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*President Salva Kiir Mayardit presiding over the swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed government officials - Presidential Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, Dr. James Pitia Morgan, and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Monday Semaya Kumba. Photo by Office of the President*

# President Kiir Officiates Swearing In Of The Newly Appointed Officials

JUBA, (May 3rd, 2024)-

**H**.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit on May 3rd, 2024 presided over the swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed government officials that includes Presidential Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, Dr. James Pitia Morgan, Deputy Minister of For-

eign Affairs Ambassador Monday Semaya Kumba. President Kiir directed the new officials to work diligently to promote peace and development in the country, calling on the Governor of Central Equatoria to curb violence and crime-related issues in the capital, Juba, in order for peace and unity to prevail in the State and the entire

nation. Presidential Envoy to the Great Lakes Region, Dr. James Pitia Morgan reiterated his unwavering commitment to address the issues facing the region. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Semaya Kumba, said he will work jointly with his colleagues towards improving the country's foreign policy.



# Pictorial Of Officials During The Swearing In Ceremony







*Hon. Ramadan Mohamed Abdallah Goc being welcomed at the Ministry after taking oath of office as the newly appointed Minister. MFA&IC Photo*

## New Minister Takes Oath: A New Leadership For The Ministry Of Foreign Affairs

Juba, 26 April, 2024

**T**he Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation welcomes Hon. Ramadan Mohamed Abdallah Goc as the new-

ly appointed Minister. H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit made adjustments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signaling a new direction for South Sudan's diplomatic efforts. Hon. Goc was sworn in at the President's office,

marking the beginning of his tenure. Upon his arrival at the Ministry, he was warmly received by Ambassadors, diplomats, and other staff members. In a brief meeting with the Director Generals of different directorates, Hon. Goc





expressed his commitment to fostering robust working relationships and strengthening South Sudan's diplomatic ties. The changes in the ministry involved the shifting of office bearers. Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Amb. Dr. James Pitia Morgan, has been relieved of his position and appointed as the Presidential Envoy to the Great Lakes Region. In his place, Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc, the former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has been appointed as the new Minister. Additionally, Ambassador Monday Simaya Kumba, the former Head of Mission to China, has been appointed as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Meanwhile, Ambassador John Samuel Bwogo has replaced Amb. Mayen Dut Wol as the Undersecretary in the Ministry.



*Hon. Ramadan Mohamed Abdallah Goc taking oath of office as the newly appointed Minister. MFA&IC Photo*



# Visit Of President Ramaphosa to Juba

## An Affirmation Of His Commitment To The Peace Process And Elections



*South African President Cyril Ramaphosa disembarking from his plane upon arrival at Juba  
. Photo by Office of the President*

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa concluded his three-day visit on April 18, 2024 after receiving a comprehensive update on the progress of the revitalized peace agreement from H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit and the other signatories to the peace deal. The talks centered on the implementation of the R-ARCSS, inked on September 12, 2018. Following these discussions, Former Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. James Pitia Morgan expressed President Kiir's deep appreci-





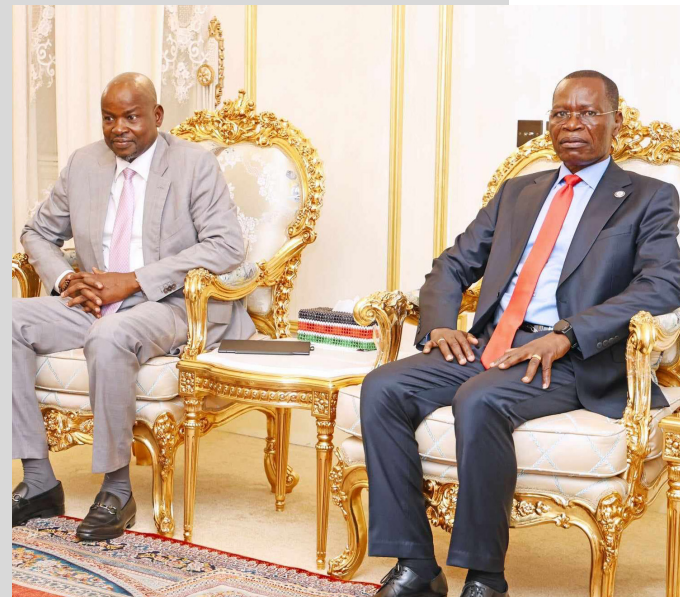
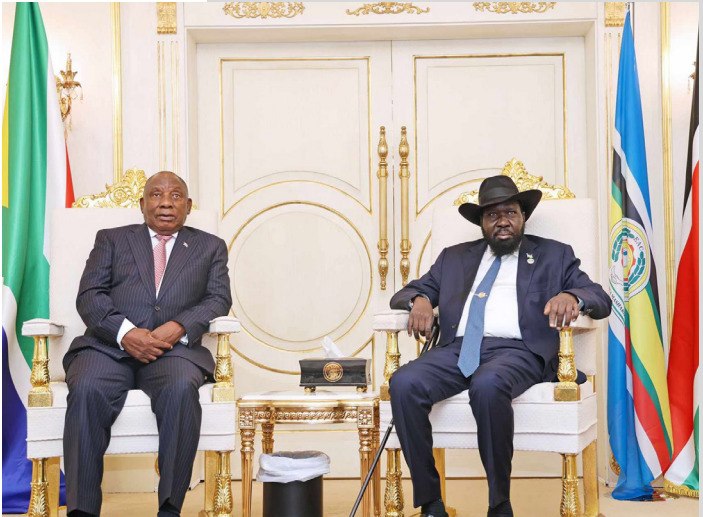
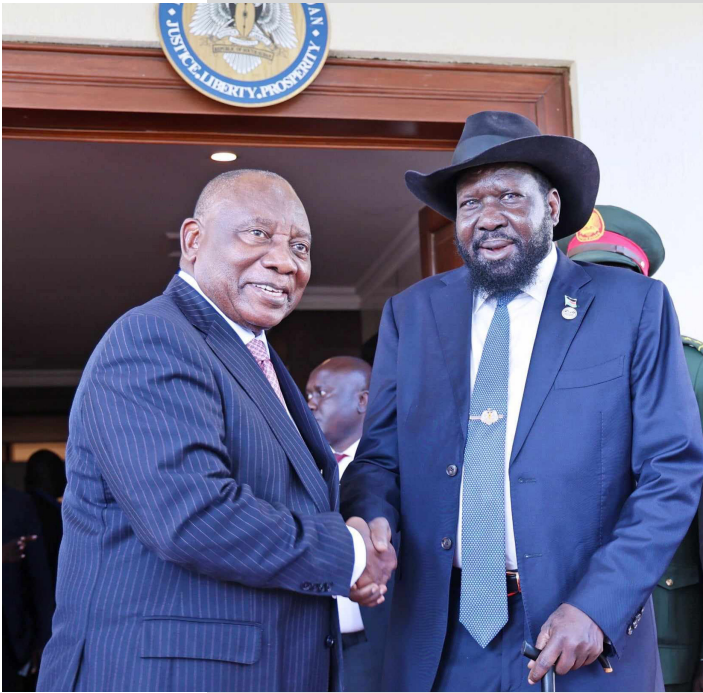
ation to South Africa for its steadfast backing. For her part, South Africa's Minister of International Relations Naledi Pandor reiterated the unwavering commitment of all parties to the peace pact, emphasizing the importance of remaining dedicated to the peace process to ensure lasting stability in South Sudan for the successful organization of transparent and credible elections scheduled for December 2024, in line with the roadmap of the extended transitional period established in August 2022.



*Above picture is South African President Cyril Ramaphosa with President Kiir after his arrival at Juba . Photo by Office of the President*



