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Your Excellency

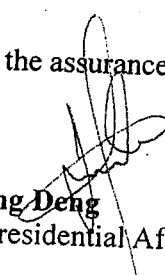
Re: Functions & Duties of the GoSS Ministries

Find herewith Presidential Decree No. 101/2008 relating to the Functions and Duties of the GoSS Ministries. Also find enclosed a document containing the functions and duties of the Office of GOSS President and Ministries as referred to in the decree.

In light of this decree, the names of all GOSS Ministries, including the titles of Ministers shall be in conformity with what appears in the enclosed document.

This is forwarded for your perusal and necessary action.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.


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Speaker, SSLA

President of Southern Sudan Supreme Court

Governors- Southern Sudan States



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN

Functions of the President

1. The President of the Government of Southern Sudan is the head of the Government of Southern Sudan and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sudan People's Liberation Army. He or she represents the will of the people, and shall exercise the powers vested in the office of the President of the Government of Southern Sudan by the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan and the Interim National Constitution.
2. The President of the Government of Southern Sudan shall, inter alia, perform the following functions:
 - a. Serve as First Vice President of the Republic of the Sudan in the circumstances set forth in Article 62(1) of the Interim National Constitution;
 - b. Preserve the security of Southern Sudan and protect its territorial integrity;
 - c. Supervise constitutional executive institutions and provide exemplary leadership in public affairs in Southern Sudan and the Republic of the Sudan;
 - d. Appoint holders of constitutional and judicial posts in accordance with the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan and the law;
 - e. Preside over the Southern Sudan Council of Ministers;
 - f. Request, pursuant to Article 199(2) of the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan, the President of the Republic to declare a state of emergency in Southern Sudan or any part thereof;
 - g. Initiate constitutional amendments and legislations and assent to bills passed by the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly by signing such bills into law;
 - h. Summon, adjourn or prorogue the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly in consultation with the Speaker of the Assembly;
 - i. Confirm death sentences, grant pardons, and remit convictions or penalties according to the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan and the laws of Southern Sudan;

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- j. Appoint his or her Advisors;
- k. Appoint ad hoc Committees and Commissions;
- l. Confer honours;
- m. Generally represent the Government and people of Southern Sudan;
- n. Create, reorganize and disband Ministries, Commissions and other administrative units of the Government of Southern Sudan and assign their functions and duties;
- o. Appoint Ministers, Chairpersons of Commissions, and Heads of other administrative units together with their senior-most public servants;
- p. Oversee the administration of the decentralized system of government in Southern Sudan; and
- q. Perform any other function as may be prescribed by law;

Functions of the Vice President

- 3. The Vice President of the Government of Southern Sudan shall, inter alia, perform the following functions:
 - a. Act as the President in the absence of the President of the Government of Southern Sudan;
 - b. Be a member of the Southern Sudan Council of Ministers;
 - c. Be a member of the Southern Sudan Security Committee; and
 - d. Perform any other functions or duties that may be assigned to him or her by the President of the Government of Southern Sudan.

Functions of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs in the Office of the President

- 4. Support the President's and Vice President's offices to discharge and perform their respective functions and duties as provided for in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan, the Interim National Constitution and the law;
- 5. Oversee and monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace agreement and prepare briefings on the same;
- 6. Ensure the development and monitoring of strategic policies on matters of public interest and of priority to the President, in collaboration with other relevant Ministries or institutions;
- 7. Initiate position papers, and support public dialogue and consensus building on issues that affect the interests of the people of Southern Sudan;

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8. Assist the President to take decisions on policy matters and other issues of public interest or strategic importance;
9. Advise the President on appropriate structures for the delivery of strategic, inter-ministerial cross-cutting programmes;
10. Assist the President to oversee the administration of the decentralised system of governance to ensure adherence to the principles of harmonious and collaborative inter-governmental linkages and interactions by all levels of government;
11. Ensure effective coordination between the Office of the President and the Presidency of the Government of National Unity, GOSS Commissions, the States of Southern Sudan and other GOSS institutions;
12. Oversee the implementation of special programmes and projects for the President in collaboration with the relevant institutions;
13. Ensure the development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy for the President and Vice President;
14. Liaise with Presidential Advisors, Ministers of the Government of Southern Sudan and State Governors as required by the President;
15. Ensure effective coordination of Southern Sudan disaster management strategies and programmes;
16. Manage matters of protocol concerning the President and Vice President;
17. Provide security and protection to the President and Vice President and other VIPs in collaboration with other concerned agencies;
18. Provide support to special Committees appointed by the President to enable them to carry out their tasks efficiently;
19. Oversee the preparation of the annual budget for the Office of the President of the Government of Southern Sudan and ensure the maintenance of proper accounts of expenditure; and
20. Facilitate the formulation of the national vision, establish and coordinate its implementation in consultation with the relevant institutions.

