

South Sudan Civil Society Forum

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The South Sudan Civil Society Forum (SSCSF) welcomes the signing of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS). The signing which took place on 12 September, 2018 in Addis Ababa is a commendable step towards sustainable peace and security. We applaud all the parties for demonstrating the needed leadership by signing the Agreement to steer the country out of crisis. We call upon other parties who are still carrying arms to silence the guns and join the rest of the stakeholders in a non-violent process of reform.

We believe this agreement is a good basis for ushering in peace, security and stability in South Sudan. It is an opportunity to start an inclusive process that will address the deeper root causes of political conflict.

It is a betrayal of the people of South Sudan that there is ongoing fighting in the country, despite the parties signing the agreement. Going forward, we hope that parties will demonstrate genuine commitment to immediately silence the guns. Never again should the blood of South Sudanese be spilled because of political differences.

We appreciate the positive role played by regional and international actors in the revitalization process. We call upon friends of South Sudan to maintain continuous engagement and support the implementation process.

We urge the government to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to ensure all South Sudanese can actively contribute to securing peace without fear of harassment and intimidation. In this regard, we call on the government and armed opposition groups to unreservedly release prisoners of war, activists, political detainees, abducted women and all those detained without due process of the law.

We declare our support for the peace agreement and commit to work tirelessly with all South Sudanese to help our country transition to a stable and democratic nation. We urge the signatories to begin the critical process of implementing the revitalized agreement. Signatures alone do not bring peace.

Who we are:

The SSCSF is a coalition of over 200 independent civic groups representing civil society organizations, Women and youth groups, Academia, community and faith based organizations from across South Sudan. These members work in both government and opposition controlled areas, internally displaced peoples camps, South Sudanese refugee settlements and neighboring countries. Members of the forum are united by a common interest for peace, freedom and respect for human dignity. The Forum derives its mandates from not only its members but also the thousands of ordinary citizens it consults with in regard to the peace process.

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