



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

23rd RJMEC Meeting

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 21 July 2022
Juba, South Sudan**

The 23rd meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 21 July 2022 chaired by the Interim Chairperson of the RJMEC, Amb. Maj. (rtd) General Charles Tai Gituai.

In attendance were the representatives of the Parties, Stakeholders in RJMEC, regional guarantors, international partners and friends of South Sudan, and the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms namely:

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro (RTGoNU)
2. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth (ITGoNU)
3. Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, (ITGoNU)
4. Hon. Amb. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO/NTC)
5. Hon. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Hon. Chabur Goc (SSOA)
7. Maj. Gen. Bior Leek Kuareng (FDs)
8. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Rtd. Bishop Enock Tombe (Faith-based leader)
2. Mr. Dabek Mabior Arok (CSO Alliance)
3. Dr. Angelina M. Bazugba (Academia)

4. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)
5. Mrs. Mary Akech (Women Bloc)
6. Ms. Mary Ajith Goch (CSO Forum)
7. Ms. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Comm)
8. Ms. Winny Edward (Business Comm)
9. Ms. Jackline Nasiwa (Women's Coalition)

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. Mr. Mustafa Ahmed Almubarak (Sudan)
2. H.E. Markos Tekle Rike (Ethiopia)
3. H.E. Maj. Gen (rtd) Samuel Nandwa (Kenya)
4. Brig. Gen. Richard Otto (Uganda)
5. Mr. Machiel van Niekerk (South Africa)
6. Mr. Kataps Gaius Keafon (Nigeria)
7. Dr. Phillip Mwanika (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)
8. H.E. Amb. Prof. Joram M. Biswaro (AUMISS)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:

1. Mr. Ma Wenjun (China)
2. H.E Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. Mr. Enrique Gallego (USA)
4. Mr. Thomas Carter (UK)
5. Mr. Nicholas Haysom (UNMISS)
6. Mr. Dionyz Hochel (EU)
7. H.E. Jelte van Wieren (IPF)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Amb. Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff
2. Dr. Thomson Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff - Strategy
3. Mr. Stephen Oola, Senior Advisor - Legal and Constitutional Affairs

For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:

1. Hon. Gichira Kibara, Chairperson NCAC
2. Mr. James Nguen Nyol, NTC Representative
3. Col. Nicholas Humble Nyesiga, Ag. Chief of Staff CTSAMVM
4. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam, Co-Chair, JDB

5. Lt. Gen. Rabi Mujung Emmanuel, JDB Representative
6. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol, Head of JDB Secretariat.
7. Maj. Laguya Kenyi Lupai, JDB Secretariat
8. Hon. Angelina Teny, Chairperson, SDSR Board
9. Col. Ding Lam Yuol, Ag. Head of SDSR Board Secretariat
10. Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission
11. Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, Deputy Chairperson DDR Commission
12. Lt. Gen. Wesley Welebe Samsom, Chairperson JTSC
13. Lt. Gen. Dr. Olaw Adiang, Head of JTSC Secretariat
14. Maj. Gen. Ajak Deng Biar, JTSC Member
15. Maj. Gen. Pal Yiech Lam, D/Head of JMCC Secretariat
16. Maj. Wuor Jok Guol, JMCC Secretariat

Observers

1. H.E. Marc Trouyet (France)
2. Mr. Ahmed Tawfek (Egypt)
3. Ms. Watanabe Tomoko (Japan)
4. Mr. Simon Ruf (Germany)
5. H.E. Erdem Mutaf (Turkiye)
6. Mr. Georg Stein (Switzerland)
7. Mr. Henrik Herber (Sweden)
8. Mr. Samuel Doe (UNDP)
9. Amb. Dhano Obongo (MOFA)

The 23rd RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS DSRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, and DDR Commission);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- h) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his detailed assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, updates on recent progress registered, the critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
2. **Appreciated** Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the RTGoNU for his detailed briefing on the highlight of the draft RTGoNU roadmap on the way forward, and **welcomed** the information that the RTGoNU Presidency will have an inclusive meeting with all Parties to consider and adopt the Roadmap as a document owned by all parties of the RTGoNU;
3. **Congratulated** the Government and the People of the Republic of South Sudan, upon commemorating the 11th independence anniversary on 9th July 2022 and **commended** Pope Francis for sending his emissary, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, with a message of prayers and continuing hope for the realization of enduring peace, healing and reconciliation in the Republic of South Sudan;
4. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, the UNMISS SRSG, for his detailed briefing, including updates on the current humanitarian situations, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU on the time sensitive tasks for urgent considerations;
5. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, **took note** of the reported progress or lack thereof, challenges identified and **endorsed** their recommendations. In this regard, it **urged** the NTC to mobilise additional resources to support all mechanisms of the Agreement and to disburse requisite funds to support national monitors within CTSAMVM, NCAC members as well as national members of the JRC;
6. **Bade farewell** to H.E Siv Kaspersen, and H.E Jelte Van Wieren outgoing Ambassadors of Norway and Kingdom of Netherlands respectively to the