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MINISTRY OF CABINET AFFAIRS

Functions and Duties:

1. Manage the organization and coordination of Government Business;
2. Provide administrative and secretarial support to the Council of Ministers and its sectoral sub-committees;
3. Undertake executive activities to support the Council of Ministers of the GOSS to fulfill its constitutional duties;
4. Follow up the executions of the resolutions and directives of the Council of Ministers of GOSS;
5. Undertake documentation and communication of the resolutions of the Council of Ministers of the GOSS to relevant bodies and individuals;
6. Compilation of data and reports from GOSS Ministries for presentation to the Council of Ministers;
7. Prepare draft agendas for the Council of Ministers meetings;
8. Collect review and distribute materials for Council of Ministers meetings;
9. Record the deliberations of Council of Ministers meetings;
10. Coordinate the follow-up of Council of Ministers meetings decisions;
11. Maintain the archives of the Council of Ministers meetings;
12. Administer the emoluments of the President, Vice President, Presidential Advisors, Ministers, Constitutional Post-Holders and Chairpersons of Commissions;
13. Manage the GOSS Khartoum Liaison Office and maintain operational linkages with the Government of National Unity; and
14. Arrange payments of emoluments and privileges of the President, Vice-President, Presidential Advisors, Ministers and other constitutional post holders during and after their relief from office.

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MINISTRY OF SPLA AFFAIRS

Functions and Duties:

1. Undertake the defense of the people of Southern Sudan under the direction of the Government of Southern Sudan;
2. Protect the borders of Southern Sudan;
3. To protect the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and guarantee peace and security to the people of Southern Sudan;
4. Develop and implement the defense policies and strategies of the Government of Southern Sudan and the SPLA;
5. Organise, develop, guide and manage the transformation of the SPLA into a regular, professional, non-partisan modern army that is appropriate, adequate, affordable and operationally effective;
6. Define the role, size, organisation and resource requirements of the SPLA and create the foundations for its long term development;
7. Provide forces to the Joint Integrated Units;
8. Assist the Police and other security forces with the maintenance of law and order;
9. Prepare the budget for the SPLA and manage and account for its implementation and expenditures;
10. Procure equipment for the SPLA within the approved budget;
11. Provide training for the SPLA through established training institutes in Sudan and abroad;
12. Assist civil authorities to combat civil and natural disasters;
13. Assist the development of Southern Sudan through the deployment of the engineering and construction resources of the SPLA;
14. Provide secretarial support to the Southern Sudan Defense Council; and
15. Facilitate regular reporting and routine briefings of the President by the SPLA, and flow of information between the President and the SPLA and security services.

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MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Functions and Duties:

1. Provide the legal framework to ensure law and order is maintained, respected and promoted in Southern Sudan;
2. Ensure that rights set forth in the CPA and Interim Constitution and other governing documents are respected and promoted;
3. Serve as the prosecuting authority at all levels of the Government of Southern Sudan and perform other functions of a legal nature as prescribed by Law;
4. Draw up and pursue and recommend approval of such agreements, contracts and documents to which the GOSS is party;
5. Advise the GOSS on all types of legal matters to achieve justice for all in Southern Sudan;
6. Drafting and vetting of agreements, including the study and preparation of draft laws and agreements for presentation to the GOSS;
7. Advising GOSS organs and state governments on disputes and adjudicating on the civil suits that may arise among them;
8. Provision of legal counseling to the GOSS and undertake matters of legal nature on its behalf;
9. Provide all legal services to the GOSS, including civil litigation;
10. Draft or assist the drafting of legislation for GOSS and the States;
11. Advise GOSS on all matters relating to the legal profession;
12. Advise GOSS on the provisions and interpretation of the Interim Constitution for Southern Sudan;
13. Make recommendations on any amendments or other changes to the Interim Constitution;
14. Incorporate and register commercial and industrial businesses;
15. Registration of copyrights; and
16. Registration of:
 - Adoptions
 - Books and Newspapers
 - Societies

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Building Societies
Business Names
Companies
Marriages
Trade Unions
Others as specified by law

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MINISTRY OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

Functions and Duties:

