
SOUTH SUDAN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

June 19, 2018

Excellency, Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit,
President of the Republic of South Sudan.

And

Excellency, Dr. Riek Machar Teny,
Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement – In Opposition (SPLM–IO).

Your Excellencies,

Subject: The Citizens' Agenda for your Face-to-Face Meeting

We, the members of South Sudan Civil Society Forum (SSCSF), present to you The Citizens' Agenda for the face-to-face meeting organized for you by the leadership of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). We applaud IGAD leadership for this timely initiative and urge you to seize it and reach genuine and sustainable peace.

The SSCSF is a coalition of over 200 diverse and independent civil society organizations representing civil society, women, youth, academia and faith-based institutions from government and opposition controlled areas, internally displaced persons camps, refugee settlements and the neighboring countries. We are united by our common interest for peace, unity and respect for human dignity in our country. We derive our mandate from the will of thousands of our fellow citizens whom we have been consulting and briefing on the progress of the High Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF) since its commencement in December 2017.

Your Excellencies, we applaud you for participating in this face-to-face meeting and bring to your attention the following Citizens' Agenda for this meeting:

- 1. The need for a peaceful and sustainable solution to end the suffering of the people:** The conflict in our country has inflicted immense and unbearable suffering on millions of innocent South Sudanese since December 2013. It continues to destroy our country. Citizens have been left desperate and hopeless about their own future and country. At the end of the Second Phase of the HLRF in May, South Sudanese were frustrated and disappointed that a final agreement was not reached. We therefore call on you to seize this opportunity to complement the efforts of your respective delegations, as well as those of other political and civic groups participating in the HLRF, by discussing, compromising and finalizing on all outstanding issues. A final and implementable peace agreement that is embraced without reservations or external imposition will be the best outcome of your meeting and for the people of South Sudan. Given the failure of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCSS), citizens will only have confidence and hope in the revitalized ARCSS if you own, popularize and implement it to bring peace, security and stability to the country.
- 2. Meaningful Reconciliation:** This civil war has divided South Sudanese along political lines and is rapidly fragmenting our communities into ethnic and regional enclaves. A continuation of this fragmentation will only shatter all hopes for a united, stable and peaceful South Sudan. At this critical moment where our nationhood and our collective future is at stake, we remind you of your moral and political obligations to meaningfully reconcile with each other as well as with all other political leaders in our country. This reconciliation will go a long way to reunite our people, heal psychological wounds of the conflict, and

restore harmony in our society. When South Africa faced a similar situation, President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and F.W. de Clerk reconciled to unite South Africans and save their country. Just last month, the world witnessed President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta and Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga of Kenya publicly put their bitter political differences behind in the best interest of their citizens and country. This is your turn to do the same. We call on you to demonstrate leadership at this critical moment, rise to the occasion, reconcile and save our people and country from further destruction and shame. In so doing, you will save your legacy in the history of our country. We, the citizens, are watching!

- 3. A meeting with other opposition political leaders and civic groups:** We further call on you to agree to meet all other political leaders participating in the HLRF to advance reconciliation and consensus in the revitalized ARCSS, and its subsequent inclusive implementation.
- 4. Joint public events:** Your Excellencies, we urge you to hold joint public events starting with a joint press conference after your face-to-face meeting, joint press conference after meeting with leaders of the various political and civic groups at the HLRF, and embark on a series of confidence-building public rallies throughout South Sudan. These events will help build confidence in the leaders and the revitalized ARCSS, enhance reconciliation and create a conducive environment for the full implementation of the revitalized Agreement.
- 5. Assurance of a Non-Repetition of the July 2016 Incident:** Your Excellencies, we beseech you to assure South Sudanese that the July 2016 incident shall not be repeated. We implore you to prioritize non-violent means of resolving political disputes. Finally, we urge you to put the interests of South Sudanese citizens first before your own personal, parties' and political interests.

Your Excellencies, we trust that you will consider The Citizens' Agenda and truly make our country and people proud and hopeful again.