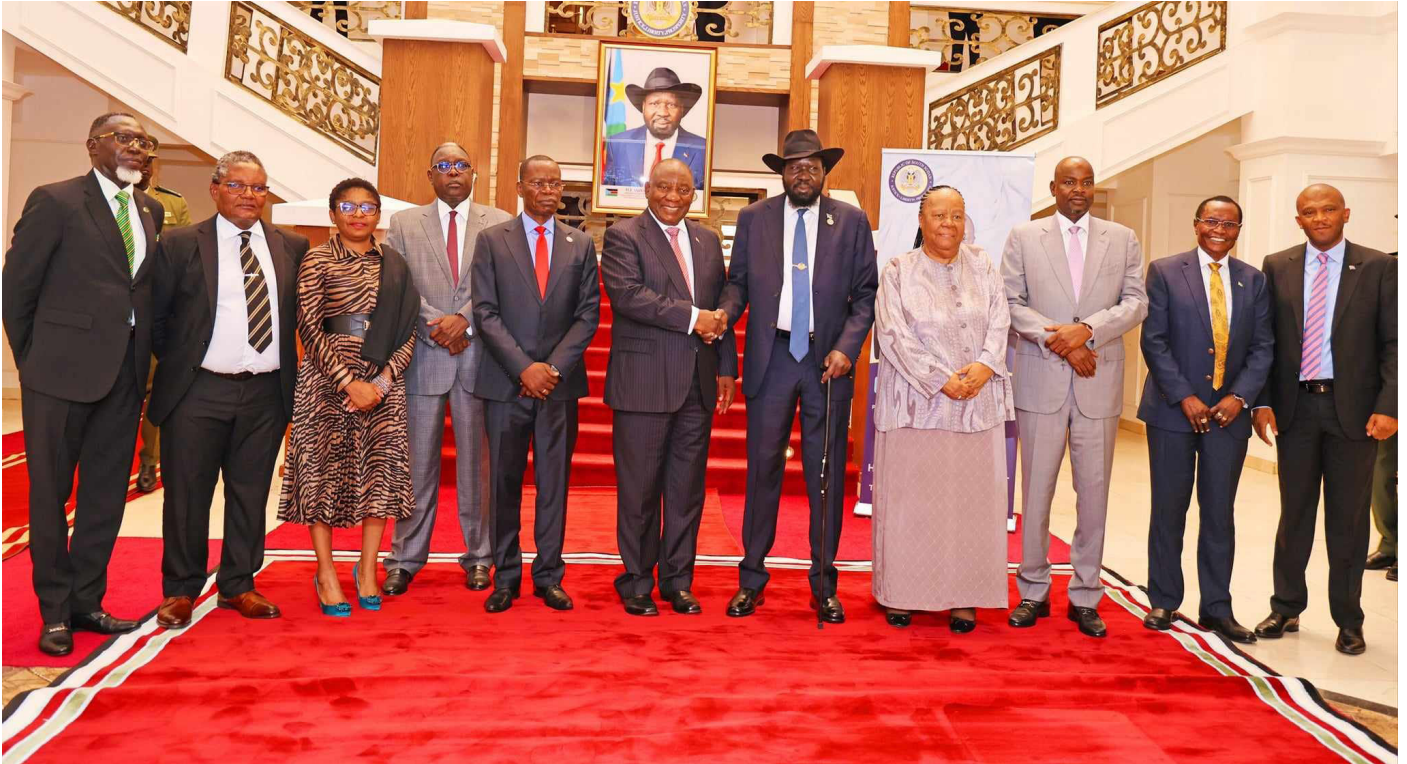




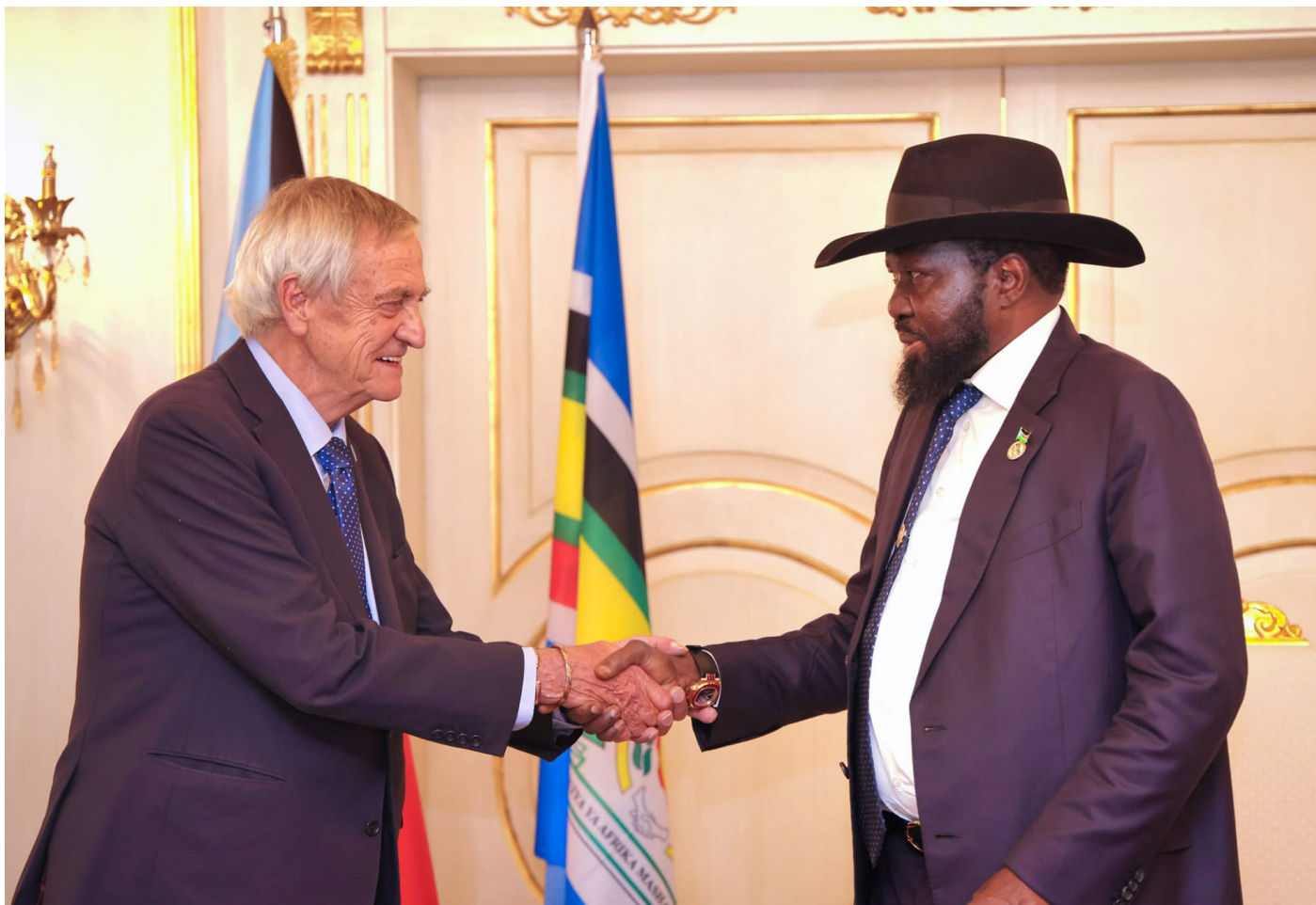




## Pictorial Of The Visit Of President Ramaphosa To Juba







*H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit with Nicholas Haysom, UN Special Representative to South Sudan. Photo by Office of the President*

## President Kiir Meets UN Special Representative To S. Sudan And The Head Of AU Liaison Office

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Juba, Monday (April 29, 2024) -

**H**.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit on April 29, 2024 met with Nicholas Haysom, UN Special Representative to South Sudan; and Amb. Joram Mukama Biswaro, the Head of the African

Union liaison office in South Sudan, to discuss the country's readiness to conduct general elections at the end of the transitional period. Haysom said they talked about how important it is to be prepared for the elections. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc,

who attended the meeting, said elections would be held at the end of the transitional period. Goc went on to say that the exemption of UN-imported items will be subject to South Sudan's laws and regulations and that it is not a privilege that NGOs should take advantage of.



# South Sudan Engages In Global Economic Discourse At 2024 IMF/ World Bank Spring Meeting

April 24, 2024, Washington DC, USA Department of Communication and Media- MoFP

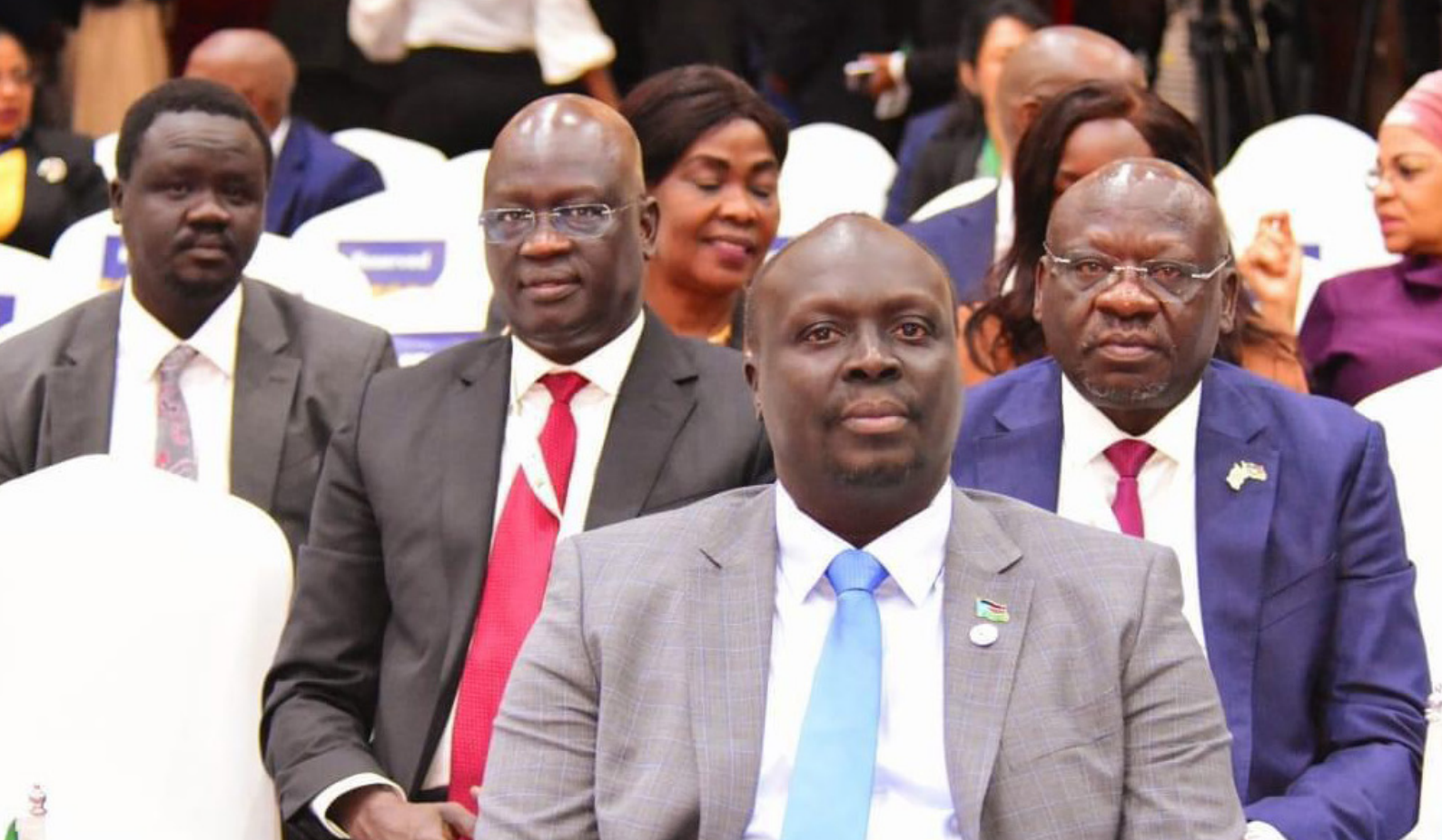
South Sudan, a post-conflict state grappling with economic challenges caused by external and internal shocks as a result of conflicts and natural calamities, actively participated in the 2024 World Bank/IMF Spring Meeting held from 15th to 20th of April this year in Washington DC, the capital city of United States of America. The meeting, which brought