1. Advise the President, the Council of Ministers and the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly on diplomatic issues;
2. Act on behalf of GOSS to establish, develop and maintain good relations and co-operation with foreign governments;
3. Represent the needs and policies of the Government of Southern Sudan to other nations and international organizations;
4. Open and manage GOSS Liaison Offices in selected countries outside Sudan;
5. Develop and coordinate plans and policies pertaining to international support for GOSS;
6. Undertake, in collaboration with the GOSS Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and other ministries and commissions, negotiations with foreign governments and international agencies for financing agreements with donor organizations;
7. In coordination with relevant implementing government authorities, follow up agreements made between the GOSS and foreign governments and agencies;
8. Develop and coordinate policies and programmes pertaining to international support in the field of humanitarian relief and rehabilitation;
9. Receive Heads of States and other foreign dignitaries and coordinate their programmes and provide protocol services while in Southern Sudan; and
10. Establish and maintain a system for regular liaison meetings and reporting with foreign consulates in Juba, UN Agencies, foreign government agencies and international non-governmental organizations.

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MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Functions and Duties:

1. Ensure and maintain Southern Sudan domestic and border security;
2. Coordinate the duties and actions of the Southern Sudan police, prison and civil defense services;
3. Prepare and then implement enabling legislation for the operation of the police, prison and civil defense services;
4. Set common minimum standards for the recruitment, operation and equipment of police, prisons and civil defense services throughout Southern Sudan;
5. Develop and oversee the implementation of strategic policies and action plans for the three internal services of Southern Sudan;
6. **Develop strategic policies to combat, prevent, investigate and detect crime and to maintain law and order;****
7. Formulate policy for training the Southern Sudan police, prison and civil defense services and set standards and curriculum for their training;
8. Liaise with regional and international police organizations on the prevention and investigation of crimes of piracy, terrorism, human trafficking, arms proliferation, narcotics, money laundering and cyber crime;
9. **Registration and control of the movement of foreign refugees and Sudanese internally displaced persons;****
10. Coordinate and monitor the activities of all international agencies dealing with refugees and IDPs;
11. Regulate the issuance of Travel Permits by Sudan embassies for aliens with proven contracts in Southern Sudan;
12. **Issue fire-arms licenses;****
13. Regulate, license and supervise the operation of private security firms in Southern Sudan;
14. **Develop programmes to address juvenile crime and establish centres to accommodate juvenile criminals;**
15. **Establish and maintain a data base on crime statistics and other related information;**
16. **Issue vehicle log-books and driving-licenses;**** and
17. Coordinate with other Government agencies to effectively respond to man-made and natural disasters;

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Functions and Duties

1. Establish an inclusive, impartial, responsive and efficient Public Service for the Government of Southern Sudan;
2. Manage the Public Service in a manner consistent with Southern Sudanese priorities, values and cost effective service delivery;
3. Determine, in collaboration with relevant government Ministries and institutions, organizational and structural changes needed to improve the efficiency, affordability and effectiveness of the Public Service and make recommendation to the Council of Ministers on such changes;
4. Oversee the formulation, review and implementation of GOSS Public Service, Labour, and Pension Laws and Regulations for Southern Sudan;
5. Undertake and oversee the appointment, conditions of service, promotion, discipline and termination of GOSS Public Service personnel;
6. Establish and maintain a human resource data base of the GOSS public service;
7. Establish and manage the GOSS public service payroll;
8. Prepare, vet and approve the proposed personnel budgets (works pay, salaries and allowances) of all Ministries and public institutions of the GOSS in accordance with government policy and coordinate the same with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.
9. Develop policy and standard practice for GOSS filing systems and record keeping;
10. Develop, and execute as appropriate, a GOSS capacity building and training strategy for the public service through addressing and coordinating cross-cutting issues related to capacity building and training;
11. Oversee and coordinate all training activities in the GOSS public service to ensure efficient and effective training programmes that meet identified needs are implemented;
12. **Safeguard the interests of employers and workers and protect workers from exploitation through the implementation of labour and employment laws and subordinate legislation;****
13. **Establish and oversee arrangements for the reconciliation and redress of work place disputes;****

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14. Formulate regulations for and supervise the formation of all workers' trade unions;
15. Oversee the operation of GOSS vocational training centres;
16. Ensure the participation of women in the public service to the mandatory level stipulated in the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan;
17. Provide technical assistance and other support to the States and local governments in order to enhance the performance of their public services;
18. Regulate the employment of aliens and to issue work permits; and
19. Manage the public service pension fund for the benefit of public servants.

