Salva Kiir Mayardit's personal devotion and dedication to the mediation efforts have been critical in keeping the talks alive and advancing the Sudan conflict towards a peaceful resolution. His enthusiastic participation indicates his firm belief in the power of diplomacy and the possibility of a brighter future for Sudan and the region as a whole.

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Recommendations

In order to reinvigorate the IGAD Heads of State and Government initiative, the following are recommended:

- The three tripartite Heads of State and government tasked by the summit, namely H.E. Salva Kiir, President of South Sudan, H.E. William Ruto, President of Kenya; and H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of Djibouti, to remain seized of the matter;
- Establish a ministerial sub-committee at the level of Ministers of For-

ign Affairs to provide political and diplomatic support and follow up on this matter regularly on behalf of Heads of State;

- Facilitate the tripartite leaders travel to Khartoum and/or call

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the leaders of the two warring parties and/or their representatives to travel to Juba, for the first face-to-face meeting within a fortnight;

- Convene a face-to-face meeting of principals in Juba moderated by tripartite leaders to

address all outstanding issues;

- Undertake shuttle diplomacy to open channels of communication with principals and advocate for silencing the guns and safe humanitarian access;

- Facilitate ceasefire talks between the government of Sudan and the RSF with the aim of securing cessation of hostilities, protection of civilians, and humanitarian access;

- Support the deployment of IGASUD forces to monitor and verify parties' compliance with the cessation of

hostilities. The Terms of Reference and composition to be deliberated during the Council and Summit meetings;

- Facilitate the demilitarisation of Khartoum within a radius of 50km away the city centre;
- Support the implementation of a solid humanitarian truce that is operational;
- Direct the IGAD Secretariat to provide leadership, technical, administrative, and logistical

support, including coordination with partners from within the region and beyond on the Sudan peace process;

- Seamless communication and coordination with members of the core group, including the African Union, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development, the United Nations, the Arab League, the European Union, Ethiopia, South Sudan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the U.K., and the U.S.A.

- Bring to the attention of the Summit the need for a substantive Special Envoy to facilitate the IGAD-led Sudan peace process and report regularly to the already established IGAD tripartite leadership and ministerial sub-committee on Sudan;

- Support the exploration of the option of locating the Sudan peace process within the region, and consider the concept of IGAD PLUS. This will bring the process into the region, supported by the core group.

Inclusion, H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit's enthusiastic engagement illustrates his profound belief in diplomacy's interest and the promise of a better future for Sudan and the region as a whole.

Government And UNMISS Monthly High-Level Coordination Meetings



Nicholas Haysom, the UN's SRSG in South Sudan exchanging agreement documents with the Minister of Information for the Republic of South Sudan Hon. Michael Makuei. MFA&IC photo.

“This high-level forum to coordinate the activities of the United Nations and the Government and, specifically, to see the interaction of our forces, the SSPDF, the National Security, the Police, and other forces on how they relate to and work together with the United Nations, Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Former Acting Minister.

The high-level forum was established to coordinate the activities of the UN and the government, specifically to see how the forces—the SSPDF, National Security, the Police, and other forces interact with and cooperate with the UN.

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Deng Dau Deng, presided over the meetings on behalf of the government on August 18, 2023, that brought together the United Nations to discuss and provide an update on the technical working group.

The meeting discussed key issues related to access and freedom of movement. This group was tasked with finding solutions to the numerous challenges faced at checkpoints across the country, both in terms of commercial and humanitarian movement.

The High-Level Coordination Meeting also focused on improving services across the Nile Sobat River, a vital waterway that connected various regions of the country. The government and UNMISS recognized the importance of this river in facilitating trade and movement, and thus, they prioritized its development and maintenance.

“Our objective here is to sensitize ourselves to the importance of using river transport.” River Transport is the most sustainable and easiest to use for those without money. The river became more important because of these crises

in the Republic of Sudan because many can use the river to go to their states as directed by H.E. President that access must be granted to all and that no other checkpoint apart from the officially proposed ones by the High-Level Council (HLC) and state Governments is allowed to be operational, and the necessary steps should be undertaken towards fulfilling His Excellency’s clear directives”, said Hon. Deng.

The monthly High-Level Coordination Meetings became a symbol of unity and collaboration between the government of South Sudan and UNMISS. They served as a platform for open dialogue, problem-solving, and joint decision-making, ultimately leading to positive changes in the country.

According to the Acting Minister, the meeting discussed collaborative efforts with the UN as well as recent occurrences that occurred and how the government responded to them. He described the voluntary return of citizens from the PoC sites shows a good indicator for the stability in South Sudan and, therefore, has requested the UN offer rehabilitation programmes to youths who were disarmed.

“We also resolved that there is a need for the awareness that was given to sector commanders to be taken down to the levels of states’ governments, counties, payams, and those disturbing people along the River Nile. I appreciate the report from the IGP on disarmament around Juba and Terekeka,” he lamented.

On his part, the Deputy Secretary-General’s Special Representative, Guang Cong, thanked the Acting Minister, Hon. Deng Dau, and the government for their efforts in addressing any security concern. He emphasised the importance of the monthly meeting and praised the partnership between the government, the UN country team, and partners in addressing the challenges.

“It is good to agree about the issue of freedom of movement, and it is good for us to come back for more sensitization, so people will be fully aware of the agreements between the government and the United Nations to ensure free movement. I wish to commend the great efforts by the government and all our counterparts from the government side for continuing this good spirit of coalition and collaboration,” he further added.