together global finance and economic decision makers, aims to address pressing global economic challenges and opportunities, with a particular focus on loan acquisition, economic cooperation, achieving Sustainable Development Goals, facilitating debt relief for vulnerable economies, implementing financial management reforms to achieve financial stability, and to exchange views on the impact of emerging technologies on both developed, middle income and developing economies of the member states across the world.

The participation of South Sudan's government delegation, led by Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang, and Governor of the Bank of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang, as Governor and Alternate Governor to the spring meeting respectively, underscored the country's commitment to engage with the international community and global financial institutions on issues of economic development and financial stability. Continued on page 32...



*South Sudan's Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang, sitting left side of Governor of the Bank of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang during the meeting with IMF and World Bank officials. MoFP photo*



*Eng. Awou Daniel Chuang, Minister of Finance and Planning (wearing blue tie), along with other delegates from South Sudan, in the IDA 21 Heads of States Summit. MoFP Photo*

## South Sudan Delegation Participates In IDA 21 Heads Of States Summit

JUBA, 30 April 2024 -

**H**onorable Eng. Awou Daniel Chuang, Minister of Finance and Planning, and Honorable Benjamin Ayali Koyongwa, along with other delegates from South Sudan, took part in the IDA 21 Heads of States Summit held on Monday. The summit, which

brought together 19 African Heads of State, served as a pivotal platform dedicated to advancing development goals across the continent. This ambitious initiative, centered around the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA), aims to significantly improve livelihoods and create new opportunities for the African population.

In addition to declarations, the summit witnessed the establishment of a vital alliance composed of civil society, foundations, the private sector, and youth. This coalition will advocate for a substantial and ambitious replenishment of IDA's funds, thereby propelling Africa's development progress. A joint statement issued subsequent to the sum-





*President William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya addressing guests at the IDA 21 Heads of States Summit. MoFP Photo*

mit underscored the unwavering commitment of leaders to enhancing governance, harnessing the potential of the private sector for employment generation, bolstering domestic resource mobilization, and fulfilling climate change commitments. Further-

more, the importance of expanding energy and digital access, as well as building resilience to climate change and conflicts, was emphasized. The Head of Mission, His Excellency Chol M. U. Ajongo, expressed their strong support for the summit's objectives

and reaffirmed South Sudan's dedication to promoting sustainable development in the region. The IDA 21 Heads of States Summit concluded with a renewed sense of optimism and a shared determination to accelerate Africa's progress towards a brighter.



International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group is one of the largest donors for 75 low-income countries, and with its formation in 1960, 115 countries received \$533 billion for developmental programs aimed at enhancing the lives of vulnerable communities.

Nineteen (19) African heads of state and representatives from development partners attended the summit.



*Eng. Awou Daniel Chuang (wearing blue tie), Minister of Finance and Planning, along with other delegates from South Sudan, at the International Development Association Summit of the World Bank Group in Nairobi, Kenya. MoFP Photo*

# International Development Association Summit Ends In Nairobi

Wednesday, May 1,  
2024-Nairobi, Kenya. De-  
partment of Communica-  
tion and Media- MoFP

**T**he International Development Association summit of the World Bank Group at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) ended on May 1, 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya, with a call to rally around an ambitious agenda, aim-

ing to improve lives and create new opportunities within the continent. Nineteen (19) African heads of state and representatives from development partners attended the summit. The summit includes launching of a coalition in uniting civil society organizations, private sectors and young people to champion a robust of International Development Association's resources.

Addressing the heads of state during the closing of the summit, Kenyan President H.E William Ruto reiterated his dedication calling on other partners to equally contribute or increase funds for sustainable development across the Continent. "We seek not just funding, but a partnership for the progress of the regions", President Ruto added. The President of the World Bank Group, Mr. Ajay Ban-





ga, called on the African leaders to embark on infrastructural development and agriculture to boost food security for quick sustainable solutions in Africa. While briefing the media at KICC in Nairobi, the Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang, who represented South Sudan's government at the summit, described the meeting as successful. Awow added the summit hosted in Kenya's capital Nairobi, brought together African countries to speak one voice to encourage global financial institution, the World Bank to continue funding projects proposed such as infrastructures, education, health and energy sectors. According to IDA's report, low-income countries received \$34.2 billion, in June 2023, whereas \$7.3 billion is expected in grants and more loans are to be provided. International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group is one of the largest donors for 75 low-income countries, and with its formation in 1960, 115 countries received \$533 billion for developmental programs aim at enhancing the lives of vulnerable communities.

## 34.5 US \$ Billion

Amount recieved from World Bank by low-income countries, in June 2023







*South Sudan's Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang (seventh person from the left hand side of the officials) poses with his counterparts from the region during the Horn of Africa Initiative meeting as part of the World Bank/ IMF Spring meetings in Washington MoFP Photo*

## S. Sudan Attends The Horn Of Africa Initiative Meeting At The Sideline Of The IMF/ World Bank Spring Meeting

April 17, 2024- Juba  
Department of Communication and Media- MoFP

South Sudan's Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang joined six of his counterparts from the region to attend the Horn of Africa Initiative meeting as part of the World Bank/ IMF Spring meetings in Washington DC in a session chaired by the Victoria Kwakwa the World Bank Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa region.

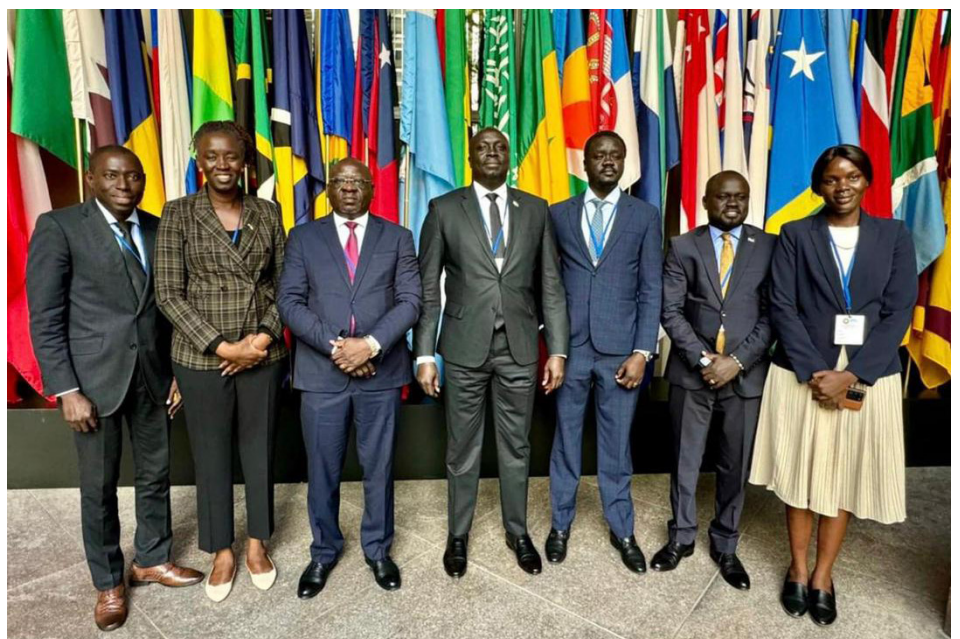
Established in October 2019 by five regional countries (Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Eritrea), the Horn of Africa Initiative is a regional body that aims to further the development agenda of the member states and stresses the importance of regional, coordinated and concerted action among the countries to face common development challenges impeding economic growth. The Horn of Africa Initiative is a robust platform for its members to pursue regional priorities in a decisive

and coordinated manner. In his address at the meeting, Minister Awow stressed the commitment of South Sudan to ensure speedy implementation of projects of the Horn of Africa Initiative despite joining the body late last year. He added that the forum creates a great opportunity for members to learn from each other's experiences and share contacts for further bilateral developmental engagements. Minister Awow urged the initiative to encourage opening up of regional borders to en-





courage trade and boost development, citing the case with neighboring Sudan where borders between the two countries remained closed since independence of South Sudan. On energy and roads infrastructure programs, Minister Awow commended the multi-donor funded projects for the region but urged for speedy implementation of the green energy to avoid countries to resort to cheap options like fossil fuel supported energy. He added that the cost of mini-thermal power plants in every town could be cheaper and easy for countries like South Sudan to implement but long-term options like connecting the country through high-tension power lines from region would be sustainable. The meeting was attended by the 7 member countries namely; South Sudan, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Eritrea and Djibouti and supervised by representatives of the World Bank, Africa Development Bank, European Union, IGAD, Common Wealth and donor countries (Japan, US, UK, Saudi Arabia, and Germany).







