



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

22nd RJMEC Meeting

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 02 June 2022
Juba, South Sudan**

The 22nd meeting of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC) convened in Juba, South Sudan, on 02 June 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 Nawani Martin, (ITGoNU)
4. Hon. Sandra Bona Malwal (SPLM/A-IO)
5. Hon. Joseph Malwal Dong (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Mr. Malong Thiik Riny (SSOA)
7. Maj. Gen. Bion Don Leek (FDs)
8. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Hon. Charles M. Jongo (Faith-based leader)
2. Mr. Dabek Mabior Arok (CSO Alliance)
3. Dr. Angelina M. Bazugba (Academia)

4. Prof. Moses Macar Kacuol (Eminent Personality)
5. Ms. Caroline Kibos (Youth)
6. Ms. Mary Ajith Goch (CSO Forum)
7. Ms. Yar Manoa Majok (Business Comm)
8. Ms. Abuk Jervas Makuac (Business Comm)
9. Ms. Tabitha Manibe (Women's Coalition)

For the Regional Guarantors:

1. Mr. Gamal Goraish (Sudan)
2. H.E. Nebil Mahdi (Ethiopia)
3. Mr. John Nyaga (Kenya)
4. Mr. Lutendo Ratshibaya (South Africa)
5. Mr. Kataps Gaius Keafon (Nigeria)
6. Dr. Aleu Garang (IGAD Juba Liaison Office)

For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:

1. Mr. Hou Xiangyu (China)
2. H.E Siv Kaspersen (Norway)
3. H.E Jonny Baxter (UK)
4. Mr. Nicholas Haysom (UNMISS)
5. Mr. Dionjz Hocker (EU)
6. Mr. Erich Cipton (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. Ustaz Stephen Wiw Bichiok, Head of Secretariat NTC
3. Lt. Gen. Asrat Denelo Amad, Chairperson CTSAMVM
4. Maj. Gen. Saeed Mohamed Elshiekh, Deputy Chairperson CTSAMVM
5. Gen. Santino Deng Wol, Chairperson JDB
6. Lt. Gen. Gabriel Duop Lam, Co-Chair, JDB
7. Lt. Gen. Garang Ayii Akol, Co-Chair JDB
8. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol, Head of JDB Secretariat.

9. Hon. Angelina Teny, Chairperson, SDSR Board
10. Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission
11. Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, Deputy Chairperson DDR Commission
12. Mr. Wilson Lual Lual, Head of Secretariat DDR Commission
13. Lt. Gen. Wesley Walebe Samsom, Chair JTSC
14. Lt. Gen. Dr. Olaw Adiang, Head of JSTC Secretariat
15. Lt. Gen. Koang Gatkuoth Kerjok, Chairperson JMCC
16. Maj. Gen. Kulang Mayen Kulang, Co-Chair JMCC

Observers

1. Mr. Xavier Verjus-Renard (France)
2. Mr. Ahmed Tawfek (Egypt)
3. Ms. Riko Kato (Japan)
4. H.E. Tobias Eichner (Germany)
5. Ms. Riko Kato (Japan)
6. H.E. Erdem Mutaf (Turkey)
7. Mr. Georg Stein (Switzerland)
8. Mr. Joachim Waern (Sweden)

The 22nd RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

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

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS DSRSG, 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 Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs who replaced the current Speaker of the TNLA as a member of RJMEC, as well as the return of the NCAC to RJMEC meetings following the extension of its mandate for eight months to complete its pending tasks;

2. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his detailed chapter by chapter assessment of the critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;
3. **Appreciated** Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the RTGoNU for his briefing on the ongoing drafting of an RTGoNU roadmap on the way forward, as well as his commitment to present to the RJMEC at an extraordinary session once it is endorsed by the RTGoNU. In this regard, **welcomed** the Minister's commitment to use the RJMEC status of implementation of the R-ARCSS assessment report as a basis for the development of the roadmap;
4. **Congratulated** the Interim Chairperson of RJMEC, H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai upon his appointment as Ambassador by the Government of the Republic of Kenya, and **welcomed** his continued service as Interim Chairperson of RJMEC;
5. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, the UNMISS SRSG, for his briefing, and all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDRS, JTSC, JMCC and DDR Commission for their reports, **took note** of the progress or lack thereof, including the challenges and recommendations . In this regard, it **urged** all mechanisms to submit written reports in advance of all RJMEC monthly meetings;
6. **Welcomed** all the progress made in the implementation of the R-ARCSS since the last RJMEC plenary, including the enactment by the Reconstituted Transitional National Legislative Assembly (RTNLA) of the Constitutional Amendment Bill No.10 which paves the way for the enactment of the SSPDF Act (Amendment) Bill 2022; the Political Parties Act (Amendment) Bill 2022; the successful unification of the high command of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) as well as the commencement of the public consultations for the establishment of the Commission for Truth Reconciliation and Healing;
7. **Took note** of the reservations raised by some Parties on the changes introduced by the RTNLA on the enacted Political Parties Amendment Bill 2022 and **called for** further consultations between the NCAC and the RTNLA on this matter. Further **called for** expeditious enactment of the pending bills before the reconstituted TNL, especially the Constitution-Making Process Bill 2022;

8. **Further commended** the RTGoNU and Parties on these positive steps taken in the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, the Agreement on the Unification of Command and **appealed** for more progress to be made. In this regard, **requested** the NTC to avail the necessary resources to the JDB to enable immediate graduation and redeployment of the unified forces as well as to the DDR Commission for continued implementation of the pending Transitional Security Arrangements;
9. **Took note** of the progress that has been made towards the imminent establishment of the *ad hoc* Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) which is set to commence work in mid-June 2022, **commended** IGAD and the international partners for their support to both NCAC and JRC operations and **appealed** to both RTGoNU and IGAD to expedite the establishment of the *ad hoc* Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) to commence its critical tasks. In this regard, **took note** of the report of the Chairperson of the NCAC of funding challenges to national members of the NCAC and **appealed** to the NTC and all peace partners to provide support to facilitate the work of both JRC and NCAC;
10. **Noted with concern** the long list of critical pending Agreement tasks as enumerated by the Interim Chairperson of RJMEC with missed timelines, urged the TNL to expedite enactment of the bills pending before it in accordance with the Agreement and **reiterated** its appeal to the RTGoNU, to fast-track development of its strategy for implementing all the critical outstanding tasks;
11. **Condemned** the reported continuous occupation of some civilian centers by SSPDF and SPLA-IO, the recent denial of access to CTSAMVM, attacks by the SSPDF on SPLA-IO forces in Upper Nile and Unity States;
12. **Further condemned** Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Mir Mir, Koch and Leer Counties in Unity State, including the deaths of unspecified number of people, destruction of property and displacement of civilians as reported by CTSAMVM and **urged** the RTGoNU to take steps to hold accountable the perpetrators of these violations and to put in place urgent measures to prevent recurrence;
13. **Noted with concern** the reported incidents of violence involving the youth and the SSPDF in Kajo Keji County, as well as attacks attributed to SSOMA (NAS) forces in the Equatorias. In this regard, it welcomed the assurance by the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs that the Kajo Keji incident is being

investigated and a report will be provided to the RJMEC. In this regard **reiterated** its appeal to SSOMA (NAS) to adhere to its commitments to the Rome Resolutions and Declaration and continue to dialogue for a political solution to the conflict;

14. **Regretted** that funding remains a big challenge to all institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement, including for implementation of critical pending tasks, and **appealed** to the RTGoNU to provide predictable resources for continued implementation of the Agreement and **further appealed** to the regional and international partners and friends of South Sudan to provide additional support to the implementation of the R-ARCSS;
15. **Agreed** that the date for the next RJMEC meeting will be on 21 July 2022; and
16. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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