South Sudan On Saudi-African Summit In November 2023



Top picture: Advisor to Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Bin Salman, Ahmed Kattan being welcomed by Hon. Mayen Dut Wol, MFA&IC Undersecretary. at Juba International Airport. Bottom picture: The two officials in a meeting after the reception. MFA&IC photo.

H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit has received an invitation from the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed Bin Salman to participate in the Saudi-African Summit due in November this year. The message of goodwill was handed to President Kiir by the Prince Ad-

visor Ahmed Kattan in Juba. Hon. Mayen Dut Wol, undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, received the delegation upon their arrival at Juba International Airport. Kattan also urged South Sudan to support the Kingdom's bid to host the 2030 Expo. He said

his country is working to open an Embassy in Juba to further strengthen relations between the two countries. The Acting Foreign Minister Deng Dau Deng assured the Saudi Envoy of South Sudan's readiness to attend the Summit and support its bid to host EXPO 2030.



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Embracing A World Of Opportunities:

Empowering South Sudanese Women and Girls for a Journey in Foreign Diplomatic Service

Introduction:

In a world where connections are built on diversity and diplomacy, an extraordinary path unfolds for South Sudanese girls and women to shine on the international stage. From nurturing peace to fostering cultural understanding, the realm of foreign diplomatic service opens doors to making a significant impact on the global community.

This article serves as a heartfelt invitation, urging young South Sudanese girls

and women to embrace their dreams and aspirations in foreign diplomacy. Through this, they can empower themselves to create a brighter, more inclusive world. My South Sudanese, Mothers, Sisters and Colleagues, these are my humble thoughts and opinions.

1. Believe in the Strength of Your Voice:

Embarking on a journey in foreign diplomatic service starts with believing in the strength of your voice. Acknowledge that your unique perspectives, life experienc-

es, and ideas hold immeasurable value in shaping international relations. Find the courage to raise your voice, advocate for transformation, and actively participate in meaningful conversations that bridge divides and cultivate mutual understanding between nations.

2. Foster Global Awareness and Empathy:

Fostering global awareness and empathy is a cornerstone of diplomatic success. Open your heart and mind to embrace diverse cultures, histories, and

traditions. Champion the art of active listening and empathetic communication to establish authentic connections with individuals from all walks of life. This foundation paves the way for collaboration and cooperation on a global scale.

3. Pursue Education and Lifelong Learning:

Education acts as the key that unlocks countless possibilities. Embrace your thirst for knowledge and relentlessly pursue education. Strive for academic excellence, linguistic proficiency, and cultural fluency. This continuous learning journey will equip you with the tools needed to navigate the intricacies of international relations and make informed decisions that positively influence the world.

4. Rise Above Gender Stereotypes and Bias:

The road to foreign diplomatic service may present hurdles, but don't let gender stereotypes or bias hinder your aspirations. Embrace your identity as a South Sudanese young woman with unwavering determination. Demonstrate that merit and talent transcend gender, allowing your accomplishments to inspire an inclusive and equal diplomatic landscape for generations to come.

5. Embrace Resilience and Persistence:

The path to a career in foreign diplomacy may be demanding, yet with resilience and persistence, every obstacle can be overcome. Embrace setbacks as stepping stones to success, and never shy away from taking well-considered risks to explore uncharted territories while pursuing your dreams.

6. Seek Mentorship and Encouragement:

During moments of uncertainty, seek mentorship and guidance from experienced diplomats and influential women in foreign service. Their wisdom and support will strengthen your aspirations and offer invaluable insights into navigating the intricacies of international diplomacy.

7. Embody Diplomacy in Everyday Life:

Diplomacy extends beyond formal negotiations; it finds its place in every interaction we engage in. Embrace diplomacy in your daily life by nurturing patience, respect, and understanding in your personal relationships. Your ability to bridge gaps and resolve conflicts on a smaller scale will mirror your potential for greatness on the global stage.

Conclusion: Unleash Your Potential as Catalysts of

Global Change To all young South Sudanese girls and women aspiring to serve in foreign diplomacy, the world eagerly anticipates your unique contributions. Approach your dreams with passion, courage, and dedication, for within you lies the power to shape history and create a world that thrives on harmony and compassion. May your journey inspire others to embrace their own potential. Together, let us stride into a future where the world unites through diplomacy and the collective strength of South Sudanese women as catalysts of global change.



Ambassador Cecilia Adut Manyok Adeng
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New York, New York, United States of America

On 18th July 2023, Hon. Pout Kang Chol, Minister of Petroleum received the Award of Excellence 2023 during the Foreign Investment Network (FIN) Oil & Gas Conference and the Forbes Best of Africa/FIN Award Session held under the theme “Enabling LNG Energy Transition” on H.E. Nelson Mandela Day.

Hon. Puot Kang Chol gave a keynote address, dedicating the award to the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity under the leadership of H.E.

Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan. He expressed his sincere appreciation to his Team at the Ministry of Petroleum, attributing their unwavering commitment, success and noticeable professionalism to their dedication, drive and discipline.

Furthermore, Hon. Chol enthusiastically expressed that South Sudan is a “highly rated Basketball Nation by International Basketball Federation (FIBA) at just 12 years of age and will be one of the five countries to represent our Great Continent of Africa in the upcoming FIBA World

Basketball Cup 2023 in Indonesia and Japan from 25th August to 10th September 2023”.

