



Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC)

The 7th meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) was convened in Juba on 24 March 2016 by the Chairperson of JMEC, His Excellency Mr. Festus G. Mogae. The meeting was called to order at 10:13.

In attendance were:

For the Parties to the Agreement:

1. Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth, for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan
2. Hon. Peter Bashir Gbandi, for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan
3. Gen. Taban Deng Gai, for the SPLM/A (In Opposition)
4. Mr. Stephen Par Tap, for the SPLM/A (In Opposition)
5. Mr. Kosti Manibe Ngai, for the SPLM Former Detainees
6. Dr. Lam Akol Ajawin, for the Other Political Parties

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents

1. Rt. Revd. Bishop Enock Tombe, for the Faith Based Leaders
2. Mr. Mohammed Moragan, for the Faith Based Leaders
3. Mrs. Amer Manyok Deng, for the Women's Bloc
4. Mrs. Alokiir Malual Aguer, for Civil Society
5. Gen. Andrew Makur, for the Eminent Personalities
6. Ms. Koiti Emmily, For the Youth Groups

For the Regional Guarantors

1. Amb. Fisseha Shawl, for the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
2. Amb. Cleland Leshore, for the Republic of Kenya
3. Amb. Jamal Elsheikh, for the Republic of Sudan
4. Mr. Thapelo Madumane, for the Republic of South Africa
5. Mr. Mashoud Issaka, for the African Union Commission

For the International Partners and Friends of South Sudan

1. Amb. Ma Qiang, for the People's Republic of China
2. Mr. Gunnar Andreas Holm, for the Kingdom of Norway
3. Amb. Timothy Morris, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
4. Amb. Molly C. Phee, for the United States of America
5. Mrs. Ellen M. Løj, for the United Nations
6. Mr. Philippe Coessens, for the European Union
7. Amb. Robert van den Dool, for the IGAD Partners Forum

For the JMEC Secretariat

1. His Excellency François Louncy Fall, Deputy Chairperson of JMEC
2. Mr. Aly Verjee, Deputy Chief of Staff
3. Mr. Bi Haibo, Deputy Chief of Staff

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC)

1. The draft agenda of the meeting was adopted as circulated.
2. Under agenda item 4, Steps to address Constraints on Humanitarian Access, the Government reported that directives had been given by the Army Chief of Staff to remove all roadblocks. The SPLM/A (IO) reported that orders from their command on allowing humanitarian access are in place. The representative of the United Nations requested the Government provide copies of the directive so that humanitarian agencies can show it to forces they encounter, which the JMEC Chairperson endorsed. The UN representative noted as a positive development that Government forces now allow access for humanitarian deliveries to the West Bank of the Nile near Malakal, but noted that civilians are still lamented on-going problems with access in Western Equatoria and Northern Bahr El Ghazal.
3. The Government raised the concern that drivers of humanitarian deliveries were poaching and illegally transporting bush meat. The Chairperson agreed on the need for the relief agencies to instruct the drivers not to engage in illegal transport of goods, and emphasized that this issue shows the need to form the transitional police units, as it is the police who should handle criminal issues like poaching.
4. Under agenda item 5, Progress on Formation of the Transitional Government, the SPLM/A (IO) affirmed that First Vice President Riek Machar will return to Juba as soon as the 1,370 initial security personnel are in place, and the Government affirmed that the Transitional Government of National Unity can be formed and seated as soon as Machar is in Juba. Both parties expressed greater confidence in the progress since the previous meeting of JMEC. The Chairperson recognised the support by the Governments of Ethiopia and Kenya for the return of SPLM/A (IO) security personnel to Juba, and the contributions by the Government of the People's Republic of China for the preparation of SPLM/A (IO) cantonment sites. The representative of the business community noted the dire economic situation as another critical reason the transitional government must be formed.
5. The Chairperson regretted the detention of Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM) officials in Yambio and stressed that better communication from the Government and SPLM/A (IO) liaison officers within CTSAMM is needed to prevent future incidents. CTSAMM reported that it will conduct verification of SPLM/A (IO) positions in Equatoria and Bahr el Ghazal regions over the coming weeks. Both the Government and the SPLM/A (IO) reiterated their commitment to facilitate the work of CTSAMM. The Government noted that President Salva Kiir had personally participated in witnessing the redeployment of government forces from Juba.
6. The Joint Military Ceasefire Commission restated its highest priority as creation of the National Architecture for security reform. The JMEC membership welcomed the JMCC's revisions to the budget for the National Architecture.