

Roadmap towards the end of the High-Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF)

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In a briefing of a plenary session of all delegates this morning, Amb. Ismail Wais outlined the roadmap towards the end of the HRLF as follows:

1. A full draft of the Revitalized ARCSS, 2018 would be shared with the delegates by 13:00hours.
2. Delegates would review this draft until 16:00hours.
3. This draft would be initialed by 17:00 – 18:00 hours.
4. The Khartoum Round of Talks would be adjourned today and delegates would disperse to their respective destinations
5. The Talks would resume for development of the matrix of implementation from August 27 to September 3, 2018. This will involve IGAD's Mediation Taskforce with participation of only those to be invited from the parties and civic groups.
6. The President of Kenya, HE Uhuru Kenyatta would host IGAD's Council of Ministers Session and a Summit of Heads of States and Government. These Session and Summit would endorse the full text of the revitalized ARCSS including the matrix of implementation.
7. It is expected that this revitalized ARCSS would be signed on the same day of its endorsement by the leadership of IGAD in Nairobi.
8. A final agreement on the number of states is not confirmed, however, the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on this outstanding issue developed a statement that would be presented to the next Session of Council of Ministers and Heads of States and Government for discussion and final decision.
9. The parties would release a joint press statement on the peace process by close of business today. A draft of this statement would be shared with all the parties for their input prior to the press conference.
10. A delegate from civil society proposed that this road map should provide for more direct conversations among the South Sudanese stakeholders. These conversations should focus on the peace process to help build trust and confidence necessary for working together and successful implementation of the revitalized ARCSS. The Special Envoy acknowledged this suggestion and pledged the support of his office. He said a small team could be constituted to pursue this idea especially if it was accepted by all the parties.

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