The Hon. Minister concluded his keynote address by pointing out that South Sudan is ready for foreign direct investment in all sectors. “We are thankful for the aid that comes from all the well-wishers and good friends of South Sudan, but we need investors to come and invest in the agriculture sector, extractive industries, tourism, health, infrastructure, education, power generation, and the re-

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newable energy sector.”

It is an honour for the efforts of the Ministry of Petroleum to gain global recognition which demonstrates the reform agenda carried out by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang, Technical Advisor for the Ministry of Petroleum participated in

the Market Stability and Energy Security Panel while National Consultant Eng. Oliver Denis Pamba participated in the Investments, Finance and Inclusive Petroleum Growth Strategies panel. H.E. Ambassador Agnes Oswaha, the Head of Mission of South to the Court of St. James’s gave an address at the opening of the conference, noting South Sudan’s significant progress made by harnessing the abundant natural resources, especially in the oil industry. She stated that “with the support of the International

Community and the Region, South Sudan aims to achieve its national ambitions of a brighter future for the advancement of its people and the African Continent.”

She also noted H.E. The President’s unwavering commitment to consolidating peace and stability in South Sudan and the wider region through his

determined drive towards the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement and his role as the forefront of the region’s response to the ongoing crisis in Sudan.

She encourages investors to invest in the areas of education, agriculture, clean energy, and all the other various investment opportunities in South Sudan, leaving the audience with the words of H.E. Nelson Mandela; “It always seems impossible, until it is done.”

On 19th July 2023, The Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in partnership with Foreign Investment Network and under the patronage of Hon. Pout Kang Chol, Minister of Petroleum held the South Sudan Economic Forum held under the theme: “Driving Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for South Sudan Economic Development” 2023 at the Waldorf Hilton Hotel in London.

The Economic Forum provided a platform for public and private investors to network and explore the numerous opportunities available in the Republic of South Sudan. It was attended by esteemed dignitaries, the diplomatic corps, investors and professionals around the world, including H.E. Dr. Anna

Since his appointment into office, Hon. Chol has conducted the following reforms at the Ministry of Petroleum including but limited to:

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| 1. Constructed and commissioned the first National Digitized Data Centre | (HRPM-2020) | | |
| 2. Successfully conducted a comprehensive Cost Recovery Audit of the Oilfield Activities in South Sudan by KPMG and E&Y Audit Firms | 5. Empowered and increased the participation of Women in the Petroleum Value Chain through extensive institutional diversity initiatives and programs | ing and development programs to help enhance the competency of all Employees of the Ministry of Petroleum | 11. Launched the first Licensing Round in South Sudan to promote open Oil Blocks |
| 3. Initiated and conducted a Successful Environmental Audits of the Oilfields | 6. Developed and Implemented the Petroleum Local Content Regulation 2019 | 9. Improved the relationship between the host communities and the Operating Companies through continuous engagement, communications and dialogue. | 12. Currently Constructing a new building for the Headquarters of the Ministry of Petroleum |
| 4. Developed and Implemented the Unified Human Resources Policy Manual | 7. Successfully resumed Crude Oil Production in Block 5A (Tharjath Oilfields) | 10. Purchased and registered three aircrafts: One is for Petroleum geophysical seismic activities and two are for spraying pesticides on the agricultural farmlands | 13. Published Annual Petroleum Reports for the Ministry of Petroleum |
| | 8. Conducted intensive train- | | 14. Procured Land at Port Djibouti for Logistical and transportation purposes |



Hon. Pout Kang Chol, Minister of Petroleum giving a keynote address during the Foreign Investment Network (FIN) Oil & Gas Conference and the Forbes Best of Africa/FIN Award Session. File Photo

of Côte d'Ivoire, and Deputy High Commissioner Rita Tani Iddi of the Republic of Ghana, amongst many others. The event also attracted a wide range of investors, including professions from the South Sudanese UK Diaspora.

Hon. Pout Kang Chol gave the keynote address during the Forum, urging for direct investment in the Republic of South Sudan. Whilst noting that the priorities for the United Kingdom, the wider world and South Su-

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Hon. Pout Kang Chol, Minister of Petroleum

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Butchart, UK Interim Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, H.E. Ambassador Gurbanguly Gibson Schwarz of the Republic of Liberia, H.E. Ambassador Amani Sara of the Republic



Acting Director General of the Institute, Minister Plenipotentiary Rev. Michael Saki Longwa. MFA&IC Photo

Institute Of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And International Cooperation

In this second edition of the diplomatic journal, we feature the Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This Institute trains diplomats and government officials in areas such as international relations, international economic relations, and international law, among others.

In an interview, the Acting Director General of the Institute, Minister Plenipotentiary Rev. Michael Saki Longwa, a career diplomat with 17 years of experience and unwavering commitment, was awarded with a special gift by Protocol officers from the President's office, five Vice Presidents, the Ministry of Interior, Health, Cabinets, and (TNLA) in recognition of his tireless efforts in training. The Institute of Diplomatic Studies was founded by Republican

Degree No. 26/2011 by H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, as the Chief Diplomat of the country. This is in accordance with the powers bestowed upon him by Articles 43, 50 (1), (2), and 101 (0) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan.