*A South Sudanese farmer weeding her farm. FAO photo*

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## Economic Diplomacy

# Investment In Agriculture Is An Essential Tool For Promoting Foreign Investment In S. Sudan

**By Emmanuel Jada Bennett,**

### Introduction:

**I**n today's globalized world, Economic Diplomacy has emerged as a critical tool for governments to advance their economic growth agendas. South Sudan, a country with vast agricultural potential, recognizes the importance of leveraging strategic relationships and overseas presence to attract foreign investment. With approximately half of its land space suitable for cultivation, South Sudan has the potential to become

the breadbasket of Africa if supported by appropriate infrastructure development.

### Why Invest in Agriculture:

Agriculture and food production are fundamental to the functioning of society. The global population is expected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, requiring a 35% increase in food production by 2030 according to the African Development Bank (ADF) report on development of Agriculture in South Sudan. This growing demand, coupled with trends such as increasing demand for protein food sources, technological advancements,

and sustainability concerns, creates significant opportunities for investment in the agricultural sector.

Investing in agriculture offers the potential for both income and capital growth, making it an attractive option for investors looking to protect their portfolios against inflation. In the face of current inflationary pressures caused by fiscal and monetary stimulus, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical events, assets that provide inflation protection, such as agriculture, deserve serious consideration.

### South Sudan Investment



### ***Plans and Opportunities:***

*To capitalize on its agricultural potential, South Sudan has developed the Comprehensive Agriculture Master Plan (CAMP) as part of its investment pipeline. CAMP encompasses various projects related to crops, livestock, fishery, forestry, and institutional development, with a vision to increase production, improve food security, and transform the agriculture and livestock sectors into drivers of inclusive growth and economic diversification. This aligns with the South Sudan National Development Strategy (NDS) and the Hand-in-Hand Initiative.*

### ***Attracting high impact Foreign Direct Investment:***

*The challenge for South Sudan lies in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) that can have a significant impact on development and contribute to the country's capital base. Valuable lessons can be learned from the experiences of South Sudan's neighbors in attracting Strategic International Agriculture Partners (SIAP).*

*Two models for FDI in agriculture are worth considering: the Investor Controlled Model and the Out-grower Model. Under the Investor Controlled Model, the investor manages the farm entirely, taking*

*charge of crop cultivation, harvesting, and marketing. In contrast, the Out-grower Model involves the investor relying on local farms, farmer groups, and independent suppliers for crop production, which the investor then purchases.*

*When structuring investment agreements, it is crucial to strike a balance between the tax revenue interests of the state and the profitability of the investor. Additionally, a stable political and economic environment devoid of conflict is indispensable for investor confidence.*

### ***The diplomat as an investment promoter:***

*Foreign direct investment (FDI) serves as a vital driver of economic growth, job creation, and capital inflows for developing countries. Diplomats, with their extensive networks of contacts and excellent communication skills, play a pivotal role in promoting inward FDI. Their existing relationships with key business figures and decision-makers make them integral to the investment promotion network.*

*Diplomats possess the skills necessary to market their countries as attractive investment destinations. Their expertise in relationship management, networking, and communication equips them to effectively promote the investment po-*

*tential of South Sudan. By leveraging their diplomatic roles, they can engage with investors and highlight the benefits of investing in the country's agriculture sector.*

### ***Conclusion:***

*Investing in agriculture means investing in the production, processing, and distribution of food and crops. With the world's population projected to reach nearly 10 billion by 2050 according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the need for affordable, healthy, and nutritious food has never been greater. Agriculture investment serves as a crucial catalyst for achieving a world free of hunger and poverty by 2030.*

*South Sudan, with its significant agricultural potential, recognizes the importance of economic diplomacy in attracting foreign investment. By building strategic relationships, leveraging overseas presence, and utilizing the skills of diplomats as investment promoters, South Sudan can unlock its agricultural potential and become a driving force for inclusive growth and economic diversification.*

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*Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc, the newly appointed Minister Of Foreign Affairs And International Cooperation. MFA&IC Photo*

## Profile:

# Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc, Minister Of Foreign Affairs And International Cooperation, Republic Of South Sudan

By Denis Dumo Scopas

### Overview:

Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc embodies a blend of experience, dedication, and diplomatic prowess as he assumes the pivotal role of Minister of Foreign

Affairs and International Cooperation for the Republic of South Sudan. With a rich background in mediation, and academia.

Hon. Goc is primed to navigate the intricate web of international relations and champion coopera-

tion on the global stage.

### Career Highlights:

Prior to his appointment as Minister, Hon. Goc served as the Head of the Secretariat of the South Sudan Mediation Committee for Sudanese Peace Talks. In this capacity, he



Appointment: April 25, 2024

\*Previous Role:\* Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan (September 7, 2023)

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played a pivotal role in fostering dialogue and reconciliation efforts, contributing significantly to regional stability. As a distinguished member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) National Liberation Council, he helped shape critical political discourse and policy initiatives.

#### Academic Credentials

Hon. Goc boasts an impressive academic background, holding a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Sociology and a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Honours) in Sociology and Social Anthropology from the prestigious University of Juba, South Sudan. His profound understanding of social dynamics and human behavior forms the bedrock of his diplomatic endeavors, enabling him to navigate

complex geopolitical landscapes with finesse.

#### Professional Development:

Throughout his illustrious career, Hon. Goc has displayed a steadfast commitment to professional growth and excellence. He has actively engaged in a myriad of training programs focused on governance, conflict management, mediation, and negotiation support. These immersive experiences have equipped him with invaluable tools to effectively tackle diplomatic challenges and forge meaningful partnerships on the global stage.

#### Personal Attributes

Beyond his professional accolades, Hon. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah Goc is esteemed for his unwavering dedication to public service

and his role as a devoted family man. Renowned for his diligence, attention to detail, and unwavering integrity, he brings a unique blend of leadership qualities to his tenure as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

#### Conclusion:

Hon. Goc's resolute commitment to advancing South Sudan's interests on the international arena positions him as a formidable asset to the nation's diplomatic corps. With his depth of experience, passion for diplomacy, and unwavering dedication to promoting peace and stability, he is poised to make indelible contributions towards fostering cooperation and prosperity in the region and beyond.

# IGAD Special Envoy Korbandy Holds Talks On Sudan Peace Efforts

*Hon. Lawrence Korbandy, the IGAD Special Envoy to the Republic of Sudan, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 1 May 2024 to discuss ongoing peace efforts in the country.*

Juba, (MFA&IC) -

Following the meeting, Mr. Denis Dumo Scopas, Acting Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, stated that the minister acknowledged Hon. Lawrence's deep understanding of Sudanese politics and

emphasized the importance of achieving peace in the nation. The Ministry pledged its support for Hon. Lawrence's endeavors in facilitating peace negotiations. Hon. Lawrence expressed gratitude for his appointment and thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the President, and the entire leadership. He stressed the significance

of resolving Sudanese issues for the region and requested the Ministry's support in his mission. As Sudan continues to grapple with internal conflicts, the appointment of Hon. Lawrence Korbandy demonstrates a renewed commitment to finding lasting solutions in the country. In another development, Hon. Lawrence Korbandy

dy held a meeting with IGAD Executive Secretary, H.E. Dr. Workneh, who officially welcomed him as the newly appointed IGAD Special Envoy for the Republic of Sudan. During their discussion, they focused on the current situation in Sudan and expressed IGAD's commitment to making progress and seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Furthermore, Hon. Lawrence engaged in productive discussions with His Excellency Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti and Chair of IGAD. The meeting, also attended by the IGAD Special Envoy for Sudan, aimed to address the urgent challenges faced by the Sudanese people. The importance of unity, stability, and inclusive peace negotiations in Sudan was em-



*Hon. Lawrence about to shake the hands of President Ismail Omar Guelleh (standing beside the Djibouti's flag). MFA&IC Photo*





phasized, acknowledging IGAD's pivotal role in promoting peace and development in the region. Separately, on 30 April, in Djibouti, the Deputy Executive Secretary of

IGAD, H.E. Mohamed Abdi Ware, and the Special Envoy for the Republic of Sudan, Hon. Lawrence Korbandy, held a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Dji-

bouti, H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, who also serves as the IGAD Chair of the Council of Ministers. The discussions centered around the current situation in Sudan.





