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South Sudan Business Forum Announces New Board Members

Juba, 28th May 2013-The South Sudan Business Forum today welcomed the appointment of its inaugural Board members. The event was held at the Home and Away Business Center in Juba, South Sudan. The new Board members underwent an induction session to familiarize themselves with their roles and responsibilities. There are currently 13 members, all representing public and private sector respectively.

Speaking at the Launch, the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Hon. Garang Diing Akuang emphasized the importance of the partnership between the Government and Private sector, “Promoting Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on policies that affect our private sector and business community is critical for our country, we have emerged from a long period of conflict and we need to strengthen consensus in all spheres of our society and economy”, He stated. The Board will seek to ensure effective and inclusive policy dialogue among key economic players and the relevant stakeholders.

The appointed members include;

1. Mr. Salah Liwa Agili - Ministry of Cabinet Affairs
2. Mr Chol Thiik-Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
3. Mr. Biong Pieng Kuol -Ministry of Justice
4. Mr. Max Bosco Abucha - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Co-operatives and Rural Development
5. Ms. Cecilia Moga Kenyi - Ministry of Environment
6. Mr Daniel Kech Puoch- Central Bank of South Sudan
7. Ms. Zeinab Yassin Yagersafi -South Sudan Land Commission
8. Ms. Mary Akech – Director General, Private Sector Development, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment
9. Mr. Simon Akuei Deng - Secretary General, South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
10. Mr. Kong James Piong – Secretary General, South Sudan Business Union
11. Mr. Timon Wani - South Sudan Agricultural Union
12. Mr. Vicent Oywak - Financial Services
13. Mr. Thuc Malueh Choul - Chairman, South Sudan Bankers Association.

About SSBF

The South Sudan Business Forum (SSBF) is South Sudan’s main public-private dialogue mechanism that brings together key economic stakeholders to promote a conducive business and investment climate for private sector development. It is the custodian of a transparent and inclusive public and private dialogue mechanism

constituted to ensure effective representation of a broad spectrum of private sector interests, including SMEs, in fashioning and pursuing the Forum's agenda on the economy.

The Board and its Working Groups, is supported by a Secretariat whose functions include: identification of priority issues impacting private sector development; research and provision of evidence based recommendations on the issues. It is also responsible for tracking the PPD recommendations and decisions as the agenda progresses through the, development of laws and policy and the implementation process. The Secretariat will assemble necessary evidence on which recommendations of working groups and decisions of the Board can be based. The Board will support capacity building on PPD as well as emergence of sub-national PPD in the States in order to ensure that PPD benefits the country. It will work through meetings, publication of position papers, issue briefs, reports; communication and outreach programs; and will hold an annual summit to review progress on commitments; among others.

This day marked the beginning of operationalisation of the Board of Directors of the South Sudan Business Forum (SSBF). The inauguration was well attended with representatives from the business community, civil society, development partners and other stakeholders among the participants.

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