Republic of South Sudan, **thanked** them for their contributions to the peace process and support to RJMEC and **wished** them well in their respective new assignments;

7. **Welcomed** all the progress made in the implementation of the R-ARCSS since the last RJMEC plenary, including the submission by NCAC of *the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2022* to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; enactment by the Reconstituted Transitional National Legislative Assembly (RTNLA) of the Wildlife Services Act (Amendment) Bill 2022 and the Constitution Making Process Bill 2022; as well as the conclusion of country-wide public consultations for the establishment of the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing. In this regard, it **urged** the RTNLA to always strive and achieve consensus in the spirit of the Revitalized Peace Agreement to expedite enactments of all the pending bills;
8. **Took note of the RJMEC** comprehensive evaluation report on the status of implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement from the beginning of the Transition Period to the end of June 2022 and the latest Quarterly report for the period March to June 2022, **noted with concern** the several critical pending tasks of the Agreement, and **urged** the RTGoNU and respective mechanisms to expedite implementation of all critical pending tasks;
9. **Took Note** of the unfortunate decision of the United States government to suspend support to RJMEC and CTSAMVM, **appreciated** the support of the US Government and People to the peace process in south Sudan and to RJMEC and CTSAMVM over the years, and appealed to the American Government to reconsider this decision. In this regard, it **appealed** to all partners and friends of South Sudan to continue supporting RJMEC and CTSAMVM and the full implementation of the R-ARCSS;
10. **Welcomed** the approval by NTC of DDR Commission's budget for repatriation of an estimated 2,000 ex-combatants, currently in training centres and **urged** the Ministry of Finance to fast-track disbursement of these funds. In this regard it **Appealed** to the RTGoNU to allocate adequate funding for the implementation of the Agreement including expediting payments to national representatives within the relevant Agreement mechanisms;

11. **Welcomed** the recently completed induction training in Rome, Italy, of national monitors representing the South Sudan Opposition Movement Alliance (SSOMA) of Gen. Paul Malong and Pagan Amum, pursuant to the Rome Declaration and Rome Resolutions and **encouraged** the other group of SSOMA allied to the National Salvation Front (NAS) of Gen. Thomas Cirillo to join the dialogue in good faith towards finding a lasting solution;
12. **Commended** the SSPDF leadership for the recently concluded Court Martial in Yei, Central Equatoria State that resulted in the trial and conviction of several soldiers for crimes committed against civilians and **reiterated** the need for all perpetrators of violence to be held accountable;
13. **Expressed concerns** over CTSAMVM reports of negative activities of some elements of SSPDF allied Kit-Gwang factions, including the manning of illegal checkpoints along the Nile, and **urged** the SSPDF to evacuate their forces from the occupied cantonment sites of Mir Mir, Liang and Jekoul Turu;
14. **Regretted** that bureaucratic impediments and funding cuts are affecting the delivery of critical lifesaving services such as emergency food, nutrition and health service provision and **urged** the RTGoNU to take steps to address the above concerns, including by availing of more resources to address the humanitarian situation and reduce levies on relief items;
15. **Urged** the RTGoNU to urgently set the date for the graduation and redeployment of the unified forces and kickstart the commencement of phase 2 and the DDR process;
16. **Urged** the RTGoNU to seriously address the increasing incidences of community-based violence across the country;
17. **Urged** the RTGoNU to fast-track the process for the consideration and adoption of the draft roadmap and **encouraged** the RTGoNU to adopt an inclusive and consultative process, with all parties and stakeholders, to ensure that the final roadmap contains clear benchmarks and strategy for its implementation going forward;

18. **Appealed** to all Parties and designate stakeholders to observe the 35% women's representation in their nomination to the various constitutional making mechanisms and institutions;

19. **Urged** all members of RJMEC to remain seized of RJMEC collective mandate, as monitors and evaluators and to proactively engage with the RTGoNU, propose remedial measures to overcome the challenges to the peace process, and facilitate progress; and

20. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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