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MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Functions and Duties:

1. Develop policies to strengthen the delivery and monitoring of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly programme
2. Coordinate legislature relationship between the Cabinet of the GOSS and the Legislative Assembly of Southern Sudan to ensure fulfillment of schedules in accordance with the constitution.
3. Ensure procedures are in place to facilitate linkages and co-ordination between GOSS, the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly and State Assemblies.
4. Serve as a liaison between GOSS and the Legislative Assembly on matters of parliamentary affairs
5. Channel government bills to the Legislative Assembly for deliberation
6. Strengthen democracy, good governance and the multi-party democracy in Southern Sudan
7. Brief government ministers and ministries on matters raised within the Legislative Assembly that require a government response
8. Build the capacity of the Legislative Assembly to fulfill its mandate.
9. Follow-up implementation of legislative resolutions with relevant institutions

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

Functions and Duties:

1. Develop and implement appropriate legislation and regulations, including those for Public Financial Management, Tax and Revenue Collection, Procurement and other legislation as required;
2. Develop and execute sound economic, fiscal and investment policies for Southern Sudan;
3. Develop and implement a sound public financial management system for Southern Sudan and manage the GoSS Consolidated Fund;
4. Develop and execute revenue policy for taxes and other sources of revenue within the purview of GOSS;
5. Collect tax revenues within the purview of GOSS;
6. Ensure remittance of GOSS non-tax revenues collected by other GoSS institutions to the Consolidated Fund;
7. Liaise with Government of National Unity and States on harmonised tax policy & administration across the levels of Government;
8. Monitor the disbursement of the Southern Sudan share of oil revenues received from the Government of National Unity;
9. Agree policies with GoNU for management & drawn down from the Oil Revenue Stabilisation Account;
10. Develop and execute a reserve management policy for the Government of Southern of Sudan;
11. Macroeconomic forecasting and identification of GOSS resource availability to finance the annual budget & medium term expenditure framework;
12. Coordinate the GOSS short, medium and long-term planning process to develop a prioritized development framework for GOSS;
13. Coordinate the preparation of the annual GOSS Budget and medium term expenditure framework, and manage their implementation;
14. Sanction all GOSS expenditure payments in conformity with the approved Annual Budget & oversee the disbursement of all GOSS expenditures from the Consolidated Fund;
15. Appraise all development projects and programmes requiring financial contributions from GOSS prior to their approval and financing
16. Develop and execute GOSS policies on aid co-ordination

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17. Coordinate and approve external donor financing programmes, monitoring their implementation and evaluating their impact;
18. Evaluate, approve, and manage all external loans to GOSS;
19. Manage the disbursement of all donor grants and maintain a central database of all external aid financing to GOSS (grants and loans), and reflect donor support and external debt in the GOSS annual budget
20. Implement rigorous procurement policies, regulations and procedures and ensure compliance throughout GOSS through capacity building;
21. Approve all contracts made under the procurement regulations, monitor all associated obligations and payments and maintain a register of GOSS contracts;
22. Oversee and build the capacity of the internal audit function throughout GOSS;
23. Produce monthly GOSS budget execution reports and GOSS accounts on a quarterly, semi-annual and annual basis;
24. Oversee and build the capacity of accounting units in all spending agencies of GOSS;
25. Jointly with the Southern Sudan Fiscal and Financial Allocation and Monitoring Commission, set allocation policies for inter-governmental fiscal transfers, manage their disbursement, monitor their utilization and ensure accountability at the State level;
26. Coordinate GOSS inputs to the Sudan Donors Consortium
27. Act as the custodian of GOSS assets and property and maintain a central assets register; and
28. Provide technical assistance and training to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for financial management, accounting and audit and planning functions and other such matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Functions and Duties:

1. Establish and oversee the implementation of the legal framework and regulations for the development of the transport network of Southern Sudan;
2. Develop and execute an integrated transport strategy for Southern Sudan;
3. Develop and oversee specific strategies for the development of road, air, rail and river transport;
4. Develop road construction standards and specifications and maintenance regimes on all classifications of roads throughout Southern Sudan;
5. Draw-up and maintain a system of road classification for all public roads in Southern Sudan;
6. Design, construct and maintain all roads classified as *International and Inter-State roads*;
7. Oversee the operation of the Southern Sudan Roads Authority;
8. Oversee the standards of construction of roads constructed by States and local governments;
9. **Implement and manage the construction of roads on behalf of States and local governments until such time as the relevant government unit has the capacity to undertake such functions independently;****
10. **Design, construct and maintain river ports, docking yards and navigation channels;****
11. License and regulate all commercial river transport operators;
12. Develop railways standards and specifications, design, construct, supervise and monitor the development of railway lines and operations;
13. Operate, manage and develop international and national airports in Southern Sudan;
14. **Manage all other airports and airstrips until such time as State governments have the capacity to undertake this responsibility;****
15. Establish and implement standards for the operation of commercial airlines and aircraft operating in Southern Sudan;
16. **Carry out training of drivers, mechanics and operators for the efficient control and management of public vehicles;****

