

MANIFESTO OF THE SOUTH SUDAN AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION

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Signature

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Acting President

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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to my fellow citizens:

First let me begin by congratulating you and the members of SSANU for the extraordinary work you have done liberating South Sudan and creating the world's newest and most promising democracy. All of us, together, have established a nation that will further the progress of Africa in particular and the free world in general.

We should be proud of our commitment, diligence and sacrifice.

But there is much, still, to be done. Our aim is far more than just a free nation. Our goal is a nation where all of our citizens live a life of self-determination. A free, prosperous nation is only as strong as its average citizen. Therefore, our party is committed to compulsory education for all of our young people and technical and vocational training for all adults and working citizens. Lifelong learning is the cornerstone of a thriving democracy and SSANU shall create, champion and implement an education plan to ensure individual and national liberty.

The party is also committed to access to quality healthcare in every county and state in the nation. We will support initiatives that improve government services, an advanced infrastructure, policies for women and children, a well-equipped military and proper respect for our nation's farmers and the agricultural community. SSANU supports decentralization and the rights of community and state leaders to decide what is best for their locality.

We are one of the oldest parties in South Sudan. We have been there with you every step of the way. And you can be sure SSANU will be there with you and South Sudan as we prepare a bright new future for the next generation of South Sudanese people.

Sincerely,

Honorable Philip Palet
Acting President/Secretary General

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

SSANU is one of the oldest political parties in South Sudan. It was founded in exile by the late Fr. Saturnino Ohure, the late William Deng Nhial the late Joseph Oduho, AggreyJaden, Marko Rume and others, in 1963, in Kampala, Uganda, and then a year later in the Sudan.

In March 1965, SSANU participated, effectively, in the roundtable conference. Moreover, in 1967, SSANU championed the creation of the congress of the New Forces, which included General Union of the Nuba Mountains, Darfur Advancement Front and the Beja Congress.

In 1968, SSANU's Chairman William Deng was assassinated by the Sudan Armed Forces after he had overwhelmingly won his seat in Rumbek. In 1969, the May regime dissolved all political parties and SSANU suffered because of its opposition to the dictatorial regime. However, during the 22 years of the SPLM/A, SSANU also struggled because of its opposition to the dictatorship of the NCP and refused to participate in its government.

Consequently, SSANU's leadership was harassed and detained several times. After the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), SSANU wholeheartedly supported the agreement and continues to work towards its full implementation, in coordination with the country's other political parties. For this reason, it is important to note, that SSANU is completely opposed to dictatorship and a one-party system of Government.

THE PARTY PLATFORM

Presented here are the positions taken by our party. While this is a dynamic list and will no doubt continue to evolve and grow, we, the members of SSANU, believe these are the most pressing issues facing our new nation to date. SSANU is committed to advancing Democracy throughout South Sudan and continental Africa.

We believe our party to be the party that will promote the highest quality of life for all the people of South Sudan. SSANU is committed to championing those policies that impact individuals where it matters most: Family; Home; Community, Work and Security.

A strong family creates a strong community. Strong communities create strong states. Strong states are the making of a great nation. From the Boma, Payam, County and States, SSANU will serve as the leading advocate for issues that impact children, women, young people, working families and small businesses. Our party values reflect the values of the people of this great new nation. Our policies will lead the new nation to a stronger, brighter, more just tomorrow.

While these are the policies that will govern our new nation from a position of strength, we cannot do it alone. We know these are the values, aspirations and ideals of every meaningful and concerned citizen of South Sudan. We extend an open invitation to you.

DEFENSE

The first priority of any legitimate government is defense – on the local, state and national levels. SSANU proposes a well-equipped army and a comprehensive homeland security plan.

1. Properly arm and organize all security forces or organs, on the national, state and local levels, with the necessary equipment;
2. Sensitize the community about the security forces and their roles in the various areas;
3. Train and facilitate the army, police, fire brigade, wildlife and prison services;

HEALTHCARE

Every citizen deserves to be the best they can be. SSANU's position is preventative care and first rate treatment across the nation.

1. Training and facilitating medical personnel in preventive and curative medicine.
Also, provide necessary medication;
2. Construction of primary healthcare centers and primary healthcare units at all levels within the nation.

EDUCATION

The backbone of every great nation, comprehensive, compulsory education guided by research, well trained teachers and rigorous national standards for all.

1. Establish free nursery and primary education for all children;
2. New curriculum based upon South Sudanese standards;
3. Create professional development academy for educators;
4. Create adult literacy programs in rural areas;
5. Enforce rigorous education standards;
6. Create technical/vocational schools and research centers;
7. SSANU will establish schools in prisons.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A SSANU government will champion increased revenue for the nation by expanding and maximizing economic opportunity throughout the public sector.