*Hon. James Alic Garang addressing a sitting of economists in Washington. BoSS Photo*

JUBA, South Sudan. -

**H**on. James Alic Garang, a distinguished scholar and seasoned economist, has assumed the role of Governor at the Bank of South Sudan (Boss), bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise in macroeconomics, financial inclusion, and development economics. With an impressive academic background and a significant track record of professional accomplishments, Governor Garang is poised to lead Boss into a new era of economic growth and stability. As a co-founder and scholar at The Sudd Institute, Governor Ga-

rang has made significant contributions to the field of economics. His areas of interest encompass a wide range of subjects, including macroeconomics, financial sectors, and financial inclusion. His enthusiasm for academic and professional excellence is evident through his participation in various prestigious undertakings. Governor Garang's career objective centers around delivering measurable results and providing analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and decision-making expertise. These qualities have been demonstrated throughout his career, notably during his time as a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the

Africa Group 1 (AfG1) Constituency at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C. (May 2021 - August 2023), and now at the Bank of South Sudan. His educational background is equally impressive, with a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (May 2014), an MA in Economics from the same institution (December 2009), and a B.S. in Economics (with Honors) from the University of Utah (May 2006). Governor Garang's professional experience spans various roles of increasing responsibility. Prior to his appointment as Governor of the Bank of South Sudan in October 2023, he served



# Introducing Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang: A Renowned Economist at the Helm of Bank of South Sudan (Boss)

## *From Scholar to Governor: Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang's Journey of Economic Expertise and Leadership*



*As Governor of the Bank of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang brings a unique combination of academic rigor, professional expertise, and a deep understanding of the economic landscape in South Sudan.*

as the Founder & Managing Director of the Africa Center for Financial Inclusion in Juba, Republic of South Sudan (August-November 2023). His experience in financial inclusion strategies and policies further solidified his expertise in this crucial area. During his tenure as a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the AfG1 Constituency at the IMF, Governor Garang gained valuable insights into global economic dynamics and policymaking processes (May 2021 - August 2023). He also held the position of Advisor to the Executive Director at the same institution from June 2017 to 2021. Governor Garang's commitment to academia is evident through his teaching positions.

He has served as Deputy Dean and Chair of the Department of Economics at Upper Nile University in Juba (December 2015 - June 2017) and currently holds the position of Assistant Professor of Economics at the same institution. In addition to his academic and professional roles, Governor Garang has been involved in various consulting projects and has contributed as a columnist for The Juba Telegraph, offering thought-provoking insights on economic issues. His expertise has been sought by organizations such as the World Bank and Imani Development Ltd. Governor Garang's commitment to his field has been recognized through several honors and awards.

He is a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon International Society in Economics and has been honored as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar. As Governor of the Bank of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang brings a unique combination of academic rigor, professional expertise, and a deep understanding of the economic landscape in South Sudan. His vision for the future of the country's financial sector and his commitment to promoting inclusive economic growth make him an exceptional leader for Boss. Under his guidance, the Bank of South Sudan is expected to play a crucial role in driving economic progress and ensuring financial stability in the Country.



## Introduction:

The Bank of South Sudan (BoSS) is the central bank of the Republic of South Sudan. Established in July 2011, it replaced the defunct Bank of Southern Sudan, which had served as the central bank of South Sudan from February 2005 until July 2011. BoSS is fully owned by the Government of South Sudan.

## About the Bank of South Sudan:

The Bank of South Sudan was established by the Bank of South Sudan Act, 2011, following South Sudan's independence.

This act fulfilled the mandates set forth in Article 53(3)(b) and Article 85(1) of the 2011 Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan. BoSS operates as an autonomous central bank with the primary objective of main-

taining price stability and promoting a healthy domestic economy. It aims to achieve this by ensuring a stable and efficient market-based financial system with strong liquidity and solvency. BoSS also promotes a secure and reliable national payment system that contributes to overall financial system stability. Additionally, the bank sup-

1. Central Banking: BoSS functions as the central bank of South Sudan, responsible for the formulation and implementation of monetary policies.

2. Supervision of Conventional Banking: The bank establishes and supervises conventional banking services in South Sudan, including

licensing financial institutions according to the rules and regulations issued by the board of directors.

3. Monetary and Financial Advisor: BoSS acts as the bank to the Government of South Sudan, providing advice and acting as its agent in monetary and

financial affairs.

4. Power and Supervisory Authority: The bank exercises the power and supervisory authority conferred upon it, consistent with the ordinances and regulations stipulated in

# Background Note: Bank of South Sudan (BoSS)

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ports the general economic policies of the Government of South Sudan, fostering sustainable economic growth in the country.

## Main Functions of the Bank of South Sudan:





*An artistic impression of the proposed Headquarters for the Bank of South Sudan currently under construction in Juba. Bank of South Sudan Image.*

the laws governing the bank.

**5. Supervision and Regulation:** BoSS is responsible for supervising and regulating commercial banks in South Sudan.

**Management:** The Bank of South Sudan is led by the Governor, who is supported by two deputies and seven director generals. The top management is responsible for implementing the

bank's general policies as decided by the Board and managing its operations. The current Governor of the Bank of South Sudan is Hon. James Alic Garang. In conclusion, the Bank of South Sudan plays a crucial role in maintaining price stability, promoting a healthy domestic economy, and supporting the economic policies of the Government of South Sudan. As the central bank, it oversees the

financial system and provides essential banking services to the government and other financial institutions in the country



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*African Leadership Organization representatives awarding Dr. Garang a certificate of commendation. BoSS Photo*

Washington, DC, April 20, 2024 -

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plan for the Bank of South Sudan. This comprehensive plan focuses on key areas, including:

1. Enhanced Transparency: Dr. Garang aims to increase openness and accountability within the bank's operations, thereby building public trust.
2. Improved Efficiency: The restructuring of the bank is underway to strengthen its ability to fulfill its mandate and exercise rigorous oversight of the financial sector.
3. Staff Investment: Dr.

Garang has implemented new staff benefits and policies to enhance morale and overall performance.

The international community has taken note of these efforts. During a recent visit to the state of South Carolina, news emerged of Dr. Garang receiving recognition and congratulations from the South Carolina House of Representatives. Although specific details regarding the nature of the recognition are forthcoming, it underscores the growing international acknowledgment of



# South Sudan's Central Bank Governor Honoured By US And African Organizations

Dr. Garang's exceptional leadership. Furthermore, the African Leadership Organization awarded Dr. Garang a certificate of commendation. This prestigious continental body's recognition further emphasizes the positive impact Dr. Garang's initiatives are having across Africa. These recent accolades add to Dr. Garang's expanding list of achievements,

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which include the "extraordinary effort" prize bestowed by the US House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and

a proposal within South Sudan to name a road after him.

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parency, and staff well-being positions the Bank of South Sudan to assume a more prominent role in guiding the nation's economic development. International observers will continue to keenly follow Dr. Garang's leadership as he shapes South Sudan's economic trajectory.

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*Officials attending the Award Ceremony for Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang. Stock Photo*



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# South Sudan Engages In Global Economic Discourse At 2024 IMF/ World Bank Spring Meeting

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Despite facing significant hurdles such as the border dispute in Panthou in 2012 that resulted to temporary closure of pipeline, the aftermath of 2013-2016 political stalemate, the ongoing conflict neighboring Sudan which affects the flow of oil to Port Sudan, the Houthi's intervention in the Gaza-Israel conflict which affected the cargo shipments of crude oil to the international market coupled with the raging Russia-Ukraine war that devastated the global economy, South Sudan recognizes the importance and relevance of participating in global fora such as the Spring meeting of the World Bank and In-

ternational Monetary Fund to access financial assistance, technical expertise, and forge partnerships with like-minded states and institutions to seek mechanisms alleviate the economy. The World Bank/ IMF Spring Meeting provided a platform for South Sudan to highlight its priorities, seek support for economic recovery efforts, and explore opportunities for investment and collaboration to foster growth and stability of the country.

The delegation aimed to leverage this global platform to showcase South Sudan's potential and garner international support through bilateral and multilateral approaches with the

concerned institutions. The 2024 IMF/WB Spring Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., commenced with a series of engagements for the South Sudan's delegation. Minister Awow and Governor Alic met with the World Bank Vice President for Development Finance, Mr. Akihiko Noshio, and his team to discuss potential areas of cooperation and means of financial assistance. The discussions aimed to establish collaborative frameworks to address South Sudan's economic challenges and promote sustainable development. In parallel, the government delegation attended the V20 working group meeting for global Ministers of Finance and Governors of

*South Sudan's government delegation, led by Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Eng. Awow Daniel Chuang, and Governor of the Bank of South Sudan, Hon. Dr. James Alic Garang at The World Bank/ IMF Spring Meeting. MoFP photo*







