



**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF LABOUR**

**Statement of the Government of the Republic of South
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By

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Mr. President,
Honourable Ministers,
The Director-General of the ILO,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of South Sudan and on my own behalf, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. President for having been elected the President of the current 110th Session of the International Labour Conference. Our congratulations are also due to the Vice-Presidents of the conference. We would like to extend our congratulations to the incoming Director General of the ILO which is a remarkable milestone in the history of the ILO.

Mr. President

Ladies and gentlemen

South Sudan like all the other countries in the world has been affected adversely by the COVID-19 Pandemic and severe flooding that hit the country hard. The Government has however tried to mitigate some of the challenges to relief the impact of the pandemic and floods on the populace.

South Sudan is one of the least developed countries in the world, we appreciate the report of the director general of ILO for focusing on the least developed countries with the intent of introducing programmes that will improve on their economic performance and ultimately contribute to drawing them out from their current situation. South Sudan has developed its decent work country programme and look forward to implementing it with support from the ILO and other partners.

Rather than depending on oil we are looking forward to diversifying the economy through the development of the Human Resource, capacity building, skills development and put more focuses on agriculture.

Mr. President

Ladies and gentlemen

Like most of the African Countries South Sudan has a youthful population and by availing skills that are responsive to the Labour market demand, the country stands to benefit from this population and will contribute to economic growth.

We have recognized the need to introduce small scale production as an essential strategy to produce and at the same time create employment opportunities for the youth.

We stand to benefit as a country if we could have some basic production like extraction of oil from the various oil seeds that are available locally, food processing and preservation, treatment and processing of hides and skins which are in abundance in the country.

The Labour Market Assessment in the private sector including the NGOs is still uncompleted, we will be extending to the states once funds are available. The data

once collected and analyzed will inform policy decisions in the country.

South Sudan is committed to work and partner with ILO in ensuring that the National policies are aligned to the ILO principles. The Social Insurance bill has been tabled to the Revitalized Transitional National Legislative Assembly and will soon be enacted and implemented. The Social Insurance Fund will ensure the portability of social insurance benefits of the migrant workers to their countries of origin.

Training of Labour inspectors remains a priority; it is this cadre that will lead the process of awareness raising among the workers. The dissemination of the Labour Act is also another area that the county feels it is of utmost importance.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, together we look forward to a continued partnership with the ILO in improving Labour performance

in the Republic of South Sudan and we are committed to be part and parcel of the Doha Programme of Action. Again, we congratulate the out going D/G for his kind leadership during his term in the office thank you for your services. We welcome the incoming D/G and assure him of our full support to work closely with him as we did with the out going D/G.

I thank you.

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