1. Encourage sustainable development through all economic sectors;
2. Ensure proper government revenue collections

LABOR

The hardworking men and women of the public sector will be a part of the continued growth of the new nation. SSANU is appreciative and committed to their dedication.

1. Review the Public Service Act and improve its performance;
2. Restructure the system of political appointments;
3. Increase training for the civil servants in all government institutions;
4. End nepotism, tribalism, sectionalism and other disruptive acts in political appointments;
5. Protect the rights of civil servants;

(ANTI) CORRUPTION

What separates development, cultural and economic growth between nations, is public trust, transparency and good governance. SSANU is committed to a government that reflects the decency of its constituency.

1. Review the anti-corruption Act and improve its performance;
2. Avoid the delay of promotion and salary adjustments in accordance to the Public Service Act;
3. Set up an Independent Anti-Corruption Commission and give it prosecutorial powers;
4. Establish transparent procurement policies.

AGRICULTURE

It is one of the most important sectors for growth in South Sudan. The party is committed to its development, advancement and expansion in all aspects.

1. Enact clear policies on agriculture;
2. Initiate major agricultural projects to secure food;
3. Increase training for agricultural specialists;
4. Open agricultural institutes to train workers;
5. Provide agricultural facilities and equipment;

6. Revive the agricultural schemes;
7. Establish a loan program for farmers.

CULTURE

The entire struggle has been about the preservation of our nation's unique and special culture. The party will ensure it will be passed along for generations to come.

1. Enact laws to guide and protect African Culture (South Sudanese Culture);
2. Empower folklore groups and promote their performances;
3. Promote local languages in South Sudan and encourage them to be taught in schools;
4. Build and establish a modern archives and museum system.

ENVIRONMENT

A high quality of life demands a superior environment free of internal and external hazards for man, beast and nature – it is all connected. SSANU will work diligently to defend, promote and educate its citizens about the environment in which they live, work and play.

- 1) Educate people about environmental protection;
- 2) Defend and protect the nation's natural interior;
- 3) Promote environmental sanitation through water treatment, sewage and sanitation;
- 4) Wild, domestic and aquatic animal protection;
- 5) Environmental protection policies in the oil fields;

INFRASTRUCTURE

South Sudan's economic growth depends upon a solid and sound infrastructure that connects people to their nation's natural resources, commerce and government. SSANU will create policies that will ensure a comprehensive infrastructure plan that encourages growth from the local to the national level.

- 1) Creation of a national railway system;
- 2) Build more landing and air strips in all states;
- 3) Build more bridges throughout the nation;
- 4) Invest in hydro-electric power.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Our new nation was born with thunderous applause from citizens around the world. Capitalizing upon that good will, SSANU will engage our international partners in the areas of cultural exchange and economic development.

- 1) Better relationship with neighboring countries;
- 2) Increase export/import;
- 3) Create multi-national relationships with African nations and the world at large;
- 4) Create a welcoming environment for foreign citizens;
- 5) Establish diplomatic missions across the world.

YOUTH

They are the future of our nation. How we position our youth for tomorrow, determines the very future of our nation. To that end, SSANU will make a unique commitment to the nation's youth and students.

- 1) Building Youth Community Centers at the local level;
- 2) Youth Scholarships for Higher Education;
- 3) Free compulsory basic education;
- 4) SSANU will provide vocational training in all levels in skills applicable in re-construction;
- 5) Mobile schools in cattle camps.

WOMEN

The majority population will play a leading role in the development of our nation. To ensure South Sudan runs on full capacity, our nation's women must be given full and equal

opportunity in every aspect of our national life. All issues that impact quality of life concerning the women of South Sudan will be championed by the party of SSANU.

- 1) SSANU will promote affirmative action in terms of: Employment; Education; access to free healthcare; personal capital, security, government services and a commitment to the highest quality of life comparable to any nation in the world;
- 2) SSANU will discourage early or forced marriage;
- 3) SSANU will encourage policies against domestic violence;

CHILDREN

Everything we work towards will be for the betterment of our nation's children. Therefore, we are committed to the highest standards of life and a future with unlimited opportunity for the children of South Sudan.

- 1) SSANU will offer pre-school to all children;
- 2) SSANU will offer special care for orphans;
- 3) SSANU will provide for compulsory immunization for all children under the age of five (5) years old.

HUMAN RIGHTS

A legitimate government must be committed to the international standards of human rights at home and abroad.

- 1) SSANU believes that all people are equal, before the law, regardless of age, sex, race and religion;
- 2) SSANU will support all international conventions and charters of the United Nations;
- 3) SSANU will fight human trafficking and slavery;
- 4) SSANU is committed to the global rights of women and children;
- 5) SSANU is committed to international standards for the highest quality of life for all people throughout the world.