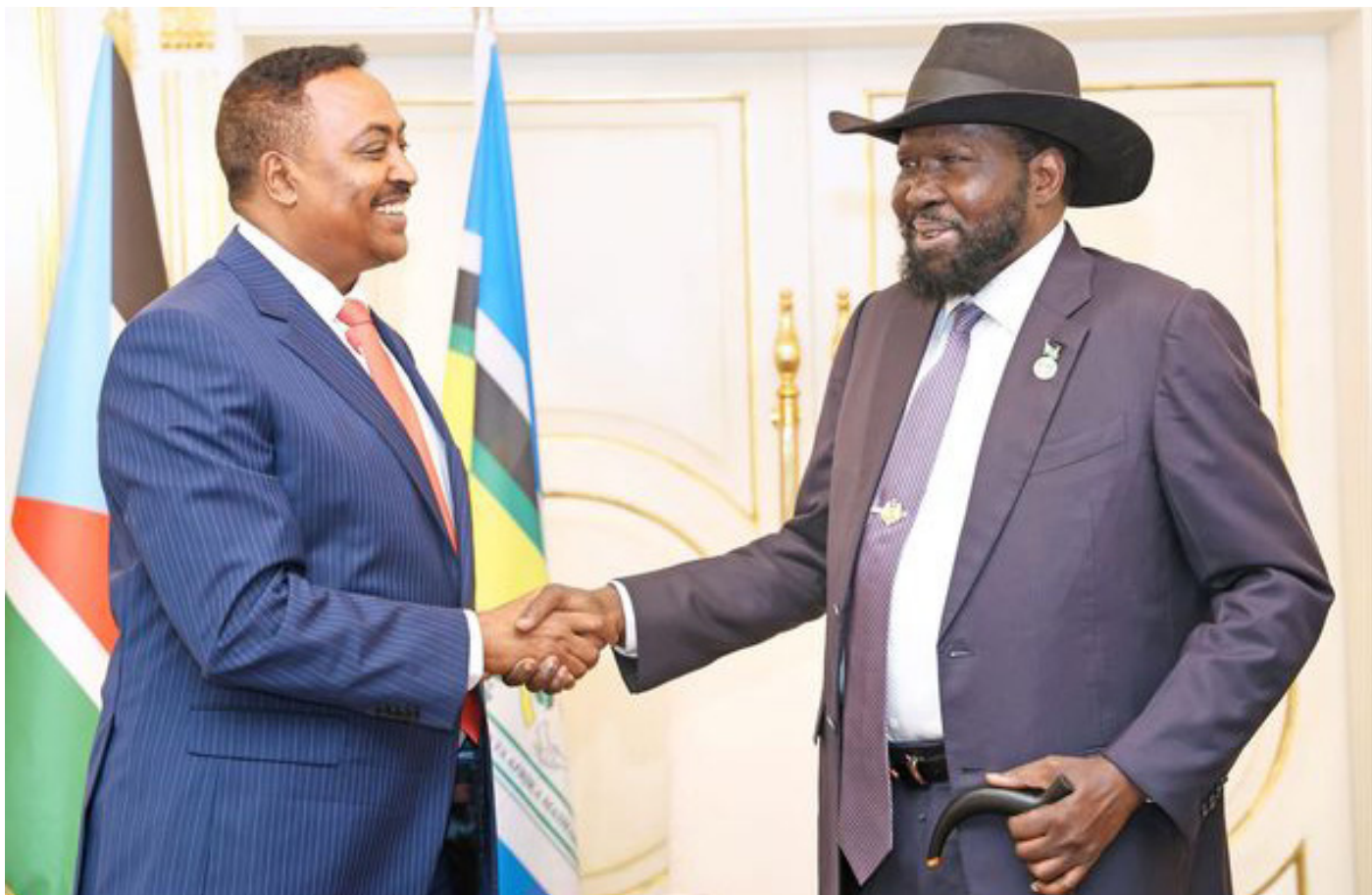
# Pictorial: Reception Of The Newly Appointed Minister And Deputy Minister At MFA&IC HQ











*President Salva Kiir with the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu. Photo by Office Of The President*

## President Kiir Meets Executive Secretary Of IGAD

Juba, (March 28, 2024) —

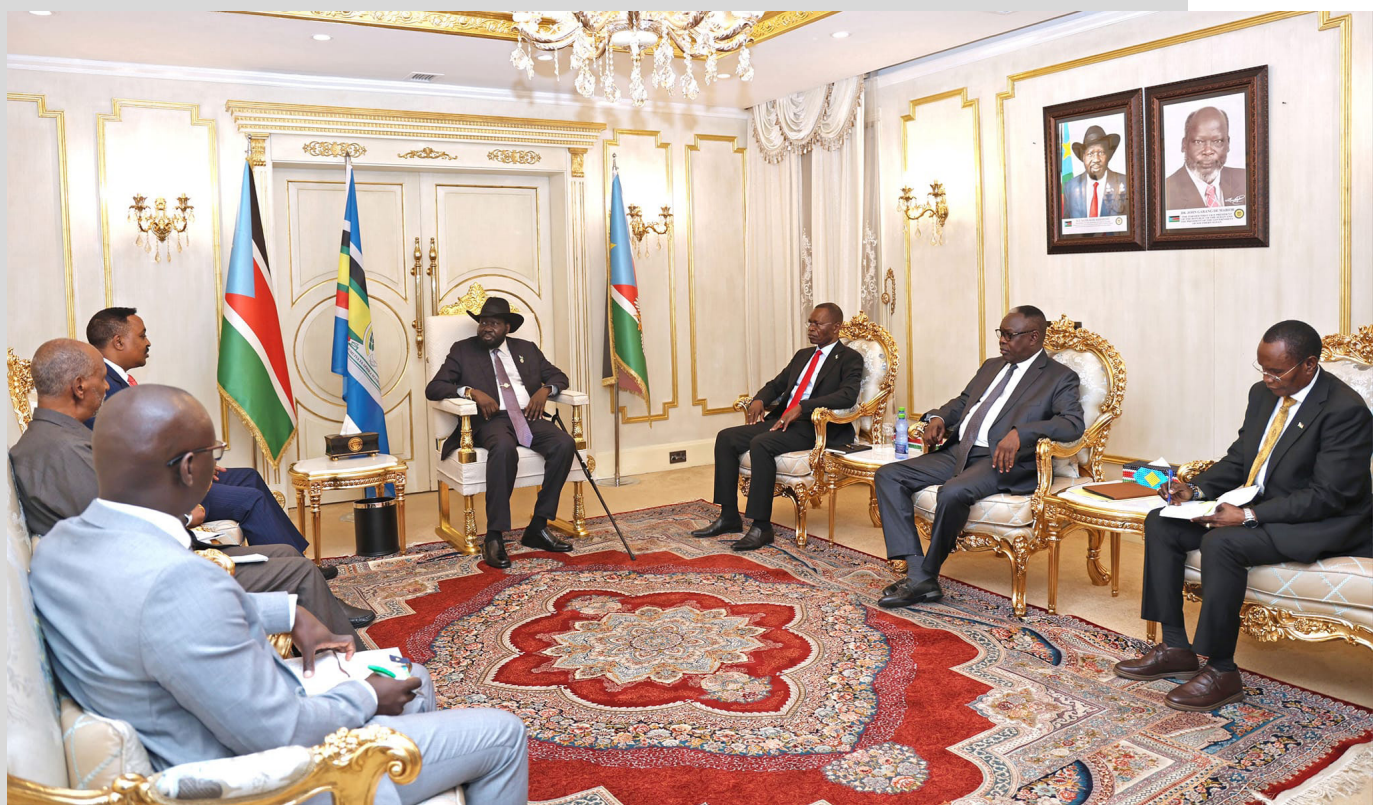
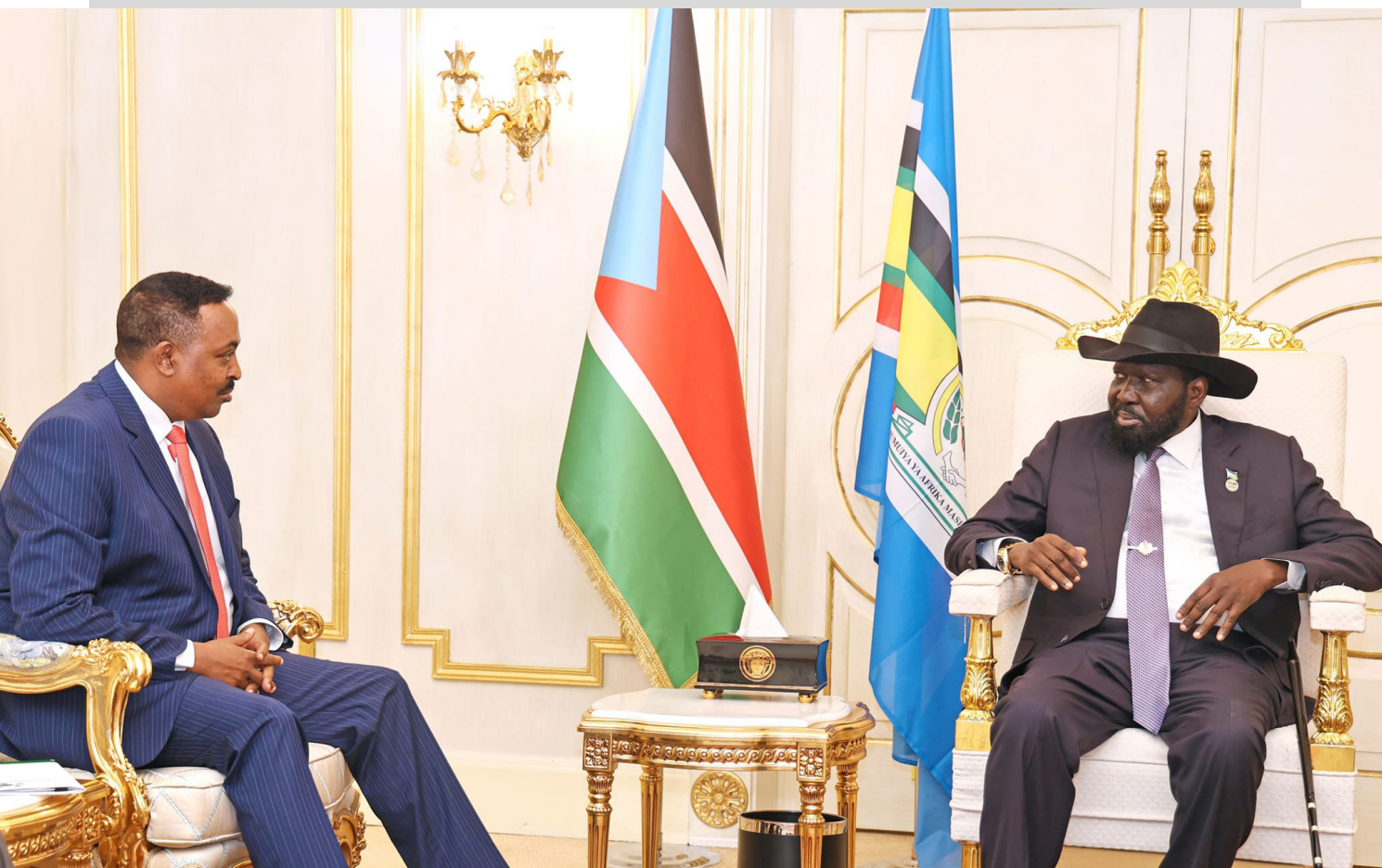
H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit on March 28, 2024 met with the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, to discuss the pressing regional and national issues that have plagued the

