

## PRESS RELEASE

# Peace Actors in South Sudan Launch Activities to Commemorate International Day of Peace

**14 SEPTEMBER 2016, JUBA** — Peace actors from a wide-ranging coalition of civil society, international, and government organizations will host seven days of peace activities in commemoration of International Day of Peace. The activities begin today and will culminate in a march to the marquee ceremony in Juba on 21 September.

This year the International Day of Peace will be celebrated in South Sudan by the national theme "*Together We Can Heal The Nation*", as a call for every citizen to imagine, commit, and actively contribute to the vision of sustainable peace for South Sudan.

"International Day of Peace for us is about continuously highlighting the horror and cost of the conflict in South Sudan, shining a light on some success stories; securing strong commitment from all relevant stakeholders, establishing common targets and embarking on an irreversible march towards peace," said Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission Chuol Rambang.

The convening activities kick off on 14 September with a media meet-and-greet to introduce peace coalition organizations and illustrate the goals and objectives of the peace campaign. Radio programs will run throughout the week highlighting peace messages. The commemoration of International Day of Peace will take place at Nyakuron Cultural Centre on 21 September 2016 from 7:00-13:00.

The coalition is led by the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission, in coordination with the National Platform for Peace and Reconciliation, as well as partner national and local organizations, the United Nations, diplomatic missions, and the business community. The coalition includes Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO), Liwolo Women Development Association (LWDA), Dak Organization for Recovery and Development (DORD), Solidarity for Women Rights Association (SOWA), Eve-Organization for Women (EVE), Organization for Non-Violence and Development (ONAD), United Cultural Development Organization (UCDC), United Friends Association (UFA), Community Initiative for Peace and Development (CIPAD), ACCORD, Grassroots Women Network, Unity Cultural and Development Center, Juba University, youth and women-led local groups, UNDP, UNMISS and more.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September 2016. This year's international theme is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace."

In South Sudan, International Day of Peace will mark the beginning of a longer-term effort amongst civil society, international, and government organizations to promote peace and stability, as part of the 100 Days of Peace Activism mobilization.

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## International Day of Peace Campaign Schedule and Contacts for Media

### Commemorating International Day of Peace 2016

#### Juba, South Sudan

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	MEDIA CONTACT
<b>14 SEPTEMBER</b>	LAUNCH OF THE SEVEN DAYS OF PEACE CAMPAIGN	MEDIA MEET-AND-GREET WITH PEACE ACTORS AND ORGANIZERS	KYMBERLY BAYS 0954396893 MAYA LOGO 0954128603
<b>15 SEPTEMBER</b>	WOMEN CELEBRATE PEACE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION	WOMEN-LED OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES FROM THE CRISIS AND ARTICULATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE	ABATE SIMON 0956114401
<b>16 SEPTEMBER</b>	UNIVERSITY PEACE DEBATE	UNIVERSITY DEBATE AROUND ISSUES OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION	DANIEL MAJACK 0955017617
<b>17 SEPTEMBER</b>	YOUTH FOR PEACE DAY	A DAY OF YOUTH SPORTS AND DRAMA ACTIVITIES WITH MESSAGES OF PEACE	MAYA LOGO 0954128603
<b>18 SEPTEMBER</b>	PRAYERS FOR PEACE	CONGREGATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEDICATE THEIR PRAYERS TO PROMOTING PEACE	MARTHA DAVID THOMAS 0956038183
<b>19 SEPTEMBER</b>	PEACE GOSPEL CONCERT	GOSPEL CONCERT TO PRAISE PEACE AND TOGETHERNESS	KYMBERLY BAYS 0954396893
<b>20 SEPTEMBER</b>	MEDIA DAY	MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH PEACE ACTORS AND ORGANIZERS	KYMBERLY BAYS 0954396893 MAYA LOGO 0954128603
<b>21 SEPTEMBER</b>	OFFICIAL SOUTH SUDAN INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY COMMEMORATION	PEACE WALK, SPEECHES, SONGS, MUSIC, TRADITIONAL DANCE AND DRAMA TO CELEBRATE PEACE DAY	KYMBERLY BAYS 0954396893 MAYA LOGO 0954128603