It was established alongside the Foreign Affairs Ministry and International Cooperation, together with other National Ministries and institutions, on Saturday, August 20th, 2011. Right after the secession of South Sudan from Sudan on July 9th, 2011.

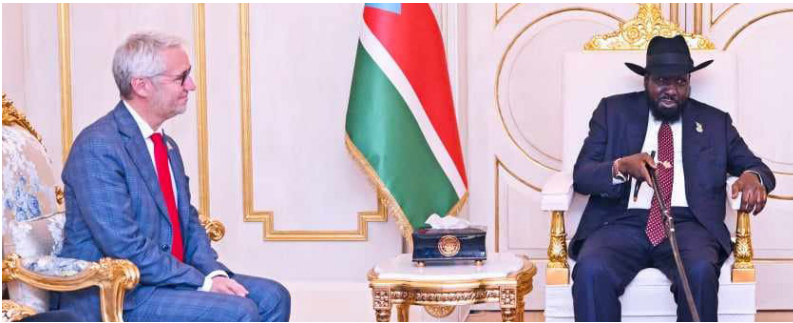
There are amazing people who have left indelible footprints. The first is the late Ambassador Isaac Chinkok Kenti, who served as Director General. As Acting Director General of the Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ambassador Koul Nyok Koul is now assigned to the

South Sudan Embassy in the Arab Republic of Egypt as Deputy Head of Mission. Following him was Ambassador Mahammad Hassan Berhkit, however due to a health issue, the Acting Director General who was interviewed paid honour to the late ambassador.

The Diplomatic Institute offers training that upgrades the skills of personnel in various fields of specialisation related to diplomacy and institutional relations as well as training for spouses of diplomats, officials who are seconded to work in the Foreign Affairs Ministry. The training program mostly covers basic information and skills on etiquette, protocol, and (expected) good conduct in line with the diplomatic service prior to deployment to respective receiving States.

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The French Government Thanks President Kiir For His Open Door Policy For Refugees



The French Official, Christophe Marion with President Kiir during the meeting. Photo by Office of the President.

JUBA- 9 October 2023

President Kiir on Monday met with the visiting French legislators, to discuss the humanitarian crisis brought about by the Sudanese conflict.

The Chairperson of “French Parliamentary Caucus on South Sudan” Christophe

Marion said they are in Juba to have a better understanding of the war in Sudan and its impacts on South Sudan and the entire region.

Marion said with the prevailing situation, “we are convinced that South Sudan could be an element of stability and can contribute to the

stability of the sub-region”. The French legislator said his government would establish partnership with South Sudan in areas of culture, agriculture, finance and the economy. Foreign Minister Dr. James Pitia Morgan said the French legislators thank President Kiir for opening the door for the Sudanese refugees to come to South Sudan without any difficulty.

Minister Morgan noted that President Kiir has assured the delegation of his administration’s commitment to providing a conducive environment for the conduct of the election in 2024. Morgan said South Sudan and France enjoy cordial relations, and that they are working together to reinforce the long standing relationship between Juba and Paris.

South Sudan Signs Three Treaties In New York

21st October, 2023
(MFA&IC)

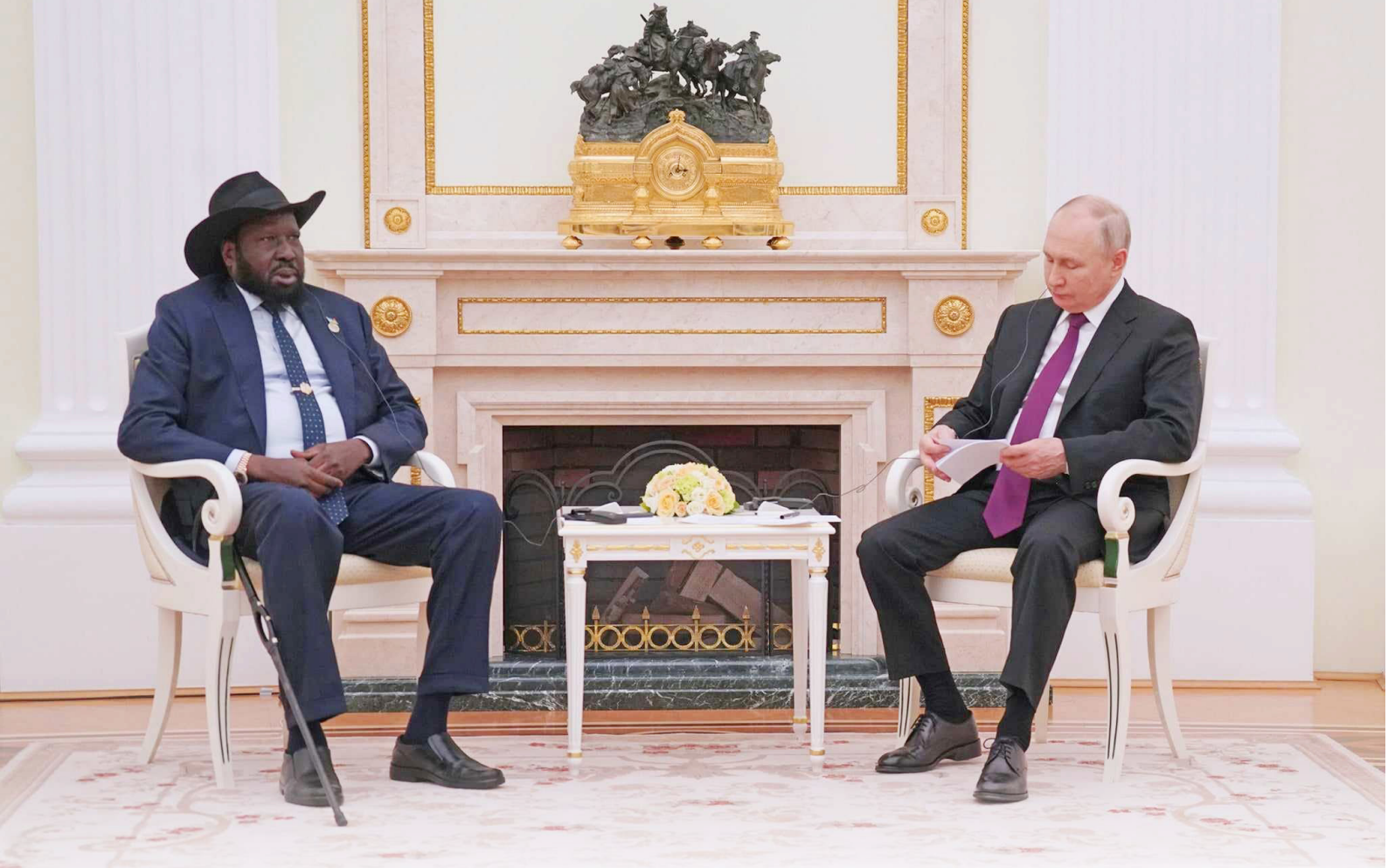
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. Amb. James Pitia Morgan, signed three conventions during a ceremony held at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Friday. The three conventions that have been signed are the Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Financing, and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Crimes.