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17. Maintain an inventory of government vehicles;
18. **Regulate privately-owned public transport services through licencing and inspection;****
19. Registration of road, rail, river and aeronautical engineers carrying out business in Southern Sudan; and
20. Provide technical assistance and training to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for road construction and other transportation matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate legislation, policies, standards and plans for the development of agriculture and forestry in Southern Sudan;
2. Prevention of environment degradation through tree planting, soil and water conservation and proper utilization of agricultural land;
3. Promotion of the sustainable use of natural resources for agricultural and forestry production including non-timber forest products;
4. Human resource training in the field of agriculture and forestry;
5. Promote the development and adaptation of appropriate technology in the field of agriculture and forestry;
6. Create a national food policy to ensure adequate food availability throughout Southern Sudan;
7. **Establish and manage an effective agricultural extension service;****
8. **Promote and where necessary regulate the efficient production and marketing of agriculture and forest products;****
9. Develop and implement a forestry development strategy for Southern Sudan;
10. **Promote community-based forestry conservation, management and utilization to ensure sustainable forestry production;****
11. **Issue licenses to fell and/or export timber;****
12. Collect agricultural and forestry production data and their socio-economic impact on incomes and well-being;
13. Promote, and where appropriate undertake, demand-driven agricultural and forestry research;
14. Establish and manage/supervise an agricultural micro-finance and credit banking scheme;
15. **Control of crop and tree diseases;****
16. Control and regulate the use of agricultural chemicals and phytosanitary regulations and seed quality standards and licensing;
17. Rehabilitating and expanding training institutions and research institutions; and
18. Provide technical assistance and training to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for agriculture and forestry matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF ANIMAL RESOURCES AND FISHERIES

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate legislation, regulations, policies and standards for the development of the animal and fisheries resources of Southern Sudan;
2. Provide policy guidance and monitor performance of livestock and fisheries activities undertaken in Southern Sudan;
3. **Protect against environment degradation through pasture and soil conservation through proper usage of grazing areas;****
4. Identify and promote investment opportunities in livestock and fisheries in Southern Sudan;
5. Human resource training in the field of animal production and fisheries;
6. **Provide technical advice on animal health and disease control policies and introduce plans to improve livestock health and production in Southern Sudan;****
7. Encourage the private livestock sector and regulate the delivery of veterinary services and supplies;
8. **Monitor and investigate the prevalence, spread and impact of animal diseases in the livestock populations;****
9. **Support a meat inspection service at appropriate levels of government and the development of abattoirs;****
10. **Promote and coordinate partnership between public institutions and private livestock owners and operators and provide needed technical assistance for the transformation of traditional livestock practices into a modern market oriented system;****
11. **Promote the improvement of fishing and fish processing technologies to improve the quality and quantity of fish catches in Southern Sudan;****
12. Ensure the sustainability of the fisheries sector through the development and enforcement of policies and regulations governing the exploitation of fish stocks;
13. **Promote and develop aquaculture fish production;****
14. **Promote effective community-based extension programmes in livestock and fisheries production;****

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15. **Promote the development of a bee-keeping industry and other emerging livestock resources;****
16. **Promote animal welfare;**** and
17. Provide technical assistance and training to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for animal resources and fishery matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate and implement Cooperative Society legislation and policy;
2. Establish and train a co-operative extension service;
3. **Promote and undertake the training of cooperative societies;****
4. **Promote and enhance the formation of cooperative societies and community based organizations as vehicles of community empowerment and poverty eradication;****
5. Mobilize and organize communities to initiate community based and self-help development projects;
6. Develop policy on Cooperative Savings and Banking services and facilitate their establishment throughout Southern Sudan;
7. To provide training to upgrade the management and performance of community based programmes;
8. Support the Amadi Institute of Community Development;
9. **Develop, in conjunction with other relevant Ministries, State and local governments, policies and strategies for the development of rural areas in Southern Sudan;****
10. **Promote and coordinate area-based rural development schemes until such time as the appropriate State or local government has the capacity to undertake such responsibility;**and**
11. Provide technical assistance to State governments to build their capacity to support co-operative societies and undertake rural development planning and manage the implementation of rural development plans.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINING

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate necessary legislation and regulation for the management and development of the energy and mining sectors of Southern Sudan;
2. Develop and implement GOSS policies and strategies on power generation and distribution, industrial development, and mining;
3. Organize and identify the energy potential of Southern Sudan in order to facilitate economic growth;
4. Identify all sources of hydro power and other sources of renewable energy and facilitate their exploitation for electricity generation;
5. Plan electricity power supply schemes and oversee their implementation and operational management;
6. Identify potential commercial partners to develop and run electricity generation schemes in Southern Sudan;
7. Oversee the operation and management of the Southern Sudan Electricity Corporation to ensure it performs its functions as laid out in the relevant Act;
8. Set electricity tariffs for the sale of electricity to customers;
9. Regulate the exploitation of minerals, oil and other fossil fuels;
10. Supervise geological surveys;
11. Coordinate with Government of National Unity on matters concerning oil and other mineral exploration and exploitation on behalf of GOSS;
12. Monitor the activities of commercial enterprises involved in the exploration for and exploitation of oil and other mineral resources of Southern Sudan to ensure compliance with relevant regulations;
13. Provide technical assistance, training and other capacity building to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for energy and mining matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate and oversee the implementation of the GOSS commercial, industrial and trade development policy and necessary legal framework;
2. Formulate legislation, regulations and standards for weights and measures and consumer protection;
3. Define minimum standards for the maintenance of quality control of goods and services;
4. Supervise the Southern Sudan Bureau of Standards;
5. Micro Enterprise Promotion through strategies for promotion of activities that encourage development of small scale industries;
6. Develop and oversee regulations, contracts, protocols and agreements in the fields of commerce;
7. **Issuance of commercial and trade licenses to individuals and companies;****
8. **Participation in preparation of economic and financial policies to achieve commercial development in the states of South Sudan;****
9. To provide technical and commercial information on opportunities for trade expansion to the private sector in order to enhance economic development;
10. **To promote the export of Southern Sudanese products;****
11. **To facilitate the development of wholesale markets and the efficient distribution of goods and services throughout Southern Sudan;****
12. **To facilitate access by the private sector to commercial and marketing research, together with new technologies;****
13. **Facilitate, encourage and initiate the establishment of private and public industries to promote economic growth;****
14. Develop and oversee an investment code and control the issuance of industrial licenses;
15. Develop an Industrial Investment Promotion Policy and Industrial Investment Code;

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16. **Encourage and facilitate investment for industrial development in Southern Sudan;****
17. Register of trade marks;
18. Facilitate and where necessary provide training to industrial entrepreneurs in business skills;
19. **Establish and oversee the working of a Inspectorate to maintain standards of hygiene and safety in shops and other commercial enterprises;**** and
20. Provide technical assistance, training and other capacity building to State governments and other local governments to build their capacity to assume their responsibilities for commerce and industrial matters as defined in the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND TOURISM

Functions and Duties:

1. Develop and execute legislation, regulations, policies and strategies for the protection and management Southern Sudan's wildlife resources and protected areas;
2. Formulation of plans and programmes for the promotion and development of tourism in Southern Sudan;
3. Develop policies to promote tourism as an income earning opportunity;
4. **Regulate and licence private enterprises, bodies and other agencies operating in the field of tourism;**
5. **Provide security to tourism institutions and resorts;**
6. **Administer and manage the Wildlife Protection Service;**
7. **Initiate community-based wildlife conservation and tourism industry awareness campaigns;**
8. **Demarcate Protected Areas and build infrastructure in and around parks and reserves;**
9. Advise GOSS on international wildlife and tourism conventions and other agreements to which Sudan is a party;
10. Develop and manage cross-border international "Peace Parks";
11. **Promotion of eco-tourism;** and
12. To advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for wildlife conservation and tourism and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Functions and Duties:

1. Draw up and oversee the implementation of policies, guidelines, master plans and regulations for water resources development, conservation and management in Southern Sudan;
2. Encourage and, where appropriate, fund scientific research into the development of water resources in Southern Sudan;
3. Oversee the operation of the Water Corporation of Southern Sudan to ensure it performs its functions as laid out in the relevant Act;
4. Undertake or supervise the design, construction and management of dams and other surface water storage infrastructure for irrigation, human and animal consumption and hydro-electricity generation;
5. Set tariffs for the sale of water for whatever purpose;
6. Draw up policy on rural and urban water resource development and management;
7. **Implement ground- water supplies of drinking water for the rural populations and make provision for local community management and maintenance of constructed water supplies until such times as State and local governments have the capacity to undertake such functions;****
8. **Initiate irrigation development and management schemes;****
9. **Inspection of rural water yards;****
10. Draw up and oversee the implementation of rural flood control policy;
11. Protection of the Sudd and other wetlands from pollution;
12. Participate in international bodies charged with management of the Nile River basin;
13. Water hyacinth management and control;
14. Map water resources and carry out hydrological studies and research;
15. **Design and implement surface-water resources projects including those for irrigation schemes;****
16. **Establish flood warning schemes and other measures to protect against floods;** and**