Sincerely,

The South Sudan Civil Society Forum

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CC: Hon. Raila Odinga, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya;

CC: Hon. Nhial Deng Nhial, Senior Presidential Advisor and Head of Government Delegation to the HLRF;

CC: Hon. Henry Odwar, Deputy Chairperson of the SPLM-IO and Head of SPLM-IO Delegation to the HLRF;

CC: South Sudanese Political Leaders;

CC: Members of the SSCSF.

1. #Anataban
2. Abiemcien Youth for Development Organization
3. Action For Peace And Development
4. Adult Literacy Initiative
5. Advance South Sudan
6. Africa Women's Right Empowerment Institute
7. Africa Youth Action Network
8. AFTABOSS Online Platform
9. Aguok Community Association
10. Aid Support Community Organization
11. Alel-Thok Community Organization Centre
12. Anika Women Association
13. Any Step with Blessing
14. Arise Socio-Cultural Foundation
15. Ark for Humanity Organization
16. Art and Design for Cultural Restoration
17. Assistance Mission for Africa
18. Atek Kilwak
19. Atem Wel Society
20. Aweil Capacity Building and Empowerment Initiative
21. Aweil Development Organization
22. Aweil Window of Opportunity and Development Agency
23. Aweil Youth Association
24. Awiel Jadid Youth Association
25. Bidaya Community Farmers Organization
26. Bul Youth Development association
27. Center for Democracy and Development
28. Center for Participatory Development
29. Centre for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice
30. Change Agency Organization
31. Church Leaders Initiative for Peace
32. Churches and Christian Relationship
33. Civil Society Coalition on Security Sector Reform
34. Civil Society Coalition on the Universal Periodic Review.
35. Civil Society Human Rights Organization
36. Coalition of State Women and Youth Organization
37. Community Aid Organization
38. Community Care Organization
39. Community Development and Relief Agency
40. Community Empowerment and Development Agency
41. Community Empowerment for Local Leaders Organizations
42. Community Empowerment for Progress Organisation
43. Community Empowerment for Rehabilitation and Development

44. Community Enlightenment for Development Organization
45. Community Foundation Support for Peace Education and Rehabilitation
46. Community Initiative for Rural Development
47. Community Life Saving
48. Community Network for Progress Association
49. Community Organization for Peer Educators
50. Community Organizing Program – South Sudan
51. Community Peace Building and Protection Association
52. Community Rehabilitation and Development Foundation
53. Community Rehabilitation and Educational Agency
54. Community Relief Organization South Sudan
55. Community Skills Development
56. Consultative Center for Empowering Women
57. Crown the Woman
58. Dark Organization for Relief and Development
59. Denos Youth Agency
60. Dialogue and Research Initiative
61. Disabled Association for Rehabilitation and Development
62. Disaster Management Truth
63. Duk County Youth Association
64. Eastern Equatoria Youth Forum
65. Eastern Equatoria Disable Association
66. Eastern Equatoria State Youth Dialogue Forum
67. Eastern Vision on Rehabilitation And Development Agency
68. Entrepreneurs Organization South Sudan
69. Eve-Organization for Women Development
70. Food and Agriculture Development Agency
71. Food Security and Children Activities Development
72. Forum for Democratic and Accountable Governance
73. Forum for Peace and Unity
74. Friends for Justice in South Sudan
75. Gender Empowerment South Sudan Organization
76. Generation Initiative Organization
77. Gift of Hope for Women Development
78. Gogrial Development Organization
79. Grassroots Women Network
80. Green Light Agency for Development
81. Group of Noble Character Society
82. Hope Restoration for Sudan
83. Hope Revivers Group
84. Horyok Youth Association
85. Human Rights Initiative
86. Humanitarian Development Agency
87. Hummingbird Action for Peace and Development
88. Impact Relief Development Organization
89. Institute for Economic and Accountancy