South Sudan’s signing of the three conventions demonstrates its commitment to international cooperation as well as its efforts to combat illegal activities and promote peace and security. The UN Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and the Head of the Treaty Section were present at the signing ceremony, reflecting the gravity and official nature of the occasion. The Minister was accompanied by Amb. Dr. Riek Puok, Director General for Multilateral Relations. Also, the signing ceremony was attended by members of South Sudan’s Permanent Mission in New York.



Hon. Dr. Amb. James Pitia Morgan, signing conventions during a ceremony held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. MFA&IC Photo.





President Kiir Meets Russia's Putin, Discuss Expansion Of Ties Between The Two Countries

President Kiir and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have agreed to expand ties between Juba and Moscow. In their meeting, President Kiir and Putin agreed to strengthen the existing relations between the two countries in areas of trade, investment, energy and other sectors.

MOSCOW, September 28th 2023

The two heads of State also discussed peace and security in Africa and international affairs. President Kiir expressed commitment to bolster stronger ties with Russia through collaborations in

different fields in a bid to achieve a sustainable development.

On his part, President Putin said Russia is ready to expand bilateral relations with South Sudan in areas of economy, development, trade, energy and education. President Kiir also attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Soldiers

by the Kremlin Wall and the monument in honour of the Cities of Military Glory.

In his virtual address during 2023 BRICS Summit held in Johannesburg in August, the Russian President said Moscow intends to deepen ties with African countries, and that it would remain a reliable partner for food and fuel supplies.

As part of celebrating its establishment following South Sudan's independence in 2011, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation unveiled its official website and diplomatic journal on Monday 17 July 2023, according to the Honourable Deng Dau Deng, Former Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Presidential Affairs as guest of honour, officials from various government institutions, diplomatic missions, and United Nations Agencies attended the launch of the Ministry's website at the Pyramid Hotel in Juba. Dr. Marial acknowledged the diplomatic Missions for attending the occasion commemorating the Ministry's 12th anniversary, as well as congratulating the Ministry on launching its website and diplomatic journal. "Your website is very important strategically for this country, and will be passing on information. It will help our friends; it will help our partners how to come and help", He said. He stressed the need for the Ministry to

Website Crucial For Strategic Communication, Information Sharing, And Partner Support

consider the issue of diversity. Meanwhile Hon. Deng Dau Deng thanked previous Ministers for their contributions to the Ministry's creation. Both the Website and the diplomatic journal, he says, will be critical in boosting South Sudan's diplomatic efforts and encouraging transparency. "This day was dedicated to the establishment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation which was on 12th July, 2011", Hon. Deng said. He also stated that the website will serve as a virtual portal containing a variety of information regarding

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**Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin,
Minister of Presidential Affairs**

South Sudan's foreign policies, diplomatic activities, investment prospects, and international cooperation efforts.

E-government ICT policy aims to provide services

Deputy Minister of Information, Communication Technology and Postal Services Jacob Korok Maiju congratulated the

Ministry saying the government realised the importance of digital technology in the country's development. "That is why the ICT policy of the e-government was considered as a tool to deliver services and information to its citizens and the international community at large", he said. On the other hand, Hon. Mayen Dut Wol, the Undersecretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, stated that the primary goals of this website are to strengthen engagement with foreign counterparts, diplomatic missions accredited to South Sudan, NGOs, and UN agencies operating in South Sudan and beyond. According to UNDP Country Coordinator, Dr. Samuel Doe, South Sudan, as a new state, needs to communicate with the rest of the world. Furthermore, having a functioning website allows the rest of the world to interact with South Sudan. "We have already seen South Sudan's leadership demonstrating excellence when it comes to regional peace, thanks to his excellency, the President of this Republic," UNDP representative added.