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17. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for water supply and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Functions and Duties:

1. Develop and execute policies and programmes on environmental protection and conservation throughout of Southern Sudan;
2. Establish the government's environmental policy and monitor its effectiveness and impact;
3. **Lay down programmes, in collaboration with other ministries, for the control of environmental hazards and pollution as a means of preventing environmental degradation and control of desertification;****
4. Develop Environmental Impact Assessments standard methodologies and procedures for GOSS development policies and for private sector investment;
5. Formulate policy, standards and regulations on urban planning and urban land management;
6. **Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for environment, physical planning and housing and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy;****
7. **Provide for affordable shelter in urban areas and facilitate slum improvement and upgrading;****
8. Surveying and mapping of Southern Sudan and safe keeping of maps and documents;
9. **Establish and oversee the operation of urban land titling and registration;****
10. To oversee the definition and designation of City, Municipal and Town Councils in Southern Sudan;
11. **Design, implement or supervise development programmes and projects to build housing in urban areas;****
12. **Rehabilitate war damaged housing infrastructure;****
13. **Provide or ensure the provision of suitable schemes for sewerage disposal and treatment in housing schemes and**

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urban areas;**

14. Conduct building research for the development of the construction industry and the supply of affordable construction materials;
15. To establish building construction standards and draw up a code of regulations for the building industry of Southern Sudan;
16. Develop and oversee implementation of a housing policy for Southern Sudan;
17. Oversee the operation of the Southern Sudan Housing Development Corporation;
18. Formulate and implement a policy on housing for public servants and organized forces;
19. Manage office accommodation and housing for constitutional office holders;
20. Develop, construct and maintain GOSS public buildings; and
21. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for environmental protection, physical planning and housing and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Functions and Duties:

1. Inspection and supervision of general education at all levels to ensure proper performance;
2. **Coordinate and administer schools feeding programmes;****
3. Registration of education and training institutions;
4. Manage Southern Sudan schools and university examinations and other educational certification;
5. Provide and manage technical training and teacher training institutes;
6. **Rehabilitation of schools and other educational institutes alone or in coordination with foreign donors, UN agencies and NGOs;****
7. Preparation and development of curricula for primary and secondary schools;
8. Coordination of GOSS and State government education policies and strategies.
9. Formulate a adult literacy policy;
10. **Expand basic education through recruitment of teachers, curriculum development, increase the number of schools, and accelerate learning and literacy programmes;****
11. **Improve enrolments, equity and quality of delivery throughout the educational sector;****
12. **Improve gender equity through the implementation of activities that increase the enrolment and retention of females;****
13. Enhance education governance and management at State and County levels;
14. **Strengthen educational infrastructure;****
15. **Establish and develop institutes of higher education that will produce manpower with relevant skills;****
16. Rehabilitate and then oversee the running of the three southern universities
17. Determine the requirement for, and provide facilities and curriculum for the promotion of special needs education;
18. Supervise the training, development and management of teachers at all education levels;
19. Support the Southern Sudan Examination Council;

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20. **Supervision of student athletic and cultural activities;**** and
21. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for education and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Functions and Duties:

1. To formulate policies and strategies in the field of preventive, curative and societal medicine within the GOSS medical policy framework;
2. **Development and supervision of clinics, dispensaries, health centres, hospitals and other medical institutions and services in Southern Sudan;****
3. Registration of doctors and paramedics as well as maintenance and updating of unified lists of physicians, dentists, pharmacists, medical technicians and specialists working in Southern Sudan;
4. Develop & implement a human resources plan for the health sector, and build capacity of health care staff, including curriculum development for different health care workers;
5. **Provision of maternity services;****
6. Develop the capacity of the Ministry of Health to deliver Health education and promotion;
7. Training of nurses and midwives including the management and supervision of medical training colleges and institutes;
8. **Plan and implement medical programmes and projects in Southern Sudan in accordance to GOSS policies and strategies;****
9. **Supervision and control of use of medicines, drugs, poisons and anesthetic substances;****
10. **Establish quality control and assurance mechanisms for drugs and medical consumables;****
11. **Control of epidemics;****
12. Quantifying and provision of medical needs (medicines, equipment, medical materials and supplies) of Southern Sudan;
13. Develop a national health and diseases policy, strategies and plans;
14. Support and supervise a decentralized and delegated system of health provision;
15. Oversee human resources capacity development throughout the health sector;
16. Set priorities, standards, regulations, and guidelines for the operation of health provision at all levels of government;
17. Develop and operate a health information system;

