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One South Sudan Peace Conference

: Beyond Our Camp, Bridging Our Future

JUBA, South Sudan — On October 8, 2026, approximately 200 people—including key national figures, religious leaders, traditional elders, representatives from the Ministry of Education, educators, youth advocates, and university students—gathered at the UNIPOD Hall at the University of Juba for the landmark 'One South Sudan Peace Conference'.

Jointly organized by HWPL and IPYG, co-hosted with CEPO, CIGPJ, and National COTAL, the historic gathering united multi-sectoral leaders to bridge statutory frameworks with civic action, declaring that sustainable peace must begin in daily life.



Transcending political, religious, and ethnic divides through shared values and traditional wisdom, the conference underscored multilateral cooperation to empower youth and citizens as proactive agents of dialogue, reconciliation, and lasting coexistence.

1. Congratulatory Messages



Hon. Deng Deng Hoc Yai
*Associate Professor at the
University of Juba and Former
Minister of Education and
Instruction*



Hon. Bishop. John Jock Chol
*Diocesan Bishop Of the Episcopal Church
Of South Sudan, and Former Chairperson
Of the Standing Committee on Peace and
Reconciliation, TNLA*



Hon. Bona Deng Lawrence
*Former Chairperson Of the
Standing Committee on Youth and
Sports, TNLA*



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2. Keynote Speakers



Sultan Joseph Kuol Amet

Acting Secretary-General, National Council of Traditional Authority Leaders (NCOTAL) & Paramount Chief of Kuac Ayok Community



Archbishop Justin Badi Arama

Archbishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Chair of the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC)



Sheikh Refat Juma Abdallah

Deputy Secretary for Organization and Humanitarian Affairs, South Sudan Islamic Council (SSIC)



Father John Opi

Justice and Peace Coordinator, Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference (SSCBC)

Through the **Religious Peace Academy(RPA)** lectures by faith leaders and traditional leaders, **diverse communities** shared their unique peace heritage, discussing pathways to transcend religious, tribal, and cultural divisions and build a shared foundation of peace values.

3. Keynote Speakers



Ms. Jackline Nasiwa

Executive Director, Center for Inclusive Governance, Peace, and Justice (CIGPJ)



Mr. Edmund Yakani

Executive Director, Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO)



Mr. Emmanuel William Atit

Secretary-General, the South Sudan National Youth Union (SSNYU)

During the keynote sessions, leaders from civil society and youth emphasized the indispensable roles of women, grassroots communities, and young people in shaping the nation's future.

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Joint Action & Sustainable Continuity

Culminating their shared vision, designated multi-sector leaders proclaimed and signed the “Joint Statement on the Legacy of Peace in South Sudan,” solidifying a collective commitment to non-violent dialogue, the rejection of tribalism, and lasting reconciliation.



To expand this commitment into daily practice, HWPL proposed the **"Mr. Big Light" Radio Peace Education Campaign**, aimed at laying a sustainable foundation to broadcast daily peace stories nationwide and mobilize grassroots communities.



Special Appreciation to Dedicated Youth Volunteer Partners

We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated youth organizations and student leadership whose energetic volunteerism—anchoring MC moderation, student coordination, and logistical operations:

- Junub Open Space
- South Sudan Youth Sports Association
- Climate Change Adaptation and Smart Action
- University of Juba Law Students' Association