Pictorial of the website launch



Photo by Marco Grob

A large water buffalo with long, curved horns stands in a rural setting at sunset. The buffalo is the central focus, with its body in profile facing right. Its horns are thick and curve backwards and then forwards. The background shows a hazy landscape with trees and a smaller white cow lying down in the distance. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The ground is dry and dusty.

Cultural Diplomacy Feature
The Mundari Tribe



The Mundari are a small ethnic group of South Sudan. They are a part of the Karo people, one of the Karo ethnic Group

The group is composed of cattle-herders and agriculturalists and are part of Karo people which also includes Bari, Pojulu, Kakwa, Kuku and Nyangwara. Kutuk na Mundari is also the name of their language, which is similar to Kutuk na Kuku, Kutuk na Kakwa, Kutuk na Pojulu, Kutuk na Bari, and Kutuk na Nyangwara.

Tribal land

The traditional Mundari tribal lands are located roughly 75 kilometers north of Juba, the capital of South Sudan, and are centered on the town of Terekeka in the state of Central Equatoria. They are bordered to the north by the Bor Dinka at , Pariak, and to the south by the Bari of Juba 12 km at the Gwerkek north of Peiti Northern Bari of Juba base on 1956 British Colonial boundaries. Their lands are bounded on the east by the White Nile and extend west to Laka Ma'di in Western Equatoria state, an area roughly 100 by 75 kilometers in size.

The land, like much of South Sudan, is predominantly flat and marked by occasional isolated large hills. The low-lying land contains many rivers and lakes and is prone to flooding during the rainy season. The

soil is predominantly clay-based, causing drainage and water retention problems, and provides a very fertile basis in support of cattle grazing.

The main settlements in Mundariland are Terekeka, Gemeiza, Mangalla, Muni, Tombek, Tindilo, Tali, Rego, Tijor, Rijong, Koweri, and Nyori.

Culture

The Mundari, like other Nilotic tribes, are very cattle-oriented: cattle serves as a form of currency and a mark of status. Marriages are arranged by the prospective groom offering cattle to the bride's family and husbands may take as many wives as they can support. The Mundari engage in perennial cattle raiding wars during the dry season.

Mundari men are known to bathe their hair in cow urine, giving it a yellow-orange color.

The Mundari also cultivate sorghum and catch fish using nets and spears.

In common with other Nilotic tribes in Sudan, the Mundari practice ritual scarification as a rite of passage into adulthood for young men. The typical Mundari scar pattern consists of two sets of three parallel lines, each on either side of the forehead, extending in a downward slope and unconnected in the middle.

Source: Wikipedia



Ambassador Simon Juach Deng Juach (shaking army officer's hand), with officials from the South Sudan Embassy and government officials from the Republic of Uganda. File photo

Diplomatic Tour

As part of the fulfilment of the foreign policy vision, H.E. Ambassador Simon Juach Deng

Juach, South Sudan Head of Mission to the Republic of Uganda made a diplomatic tour 21st–26th July, 2023 to listen, learn, and discuss challenges and opportunities identified by South Sudanese citizens and Uganda Government in the areas of trade, social cohesion, and safety and security, with the aim of developing durable solutions to issues identified.

H.E. Ambassador Juach was ac-

companied by a team from the South Sudan Embassy in Kampala aiming to pursue and promote peaceful, mutual, and sustainable relations with its neighbours and the region.

Embassy Of The Republic Of South Sudan In Uganda Makes Diplomatic Tour

The team visited two (2) locations in South Sudan, namely Nimule and Kaya to discuss trade issues, immigration, and matters related to peaceful co-existence amongst communities residing on our common international boundary.

In Uganda, five (5) locations were

visited, such as: Masindi, Gulu, Elegu, Arua, Koboko and Oraba. An estimated 5,000 South Sudanese nationals were consulted during the mission, including business people, students, and refugees in urban settings.

South Sudan-Uganda relations:

The Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Uganda enjoy cordial diplomatic

relations anchored on historical, cultural, trade, and political ties dating back to the pre-colonial era. It is on this basis that the Embassy initiated the diplomatic tour to interact with Ugandan local authorities in the region (Acholi sub-region and West Nile) neighbouring

South Sudan and to listen to our citizens on how to strengthen people-to-people relations and improve trading for the common prosperity of all.

The Embassy and the people of South Sudan living in Uganda are thankful to the Government and people of Uganda for their hospitality.

“Communities on both sides of the border raised common barriers to the free movement of people and goods, such as illegal demands by some law enforcement agencies to be paid costs associated with visas, etc. They appealed to both governments to educate rogue officers against such demands to allow unimpeded trade and movement of people within the region”, Ambassador Juach said.

Trade and Economic Relations during Financial Year 2022-2023: The Republic of South Sudan exported \$86 million worth of goods to Uganda, while the latter exported \$500 million (half a billion USD) worth of goods to South Sudan during the same time. The Republic of Uganda also exports essential human Resource capital to South Sudan, e.g., professionals in the humanitarian and international Development sectors, handymen, teachers, nurses, and mechanics. Another 200,000 Ugandan traders in South Sudan generated an estimated \$900 million during the same financial year.

The above figures show significant trading and have to be jealously protected for the growth of our people and economies.