90. Institute for Social Policy and Research
91. Integrated Community Development Agency Service
92. Integrated Effort for Community Development
93. Islamic Women Association
94. Institute for Social and Policy Research
95. Itwak Women Group
96. Jonglei Students Drama Club
97. Justice and Peace
98. Kaikai Women Development and Youth Association
99. Kere-Gbaya Association
100. Kind United for Education And Community's Health Organization
101. Kueng Community Development Agency
102. Lafon County Peace Makers Network
103. Lafon Youth Peace Network
104. Lakes State Young Women Entrepreneurs
105. Law Awareness Group
106. Light South Sudan Organization
107. Liwolo Women Development Association
108. Location of State Women and Youth Organization
109. Lozoh Women Development Organization
110. Lukluk Women Self Support
111. Machar Kunyuk Society
112. Mada Women Development-South Sudan
113. Maridi Service Agency
114. Matmedia Sudan Society
115. Moonlight Development Organization
116. Mother and Child Care Organization
117. Mubadiroon Organization For Future Generation
118. National Disable Organization
119. National Rehabilitation and Development Corps
120. National Relief and Development Corps
121. National Women Empowerment and Rehabilitation Organization
122. National Youth Dialogue Platform
123. New Initiative for Community Education
124. New Page for Peace Development
125. New Sudan Women Federation
126. Nile Hope Development Forum
127. NiRA
128. Nzara Community Development Association
129. Nzara United Youth for Peace and Development
130. Okay Africa Foundation
131. Organization for Nonviolence and Development
132. Organizational Development Consultancy Agency South Sudan
133. Orphans Care Organization Agency
134. Paliet Aduangtok Community Empowerment and Development Agency

135. Peace Development and Collaborative Organisation
136. Pearl for Peace and Development Organization
137. Prime Africa Organization
138. Purpose Service Foundation
139. Quick and Emergency Response for War Wounded
140. Relief Aid for Disaster Reduction Agency
141. Remembering the One We Lost
142. Revival Miracle Healing Centre International Church
143. Rural Agriculture Development Organization
144. Rural and Urban Areas Youth Development Agency
145. Rural Community Network Organization
146. Save Community Foundation
147. Self Help Women Development Association
148. Skill for Peace And Development
149. Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
150. Solidarity Women Organization
151. South Sudan Action Network on Small Arms
152. South Sudan Development Agency
153. South Sudan Domestic Election And Monitoring Program
154. South Sudan Health Environment Developmental Programs
155. South Sudan Human Rights Society for Advocacy
156. South Sudan Land Alliance
157. South Sudan Law Society
158. South Sudan Peace Coalition
159. South Sudan Rural Development Initiative
160. South Sudan Women Voice for Good Leadership
161. South Sudan Youth Association for Peace and Development
162. South Sudan Youth Forum on the High Level Revitalization Forum
163. South Sudan Youth Initiative for Change
164. Soweto Community Based Organisation
165. St. Mary Association
166. St. Monica Agency for Peace & Development
167. Standard Action Liaison Focus
168. Sudanese Women Action Network
169. Support for Peace And Education Development Program
170. Support Peace Initiative and Development Organization
171. Sustainability of Women Living Positive
172. Teen Confront Organization
173. The Children Foundation Centre
174. Torit Youth Voice
175. Union of Persons with Disability
176. Unist Charitable Organization
177. United Bahr El Ghazal Development Agency
178. Unity Cultural and Development Centre
179. Unity State Human Right Education
180. Universal Intervention And Development Organization

181. Upper Nile Youth Development Association
182. Upper Nile Youth Mobilization For People And Development Agency
183. Voice for Change
184. Voice of Women for Peace and Faith
185. Wake Up Women Development Association
186. War Widows & Orphan Association
187. Warrap Agriculture Development Agency
188. Widows and Orphans' Development Agency
189. Women Aid Vision
190. Women and Youth Development Agency
191. Women and Youth in Peace Building Association
192. Women Can Do It Organization
193. Women Care Organization
194. Women Development Group
195. Women Empowerment Group
196. Women for Change Association
197. Women for Enhancing Peace And Development
198. Women in Development and Recover Group
199. Women Initiative for Development
200. Women Monthly Forum
201. Women Organization for Training and Promotion
202. Yellow Page Organisation
203. Youth Empowerment Service
204. Young Men Christian Association
205. Young Women Christian Association
206. Youth Empowerment Service
207. Youth Friendly Service Association
208. Youth Initiative for Development Organization
209. Youth Technology and Development Organization