



PRESS STATEMENT BY HON. STEPHEN DHIEU DAU, MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND MINING, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN AND HON. KIRAITU MURUNGI, MINISTER FOR ENERGY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH SUDAN - KENYA CRUDE OIL PIPELINE PROJECT

1. The Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the Government of the Republic of Kenya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 24, 2012 to develop and expand a framework of cooperation and partnership between the two states. This was on the principle of equality, mutual benefit, mutual understanding, respect and trust.
2. The areas of cooperation include the development of a crude oil pipeline between the oil fields of South Sudan and the port of Lamu in Kenya.
3. The MoU further established a Joint Coordination Commission (JCC) to fast-track the development of the pipeline. The JCC is co-chaired by the Under-Secretary for Petroleum and Mining of the Republic of South Sudan and

the Permanent Secretary for Energy of the Republic of Kenya.

4. The two Governments have held fruitful discussions on a wide range of bilateral and project issues and reaffirmed their commitment and determination to develop the South Sudan – Kenya crude oil pipeline.
5. The two Governments are in the process of negotiating an Inter-Governmental Agreement which will provide the legal framework for the South Sudan – Kenya pipeline. The Inter-Governmental Agreement will provide for Project support and cooperation; non-interruption of the Project; and security and access during construction, installation and operation of the pipeline.
6. The two Governments have agreed to prioritize implementation of the Project and to cooperate in capacity building, sharing of information and experiences on best practices, joint human capacity enhancement and development including provision of requisite support for the benefit of the Project and our two countries.

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