Another milestone in trade included the Agreement to purchase Electricity from Uganda to supply the border towns of Nimule and Kaya and boost our

economic growth in South Sudan through the provision of predictable energy.

Uganda is hosting South Sudanese refugees.

By the same token, the Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan is thankful to the Government and people of Uganda for hosting refugees from South Sudan and accommodating large student population estimated at 100,000 which injected estimated \$10 Million dollar into the economy annually through payment of fees to learning institutions of Uganda.

The mission was described as ‘a first of its kind for a delegation from the Embassy headed by an Ambassador to visit and interact with its citizens; the Uganda authorities at border ar-

reas and South Sudanese citizens appreciated and called for such regular interactions’.

For the Embassy, the mission was a success due to the massive turnout of South Sudanese, estimated at 5,000 citizens residing on visited locations.

On the way forward:

The Embassy’s priorities will include:

- 1). *Advocacy to remove ‘student pass’ levied on South Sudanese students as this isn’t applicable to members of the East Africa community,*
- 2). *Support the formation of one umbrella, ‘South Sudanese Community Association in Uganda*
- 3). *Lastly, promote free movement of people and goods etc.*



Ambassador Simon Juach Deng Juach (front), with officials from the South Sudan Embassy at the Nimule Border. File photo

86million\$

Value of goods exported from South Sudan to Uganda

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Brief facts on South Sudan and Israel relations:

10 July 2011

Date Israel recognised South Sudan's independence. Among the first countries in the world to do so

15 July 2011

Date South Sudan reciprocated, citing a desire for international peace.

Haim Koren

First Israeli ambassador to South Sudan.



20 million

Total population of the two nations combined

Israel has offered economic help to South Sudan. IsraAid helped South Sudan set up its Ministry of Social Development.



Israel and South Sudan engaged in their first official agreement in July 2012, when Israel Military Industries signed a pact to cooperate on water infrastructure and technology development.



In 2012, Israel revealed plans for a model agricultural village in South Sudan where local farmers will be trained in agricultural technologies developed in Israel such as drip irrigation. The farm, funded by the Israeli government, will be the first of several joint agricultural projects in South Sudan.



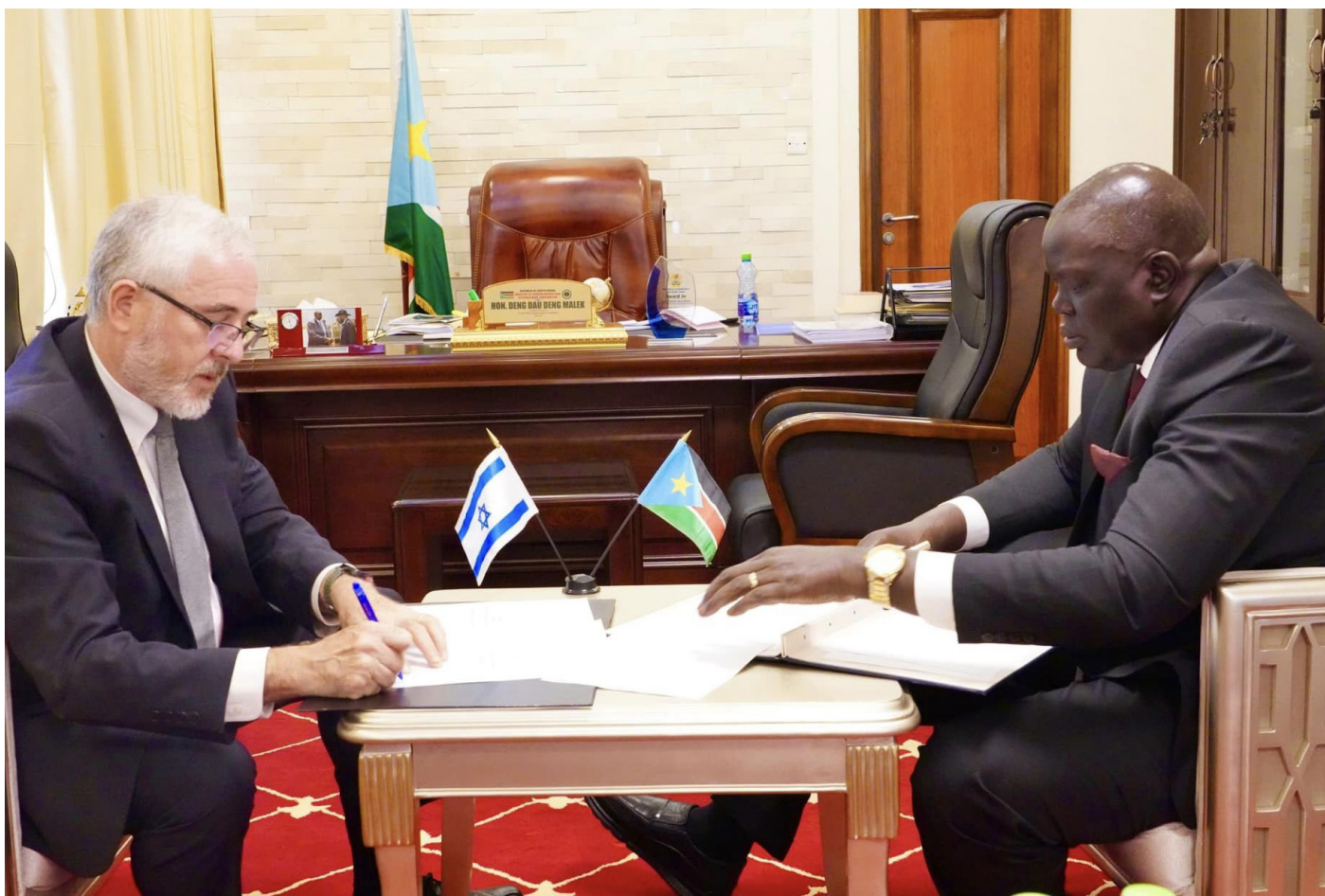
In January 2013, South Sudan announced that it has signed an agreement with several Israeli oil companies.