region. Speaking to the media, Dr. Workneh said they exchanged ideas on how to collaborate closely to address the Sudan crisis and restore stability in the troubled nation. He added that IGAD is committed as a guarantor for the September 2018 revitalized Peace agreement and expressed his satisfaction that

South Sudan is relatively peaceful currently compared to its recent past.

The former Foreign Minister Dr. James Pitia Morgan echoed Dr. Workneh's sentiments, emphasizing IGAD's long and successful history of supporting South Sudan through its turbulent journey towards peace and development.





# Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Thanks Swedish Embassy for Years of Support

This Came As Sweden Closes  
Development Cooperation Office

Juba, 2 April 2024  
(MFA&IC) -

**I**n a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, the Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Amb. Dr. James Pitia Morgan, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hilding Lundkvist, Head of the Embassy Office, for the years of continuous support provided by the Swedish government to South Sudan.

Mr. Denis Dumo Scopas, Acting Spokesperson of the Ministry said that the Minister acknowledged the

significant contributions made by Sweden, stating that their work has had a positive impact on the people of South Sudan.

He further said Hon. Morgan expressed regret over Sweden's decision to close down their office of development cooperation, emphasizing the positive impact of Sweden's work in the country.

In response, Mr. Hilding Lundkvist, Head of the Embassy Office, confirmed that Sweden would phase out and close its development cooperation in Juba this year. Lundkvist

explained that the closure was part of Sweden's reform agenda, aimed at reshaping their international cooperation efforts.

Despite the closure, Lundkvist assured that Sweden would maintain its bilateral relations with South Sudan.

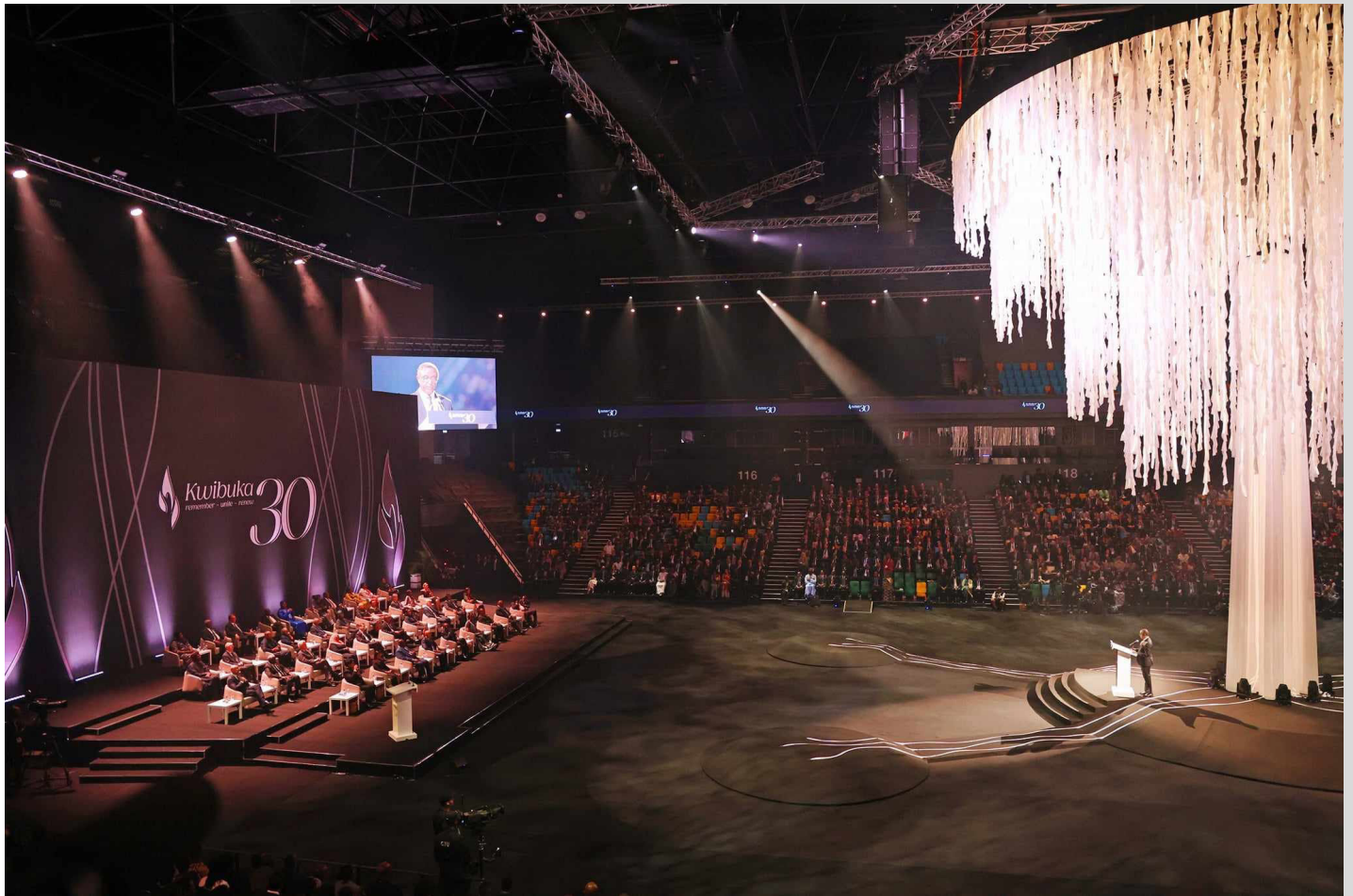
He emphasized the country's commitment to supporting the Country's development and stated that financial aid would now be channeled through international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

*Dr. James Pitia Morgan, with Mr. Hilding Lundkvist,  
Head of the Swedish Embassy. MFA&IC Photo*











# President Kiir Participates In The Commemoration Of 30th Anniversary Of 1994 Rwandan Genocide

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Kigali, Sunday (April 7, 2024) -

H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit on 7 April 2024 participated in the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which honors the lives lost and reaffirming the

commitment to never forget the atrocities committed during that dark period in history.

South Sudan's Former Foreign Minister Dr. James Pitia Morgan said President Kiir's participation underscored the commitment of South Sudan to stand with the people

of Rwanda in their journey towards healing and reconciliation. Rwandan President Paul Kagame praised the resilience and strength of the Rwandans in the face of such tragedy. He said it was a collective responsibility for the people of Rwanda to make their country great.



*President Salva Kiir watching on in the background as Rwanda's President Kagame and his first lady light up a memorial torch during the Ceremony in Kigali. Photo by Office Of The President*





# Cultural Diplomacy Feature

# The Shilluk

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*The Shilluk (Shilluk: Chollo) are a major Luo Nilotic ethnic group of Southern Sudan, living on both banks of the river Nile, in the vicinity of the city of Malakal. Before the Second Sudanese Civil War the Shilluk also lived in a number of settlements on the northern bank of the Sobat River, close to where the Sobat joins the Nile.*

*The Shilluk are the fourth largest ethnic group of Southern Sudan, after the Azande and their neighbours the Dinka and Nuer.*

*Their language is called Dhøg Cøllø, dhøg being the Shilluk word for language and mouth. It belongs to the Luo branch of*

*the Western Nilotic subfamily of the Nilotic languages.*

## **Initiation into Adulthood**

*There is no elaborate ceremony to mark a girl's initiation into adulthood. As soon as physiological transformation shows, she goes through elaborate cushioning by the mother as to protect herself from boys and men in general, in readiness for marriage .*

*The dance ceremony for initiating boys into adulthood doubles up as the formation of age-set is marked by wearing for the first time dance regalia consisting of a leopard skin , wild-cat skin ; beads made*

*from shells of ostrich eggs and a necklace made from tail of giraffe . The boy graduate moves to literally bachelors quarters ; prepares for own sorghum field and prepares to marry.*

## **Marriage**

*Marriage is the ultimate goal of every adult male and female. Courtship and intimacy can last for up to a year or more. Once marriage has been decided on, the girl informs her mother who then informs the father or paternal uncle in case the father is deceased. A shy young man may inform his father through a friend, uncle or somebody he trusts. Marriage to blood relatives or in-laws is not permitted. Once the suitor has been accepted and announced, the initial bride price is paid. The Shilluk dowry is a minimum of 10 cows and 30 sheep and goats. The marriage relationship does not expire or rust. It tightly binds the two families making divorce difficult if not impossible unless there are spectacular reasons. In case of divorce, the dowry is returned. The Shilluk practice pawn-marriage even before the girl has been born. This is accepted in times of extreme stress and difficulties.*



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Mr. Akonydit's contributions to the field of diplomacy serve as an inspiration for future generations, and his loss will be deeply felt by his family, friends, colleagues, and the nation as a whole.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has expressed its deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Akonydit, and the country mourns the loss of a distinguished diplomat and a true patriot.



