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JONGLEI STATE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(1) Minister's Biography



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State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs,
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Minister Biography

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ACADEMIC AND PROFESIONAL CREDENTIALS:

1985 – 1983 : University of Juba – Diploma in public,
Finance and Management.

1985 – 1986 : Sudan Academy for Administrative Sciences,
Diploma in public Administration- Khartoum.

1988 – 1989 : University of Birmingham,
Diploma in Development Finance.

1989 – 1990 : University of Liverpool,
Masters in Public Administration (M.P.A).

1991 – 1993 : Hampstead Bible School, London,
Diploma in Theology and Biblical studies.

2001 – 2002 : University of Edinburgh Master of Theology;
Culture and Development (MTCD).

2002 – 2005 : University of Edinburgh Masters of Philosophy (M. phil).

EXPERIENCIES:

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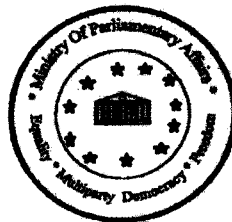
- From 2005 – 2009, Commissioner at Jonglei State Headquarters – Bor,
- 2009 - present Minister of Parliamentary Affairs in Jonglei State – Bor,
- 1975 –1977, Lay Evangelist working for Presbyterian Church of Sudan (PCOS),
- 1978 Bookshop Manager - Presbyterian church of Sudan- Malakal.,
- 1978 – 1979, Administrative officer Bor rural council –Bor,
- 1979 – 1982, Assistant Commissioner for Akobo Area council Akobo,

- 1982- 1988, Deputy Director for coordination office Upper Nile Region Khartoum,
- 1990- 1991, Secretary for Finance Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA) London (UK),
- Author of Christian - Muslim Relations in Sudan: A study of the Relationship between Church and State. (1998 – 2005),
- Member of Sudan Libreration Movement (SPLM).

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MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS OVER VIEW



**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
(RoSS)
GOVERNMENT OF JONGLEI STATE
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
JONGLEI STATE-BOR**

Introduction:

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in Jonglei State was established by Presidential Decree NO.72/2009 of 29th May 2009. It has undertaken the process in developing some strategic plans that will guide it in the implementation of its

activities. Such plans are drawn from the Policy Framework of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (GOSS-2008) and that of Jonglei State strategic planning of 2007-2011, annualized. It will be a continuous process that will involve the participation of MPS's staff and stakeholders in the development implementation reviews.

Proper consultations are sought prior to drawing Ministry plans so that the views of the partners are included in the entire planning document ensuring that implementation is carryout collaboratively with the concern institutions.

Our plan will mainly focus on the results rather than activities which will be directed towards the desire goals for 2011 and beyond by working backwards through a chain of cumulative results that arrive at the lowest level of interventions. Base on the policy framework of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, there will be three levels of results guide for this plan:

- Lowest level known as specific policy objectives
- Secondly, levels will be the policy objectives that include cumulative of the combined specific policy guidelines with immediate tangible and logical consequences of the Ministry activities.
- Thirdly, the highest level of results will be about the overall policy that links the work of the Ministry to a wide range of other activities aimed at achieving the results that the Ministry cannot carry out alone without other development partners and institutions

Planning Process:-

The process of developing this plan consists of three phases:

- Phase One: - a desk review of the Ministry activities to provide a learning platform where resources are put together to develop the plan. In addition, the ideas of line Ministry - Parliamentary Affairs (ROSS) and other international Agencies will be sought.
- The second phase:-will involve workshops by the staff of Ministry and the Director Generals of other ministries to map out the strategic choices and priorities that will be incorporated into the annualized **State Strategic Plan of 2007 – 2011**
- The final process: - will be continuous developing an action plan by each Directorate base on Ministry policies and guidelines.