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18. **Coordinate an effective HIV/AIDS programme;****
19. **Instigate and coordinate an effective family planning strategy and service;****
20. Instigate and coordinate an effective health education strategy;
21. **Supervise health inspection services, including food and other public health hazards;**** and
22. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for health and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulate Information and Broadcasting Policy, and, where appropriate, execute that policy in Southern Sudan;
2. Coordinate the GOSS Communications and Public Information activities;
3. Plan and implement activities to disseminate public information regarding GOSS policies, programmes and services, including the establishment of a GOSS Public Information Center and maintenance of a GOSS external internet website;
4. Build capacities within GOSS ministries to disseminate essential information about government activities;
5. Guarantee free and equitable access to public electronic media resources;
6. Guarantee freedom of media and free access to government information;
7. Formulate and implement legislation and regulations governing the broadcast media sector;
8. Exercise an interim Broadcasting Licensing Authority;
9. Establish, under forthcoming legislation, an Independent Broadcast Authority to regulate the radio and television broadcast sector, and under which the responsibilities to manage the broadcast frequency spectrum (SW, MW, FM and TV) and license radio and television stations, shall be unified;
10. Encourage the independent establishment of professional media and journalist associations;
11. Establish an independent Southern Sudan Broadcasting Corporation
12. Manage, prior to the establishment of an independent entity, the Southern Sudan Radio Service and Southern Sudan Television Service;
13. **Promote public service broadcasting at the State level;****
14. Establish a News Agency for Southern Sudan and prepare for that agency to become an independent entity;
15. Encourage the development of independent, non-governmental, community radio stations – that broadcast in local languages – to benefit underserved audiences in the Ten States; and

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16. Encourage public-private partnerships to develop a vibrant independent media sector in Southern Sudan.

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MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SERVICES

Functions and Duties:

1. Formulation and implementation of telecommunications for Southern Sudan;
2. Management of air waves spectrum through frequencies allotment except specified bands for radio and television;
3. Regulate and license local telecommunications operators;
4. Regulation of public and private "Very Small Aperture Terminal" linkages;
5. Supervision of Southern Sudan telecommunication networks roll-out plan;
6. Promote and manage the communications technology sector;
7. Encourage and support communications technology research and development;
8. Promote regional and international collaboration and coordination in the telecommunications sector;
9. Establish standards and regulations for the importation of telecommunication equipment and devices;
10. Regulate and license internet service providers;
11. Develop and execute an "e-government" strategy;
12. Formulate and implement a Southern Sudan postal policy;
13. Regulate and license local telecommunications operators;
14. Supervise postal services to ensure delivery service;
15. Promotion of efficiency and security in the regional and international postal networks;
16. To oversee the establishment of telecommunications networks in the 10 States of Southern Sudan.
17. To promote private-public partnerships to provide telecommunications services to population centres on a profit-making basis

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MINISTRY OF GENDER, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Functions and Duties:

1. Articulate and execute GOSS policy on gender equity and Social Services;
2. **Develop policies and programmes to promote the welfare of physically and mentally handicapped persons and other vulnerable groups;****
3. **Develop policies and programmes in regards to social welfare for the aged, disabled, orphans and street children;****
4. **Develop policies and programmes in regards to women affairs;****
5. **Supervision of all organizations, societies and unions that are concerned with women and child welfare;****
6. Promote religious tolerance and co-existence;
7. Initiate and oversee research and studies on community social development;
8. **Supervise and regulate all organizations, societies and unions that are concerned with women and social welfare;****
9. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for gender, social welfare and religious affairs and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy;

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MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS

Functions and Duties:

1. Promote cultural heritage and identity;
2. Foster cultural interaction between different parts of Southern Sudanese society;
3. **Promote the spiritual, mental physical and professional preparation of youth in Southern Sudan;****
4. Lay down general policies, by-laws and plans of action for the promotion of youth, sports and cultural activities and projects in Southern Sudan;
5. **Establish, promote and equip libraries;****
6. **Protect and preserve tangible and intangible cultural heritage records of Southern Sudan;****
7. Supervise Southern Sudan Youth Service;
8. **Develop general policies on and promotion of youth development;****
9. **Supervise all youth organizations and centres and hostels in Southern Sudan;****
10. Establish and maintain the Southern Sudan archives, museums and art galleries;
11. Identify, gazette, maintain and oversee national monuments;
12. Promote and conduct interstate youth sport activities;
13. Coordinate and support technically the Organized Forces in concerned sports and cultural activities;
14. Coordinate with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in the area of sports and culture in schools;
15. Liaise and provide inputs to national bodies responsible for sports, youth and culture; and
16. Advise and support States and local governments in their responsibilities for culture, youth and sports and build their capacity to assume all functions vested by the Constitution and GOSS policy

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