*Late M.P. Sabino Tom Akonydit*

## *The Late Diplomat Sabino Tom Akonydit: A Life of Service and Diplomacy*

**T**he late Sabino Tom Akonydit, a distinguished diplomat and Minister Plenipotentiary, passed away on Wednesday, 26th April 2023, at the Promise Hospital in Juba. Mr. Akonydit had been battling diabetes for nearly a decade, and despite his efforts to manage the condition, his health took a turn for the worse in recent months. He was 51 years old.

Born on January 1, 1972, in Bur Boma, Panyikang Payam, Panyikang County, Upper Nile State, Mr. Akonydit was the son of Tom Akonydit Yor and Nyator Achobek Akol Awin. He was married to Bernadette Denis Aywok, and together they had

a son named Akonydit Sabino Tom.

Mr. Akonydit's educational journey began at Atar Elementary School in Pakwa, where he studied from 1978 to 1984. He continued his education at El-shaab Primary School in Boys Malakal from 1985 to 1989.

He then attended St. Lwanga Intermediate School in Malakal from 1989 to 1993, followed by St. Lwanga Secondary School from 1993 to 1996. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Juba in Khartoum, where he studied from 1997 to 2002. Additionally, he pursued a Diploma in Christian Lay Leadership and Community

Development at the Catholic Institute in Khartoum from 1998 to 2001. Later, Mr. Akonydit furthered his education at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, where he obtained a Master of Science degree in Public Policy and Management in 2015.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Akonydit undertook various professional trainings and workshops to enhance his diplomatic skills. He received certificates in Diplomatic Writings from the National Center for Diplomatic Studies in Khartoum, Sudan, and in Protocol and International Relations from the Institute for Diplomatic Studies in Cairo,



Egypt. He also obtained certificates in Diplomatic Relations and Protocol in Tehran, Iran, and in International Relations and Diplomatic Practice from the Clingendael Institute in The Hague, Netherlands. Mr. Akonydit was committed to continuous learning and attended numerous conferences, workshops, and trainings on diplomatic matters both in Sudan and abroad. Mr. Akonydit's work history reflects his deep commitment to public service. He began his career as a military officer in the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) from 2003 to 2005. During his tenure, he served as a deputy for military doctrine and was responsible for maintaining discipline and morale among SPLA liberation fighters. He was also deployed to Narus, Eastern Equatoria, and underwent military intelligence training in Nairobi, Kenya. In 2005, he participated in the Rumbek Civil Authority for New Sudan (CANS) arrangements, which aimed to establish the Government of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). Following his military service, Mr. Akonydit joined World Vision as a Child Protection/DDR Officer in South Sudan from 2005 to 2006. In this role, he played a vital role in identifying child soldiers, facilitating their release from armed forces, and reintegrating them into civilian life. He also worked collaboratively with stakeholders to enhance security, rebuild social fabric, and empower ex-combatants as agents of peace. In 2006, Mr. Akonydit trans-

sitioned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan, where he served as a Third Secretary and Second Secretary. During his tenure, he participated in various conferences, workshops, and training programs on bilateral and multilateral diplomatic issues. In 2010, he was deployed to the Embassy of Sudan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he oversaw consular affairs and diplomatic relations with Malaysia. With the birth of South Sudan as an independent nation in 2011, Mr. Akonydit continued his diplomatic career in the new government. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan as a First Secretary and later as a Counsellor. He represented the country in numerous conferences and workshops, both domestically and abroad, focusing on bilateral and multilateral diplomatic matters. In 2018, Mr. Akonydit was deployed to the South Sudan Mission in Geneva, Switzerland. As a focal point for International Labour Organization (ILO) issues, he played a vital role in promoting workers' rights, decent employment opportunities, and social protection. He also spearheaded efforts for South Sudan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Additionally, Mr. Akonydit handled various diplomatic files, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the UN Disarmament program, the Mine Ban Convention, and the

World Health Organization (WHO), among others. Outside of his professional achievements, Mr. Akonydit had a range of hobbies that he enjoyed. He was an avid sports enthusiast, particularly in volleyball, handball, and football. He also had a passion for chess and found solace in writing, reading, and public speaking. In May 2022, Mr. Akonydit was recalled to the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan, where he served in the Regional Organizations Department as Deputy Director. He continued to contribute his expertise and dedication to the field of diplomacy until his untimely passing. The late Minister Plenipotentiary Sabino Tom Akonydit leaves behind a legacy of service, professionalism, and diplomacy. His commitment to his country and his unwavering dedication to promoting peace and stability will be remembered and cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing him. Mr. Akonydit's contributions to the field of diplomacy serve as an inspiration for future generations, and his loss will be deeply felt by his family, friends, colleagues, and the nation as a whole. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has expressed its deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Akonydit, and the country mourns the loss of a distinguished diplomat and a true patriot. May his soul rest in eternal peace.







*Hon. Minister Ramadan. M. Abdallah Goc in a Bilateral Meeting with Ms. Watanabe Tomoko Charge D, Affaires of Japan Embassy in Juba. . MFA&IC Photo*

## Japanese Charge D, Affaires To South Sudan Solicits Support For Their Candidature

Juba 8, April 2024  
(MFA&IC).

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Ramadan. M. Abdallah Goc held a Bilateral Meeting with Ms. Watanabe Tomoko Charge D, Affaires of Japan Embassy in Juba. During the meeting, Hon Minister Goc pledged on behalf of South Sudan Government absolute support to Mr. Tamon Hiroshi candidature, particularly for the position of Committee on the Rights of

Persons with Disabilities. (CRPD) in the upcoming election scheduled to take place in New York, June, 2024.

The Hon Minister appreciated the Government and the people of Japan for their continuous support to the people of South Sudan.

The meeting also discussed issues about the Fee Exemption of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) whereby the Diplomat requested the concerned Ministries (Ministry of Finance and Planning as well as the Ministry of Petroleum to

exempt the application of the Electric Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) fee and the Electronic Petroleum Product Certification Permit (EPPCP).

In response, Hon Minister Goc assured Japanese diplomats to share the request for import fee Exemption to the relevant Miniseries to intervene promptly.

Watanabe Tomoko Charge D, Affaires of Japan Embassy in Juba called on South Sudan government to support Japan candidate nominated by the Japanese government to contest in June, 2024 election.



## Infrastructure Brief

# The Freedom Bridge

**560  
meters**

*The length of the Freedom Bridge funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). With sufficient width for both east and west bound traffic and a pedestrian sidewalk.*

*The Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan is quoted to have said that “the new bridge will serve as a reminder to the people of South Sudan to maintain peace and be free from violence.”*





**19 May  
2022,**

*Date on which the Freedom Bridge was officially opened. Those involved were the President Salva Kiir Mayardit, 1st Vice-President Riek Machar, AU infrastructure envoy*

*Raila Amollo Odinga and as well as the head of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Akihiko Tanaka who made his first overseas visit since assuming office*

*Source: Wikipedia*





*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation's Director General for Multilateral Relations Ambassador Anthony Kon in a meeting with the IGAD delegation.*

*MFA&IC Photo*

# IGAD Head of Mission Discusses Regional Strategies For 2021 - 2025.

Juba, 15 April, 2024  
(MFA&IC)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Director General for Multilateral Relations Ambassador Anthony Kon, said the current visiting del-

egation of experts from Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), is in the country to assess the regional strategies of IGAD for 2021 - 2025.

Ambassador Kon shared with Head of Mission of IGAD to the Republic of South Sudan, Mr. David Kwaje,

the previous challenges on programs and projects implemented by IGAD.

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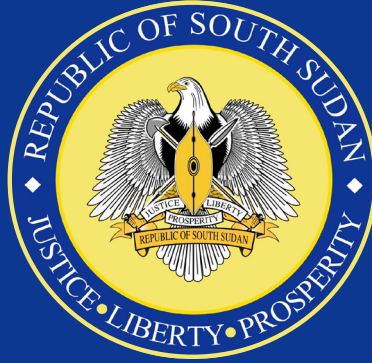


health system as well as best ways to develop the agricultural sector.

Furthermore, he called on IGAD bloc to offer South Sudanese Students Scholarships to study in their Universities, adding that equal representation or recruitment of all member states into the Secretariat and at all levels, is significant. Relocation of IGAD Special Envoy from Addis Ababa to Juba, and IGAD Emergency Health Center from Sudan to South Sudan, which will provide health services to all, Ambassador Kon highlighted.

On the same note, Mr. Kwaje emphasized that IGAD assessment on its strategies in the area of Peace and Migration is crucial for exploring ways to reinforce its Strategies.

He reaffirmed his full commitment to working closely with the government of South Sudan and added that recommendations and findings will be submitted through the structure of IGAD Bloc for further consideration.



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