



**The United Citizens for Change (UCC)**

**The People's Coalition for Civil Action (PCCA),  
All South Sudanese Civil Society Organizations,  
All Non-violent Political Organisations,**

**Date: Thursday August 12, 2021**

Dear compatriots,

**Subject: A Call for formation of a Grand Coalition for Civil Action**

It is with an honour that we extend to you, the entire membership for peaceful regime change, a call to unify our energies in a run up for a nationwide action against the current autocratic and totalitarian government in South Sudan.

This endeavour is in favour of the establishment of a unified coalition from all the existing civil and political organisations, for a popular peaceful uprising for democratic change in South Sudan. We also think the endeavour is an important pillar that shall double up our people's strength in achieving freedom, justice, equality, good governance and prosperity for our nation.

The above values are inherent, and still remain a dream for most South Sudanese who took up arms to fight for an independent country. They undoubtedly still remain a dream that must be pursued with dedication and high level of commitment in order to realise them.

The regime in Juba has not made efforts to make these values a reality for all the citizens. Lack of efforts by the government to shoulder responsibility in realizing these aspirations for our people; and her current engagement in blatant corruption prompted many existing organisations to seek by various means the regime change in the country. The citizens' peaceful uprising must happen. It must happen now. Therefore, we have no reason under the sun not to put aside everything else and come together to form a grand coalition to bring all the small groups into a single grand force to smash down the kleptocratic regime in Juba.

We cannot afford to let the manner the power-hungry leadership in the ruling party, which let down our people continue whatsoever. The peaceful forces for change must collectively work together for a better country. We can work together to facilitate the rest of the nation in silence who are enduring the pain of being let down in silence. The majority of our people are in silence, and they want a platform to communicate their wishes, while feeling well encouraged by the strength ushered in by the coalition partnership, and we can afford it.

The grand coalition shall greatly and positively contribute to reviving the spirit of national unity and usher in a long-lasting democratic South Sudan; where citizens enjoy sense of equality, prosperity and freedom. It will and shall afford us concerted energy and boost confidence in citizens' ability to bring their government to account at the present time of the struggle and post-J1 regime period. This is a reality that we should live to cherish as we will and shall see the people's action translated into a reality that they want.

Last but not the least, the desired unified peaceful force for change would seek to bring on board all political organisations that believe in bringing change through non-violent approach and civil society organisations together for common action.

By establishing a nationwide **Grand Coalition for Civil Action**, which will provide a platform for the discouraged and the destitute multitudes in the country, in the displacement and the refugee camps internally and externally in the neighbouring countries. Nationally unified forces will rekindle our people's hopes, boost their spirits and inspire them once again; and create the opportunity to strive to achieve the vision, for the new nation with hopes for freedom and prosperity, snatched away from them by the wars perpetrated by the kleptocrats in J1.

### **The purpose of Grand National Coalition for Civil Action for Change**

The purpose of Grand Coalition for Civic Action for Change is to provide a common platform for the nation to rally behind the national call for peaceful change under the banner of a nationwide coalition for the regime change and establishment of a democratic system in the country. For this to be achieved, all those who believe in peaceful popular uprising would purposefully embrace this platform to form people-centred efforts and apply a concerted orientation facilitating the fall of the current government of South Sudan in Juba.

The proposed platform shall also seek to create a point of consensus for all peaceful entities inside and outside the country to inspire and provide a mechanism for the change-makers to exercise their wishes for democratic, transparent governance and build a peaceful country. Moreover, it shall also establish a platform for citizen-to-citizen engagement and create the atmosphere of change that they want for their country. And to translate the resolutions of the National Dialogue into actions to better suits the state of South Sudan.

### **Backgrounds**

The different civil societies and political organisations appalled by the state of affairs in South Sudan had been working in isolation from each other, as they endeavour to remedy the undesired situation in South Sudan. Their efforts have gone into years spent labouring to end the unwanted situation. But these efforts have not yielded a meaningful result because they were exerted or

conducted individually and in isolation from each other. This has in effect prolonged the suffering of the citizens to the benefits of the unjust government and its continuity. It is now apparent that our efforts to end the unjust government must be brought to a single body, so that the citizens are freed from all forms of oppressive and abusive manner they have been subjected to in the last sixteen (16) years of the SPLM rule.

It is apparent that every entity involved in the quest for change has never desired unjust government remains in power or allowed to continue. Time has come for change and the nation is gaining a momentum towards this cause. We see this momentum and energy for change on social media, in the Universities, in the eyes of civil servants, in the marketplaces and everywhere across the country.

If such huge energy is allowed to die without being used for the change the people want, as a result of our failure to realise consensus and unity, it might result into diminishing the might and the strength of the citizens to bring about the desired change. However, if our various groups form a nationwide Grand Coalition for change and work together for common objectives, the coalition will grow the momentum in their strength to topple the regime and be prepared to hold their future government accountable.