Source: Wikipedia

Compiled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

The Republic of South Sudan and the State of Israel has signed Cooperation Agreement to promote a friendly Relations in different areas of economic development between the two countries in July, 2023 in Juba. The Cooperation Agreement was signed by the former Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, and the Director of International Law and Treaties, Ambassador Akech Chol Ahou and the State of Israel was represented by the Israeli Ambassador, H.E. Gershon Kedar. The purpose of



Former Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek (Right), and the Israeli Ambassador, H.E. Gershon Kedar. MFA&IC Photo

South Sudan And Israel Sign Agreement To Promote Friendly Relations

the agreement is to promote friendly relations and enhance cooperation between the two states in areas of economic development, education, culture, agriculture, water, sport, health, green consumption, environmen-

tal protection, and recycling of urban, industrial, and agricultural waste.

It is important to note that the government of South Sudan is in the process of ratifying the said agreement.

Hence, any further consultations, such as workshops, government high-level visits between the two countries, and the exchange of knowledge, shall be carried out through diplomatic channels.



Pictures of Amb. Oswaha at the award event. MFA&IC Photo

Amb. Oswaha Receives Diplomat Of The Year Award

On 24th April 2023, H.E. Ambassador Agnes Oswaha was presented the “2023 Diplomat of the Year from Africa” Award by the DIPLOMAT Magazine during its 13th Annual Award Ceremony held at the Royal Over-Seas League in St James’s, London.

During her acceptance speech, H.E. Oswaha gave gratitude to: God Almighty for enabling her to carry out her assignment, H.E. President Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit for his wisdom and the trust invested in her to serve as the Head of Mission of South Sudan to the United Kingdom, the Embassy Team for their hard work, her Family for the unwavering support, the South Sudanese Diaspora in the United Kingdom for the support shown during her ten-

ure, the Heads of Mission that voted for her, and the DIPLOMAT Magazine Team. She dedicated the historic Award to the Government and people of the Republic of South Sudan; especially to those who made sacrifices during the liberation struggle.

DIPLOMAT Magazine is a leading foreign affairs publication that provokes intelligent discussion from the heart of the Diplomatic Community. The Awards Ceremony recognises the outstanding work and achievements of the Diplomatic Community in London, as the winners of the various awards were nominated by their peers. For instance, H.E. Oswaha’s Award was voted by the Heads of Mission accredited to the United Kingdom. DIPLOMAT Magazine presented 10 awards

to some of the most influential diplomats based in the UK.

The event is a key date in London’s diplomatic calendar and hosted a mass of various ranks of London’s Diplomatic Corps, international organisations and other institutions accredited to the Court of St. James’s. Ambassadors and High Commissioners from over 60 countries and diplomats from over 80 countries attended. In addition, Mr. William Alistair Harrison CMG CVO, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps of H.M. King Charles III and various members of the UK Government were in attendance. BBC Diplomatic Correspondent Mr. James Landale was the Master of Ceremonies. Ms. Venetia van Kuffeler, the Editor of DIPLOMAT Magazine chaired the event.



Overview Of The Oil & Gas Conference And The South Sudan Economic Forum

5th

South Sudan's position among crude oil reserves in Africa.

4 Billion

Figure of barrels that proved reserves is close to as of 2020.

90%

Percentage of oil reserves remaining unexplored.

Source:
[South Sudan Ministry of Petroleum](#)

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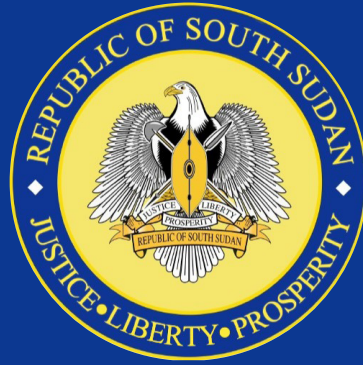
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United Kingdom and to change the challenges that are faced by the nation into opportunities. This can be achieved by utilizing and investing into the various untapped resources beyond oil and gas, such as agriculture, minerals, animal resources and fisheries. The Hon. Minister also underlined the legal measures and instruments to facilitate and protect investments in the nation. H.E. Ambassa-

dor Agnes Oswaha, Head of Mission of South Sudan to the Court of St. James's opened the interactive forum and gave an address on "Delivering Macroeconomic Stability for Shared Property". During the address, H.E. Oswaha presented an overview of the history of South Sudan, the current governance structure, security, the judicial system and economic growth. She reiterated H.E.

Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan unwavering commitment to consolidating peace in South Sudan as well as in the region. Furthermore, she called upon the well-wishers and the South Sudanese in Diaspora to support the Republic of Sudan during the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

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