Mandate:

Presidential Decree No72 /2009 of 29th May 2009 as one of the youngest Ministry mandated to:

- Be in charge of the Government business in the State Legislative Assembly,
- The newly created Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is Dedicated to objective of nurturing the valves of pluralistic democracy that are to be embedded in our political culture in Southern Sudan,
- To develop and promote multi-party democratic system and good governance

Vision:

- A Southern Sudan where democracy is seen as a way of life; where political power is exchanged through the ballot box in free and fair election

Mission:

- To develop and promote the principles of best parliamentary practices, good governance, multi-party democracy, equitably and efficient federal system in Southern Sudan.

Core Values

In the work that undertakes, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs strives to uphold the following moral and institutions values:

- These values reflect the Ministry's ethnical foundations and will be reflected within all structures and programmes,
- The Ministry will strive to have a culture of values as opposed to one dependent on rules and.
- The staff will be empowered to work in an environment that encourages the development of fresh ideas and innovation in how to implement these ideas.

Goals:

- Establish linkages and liaise between the Executive, Ministries and Counties'(Counselors),
- Develop and promote democratic principles, practices and good governance till their values are widely understood, accepted appreciated and practices by the institutions and people of Jonglei State,

- Build institutional capacity of the Ministry, JSLA County Counselors' to articulate and facilitate smooth working relationship between the Executive and the Legislative organs.
- Raise awareness and empower civil society to prevent Jonglei State from drifting in to a vicious cycle of ethnic conflicts that have plagued the region for very long.

Specific policy objectives

- Guide legislature work of government in the Jonglei State Legislative Assembly;
- Develop a tracking mechanism for legislature instruments in Jonglei State Legislative Assembly;
- Train leaders of government business in the state ;
- Advise Minister on legislative exercise;
- Provide information to Jonglei state on government policies, and
- Advise on the summoning and prorogation of the State Legislative Assembly.

The department will also work to establish and maintain harmonious relationship between the Assembly and the Executive; especially the Directorate will:

- Create an information sharing mechanism between the State Legislative Assembly and Jonglei Executive;
- Institutionalize retreat for the leadership (Law makers, Ministers) for reflection and lesson sharing;
- Promote the activities of the joint meetings between the Executive and the ABC's of the state Assembly;
- Support the establishment/formation of counselors in the counties in collaboration with Ministry of Local government,
- Prepare training programmes for staff of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and those of the counties in the context of legislative matters.

STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY:

- The Minister's Office,
- Director General of the Ministry,
- Directorate of Finance and Administration,
- Directorate of Legislative Affairs and;
- Directorate of Governance Affairs

- County Counselors coordinators

Number of staffs in the Ministry

- 51 vacants
- 23 staffs currently at work

Functions & Duties of the Ministry:

The functions and Duties of MPA are spelt out in the Presidential Decree Number 101/2008 issued on the July 28th 2008 and that of Governor of Jonglei State Degree No72/2009 of 29th May 2009. The Ministry is in charged with the following:

- Develop policies to strengthen the delivery and monitoring of Jonglei State Legislative Assembly programmes,
- Co-ordinate legislature relationship between the Cabinet of State and the State Legislative Assembly to ensure fulfillment of schedules in accordance with the Constitution,
- Ensure procedures are in place to facilitate linkages and co-ordination between State Government, the State Legislative Assembly and Counties' Counselors,
- Serve as a liaison between Executive and the Legislative Assembly on matters of parliamentary Affairs.
- Channel government bills to the Legislative Assembly for deliberation.
- Strengthen and promote democracy, good governance, and multi-party democracy, equitable and efficient federal system in Southern Sudan.
- Brief government ministers and ministries on matters raised within the Legislative Assembly that require a government response,
- Build the capacity of the Legislative Assembly to fulfill its mandate.
- Follow-up implementation of legislative resolutions with relevant institutions.

Other Themes:-

- The Ministry is committed to the implementation of all government policy to work closely with partners in development to coordinates with them and ways to support development programmes,
- Gender mainstreaming,
- Assumptions and risks ,

- Method of monitoring and evaluation and
- Organization Chart.

Ministry's Chart