The citizens are more likely to rally behind the coalition and make use of the mechanism providing a platform for inspiring and rekindling courage in them to stand up in the face of this ruthless regime. We can together bring down this kleptocratic regime.

If these efforts of the citizens are not aggregated and use for the furtherance of inspiration, it will turn, in the long run into a general malaise and apathy. This will be worse than the institutionalisation of oppression and the current abuses by the regime against our people.

## **Solution**

A solution to the current woes afflicting South Sudanese is to remove this unjust government in J1, Juba. But a successful dethroning of this unjust system requires the peaceful forces for regime change to establish coordinated and concerted efforts to topple it. This means that the forces of peaceful popular uprising need to form a formidable alliance, a coalition for organising rallies for popular uprising across the country. The focus shall be in the City of Juba where the desire for people's action for freedom and a prosperous nation would be realised.

The ground is fertile for this to happen but the leaders of various groups must put aside some of their concerns and forge unity demonstrating oneness of the people. With this move start with you the leaders of different peaceful organisations representing the force of change. This step of leadership shall, in turn, inspire the masses for the same goal.

The proposed grand nationwide coalition would not only inspire, but it will motivate the appreciation for the coordinated and concerted efforts capable of bringing the current and the future government to account. The result would be a better future and a democratic South Sudan. Furthermore, it would secure active participation of the citizens in governance and boost their inter-connectedness as one people with one destiny. The result that shall emerge will be likely the empowerment of citizens and realization of a progressive nation.

## **Vision**

Rallied citizens and unite them for a progressive South Sudan, with significant abilities to wield the change they desire and a set platform for rebuilding the country led by result-oriented leadership; and enabled a more active participatory platform for South Sudanese.

## **Mission**

To facilitate peaceful popular uprising through rallies, marches and protests across the country, and set the ground for the reform in governance in post-change era.

## **Objectives**

The coalition would address itself to the following objectives.

- To create working relationship among the coalition partners and fully realize this by the end of September 2021.
- To develop action plans and resorts available for the coalition by the end of October 2021.
- To work hand in hand with the coalition partners to popularise uprising and protests against bad governance at least by the end of November 2021.
- To attract more people who are sympathetic with peaceful change at least by the end of the 2021.
- Fundraise for the uprising.
- Creating an environment where citizens collectively take responsibility to bring to account the corrupt leaders at least by 2021.
- Developing mechanisms for working around in case the regime counter peoples' moves.
- Create a national dialogue between various groups which believes in different approaches to the desired change: the groups that believe in violent option, the groups that believe in succession or disintegration, and the groups that believe in non-violent and popular uprising approach, with the aim of reaching a national consensus on a united front for change. This is necessary to be achieved prior to the D-Day.

## **Funding and budget**

There should be only rallies facilitation and communication costs. Thus, there is a need for a Grand Coalition to identify a funding sources and a method for fundraising and developed communication channels with entities identified.

## **Conclusion**

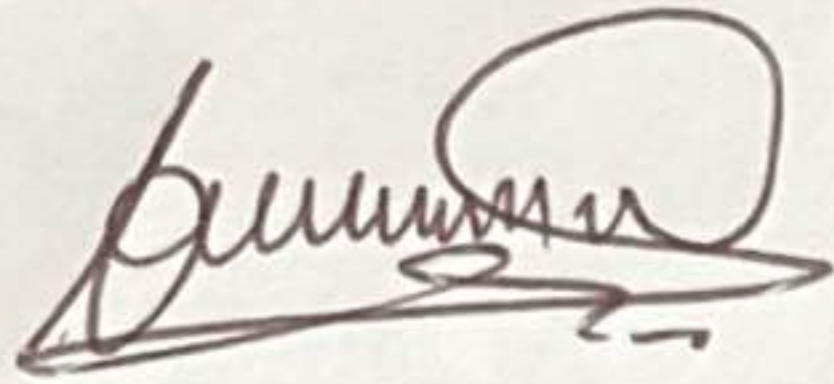
This proposed Grand Coalition would effectively boost the nation needs for change and reform. It shall bring to a successful end the 2<sup>nd</sup> liberation quest which turned unjust and oppressive and empower the South Sudanese to change the status quo; including establishing effective people-

centred government, capable of responding to the needs of our citizens while treating them with respect and dignity.

It will put to end extrajudicial killings and displacement and wars in South Sudan. The change shall aim at inspiring and job creations and viable mechanism for self-employment for the unemployed amongst many other things. This proposal and call for a nationwide Grand Coalition for change expects to inspire confidence in ourselves as one people capable of bringing solution to our problems. In a nutshell, it will reaffirm our interconnections and uphold unity in diversity recognises the various stakeholders in the nation and unite them for the common purpose.

Lastly, it will give our people a united country as a successful nation for every citizen's pride.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wol Deng Atak', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Wol Deng Atak,

Chairperson,

The United Citizens for Change (UCC)

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