

# Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of justice & Constitutional Affairs

Directorate of Business registrations

Office the chief registrar

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## **Strategic Plans for the Directorate of Registration of Businesses**

### **1. Introduction**

The directorate of Businesses Registration has made tremendous achievements. With the support from the Development Partners, the Directorate has computerized registration of companies to create conducive environment for local and foreign investment. The directorate is now able to register a business within a day or two. So far, the Directorate has registered over forty thousand (40,000) companies, three thousand eight hundred (3,800) Business Names, Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty (2,880) NGOs and Associations, Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight (668) Trademarks and One Hundred and Twenty (120) Partnerships. The registration of a Business whether a company or partnership is currently done electronically unlike before when it used to be. The Directorate has started to roll out business registration to States. Two branches are already established with Wau Business Registry now operating but the Malakal Business Registry was looted and destroyed. The Directorate has also facilitated training of six legal counsels in different areas of registration of businesses.

### **2. Challenges**

There is still a challenge which remains to be addressed and overcome. And this is the regulation and control of businesses, in particular foreign businesses. Inadequate capacity to effectively regulate businesses. This has resulted into some brief case businesses getting

contracts with the government institutions even if the business has no capital. Many registered businesses are not filing annual returns in spite of calls by the Chief Restarter. This makes it difficult to determine whether a business is indeed viable and functioning. The Ministry is currently developing the necessary forms for filling annual returns. Other challenges include lack of store/space for keeping files for registered businesses, lack of motivation for registry staff and maintenance of ICT equipment which has become very expensive to bear.

### 3. Strategic Theme 8 - Registration of Businesses

<b>Strategic Issue 3:</b> inadequate capacity to provide oversight on businesses registered in South Sudan.	
<b>Strategic Objective 3:</b> To improve the oversight role of the Registry	
<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Activities</b>
3.1.Improve mechanisms & processes to facilitate prompt registration & compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop simplified forms and other registration documents to ensure prompt registration of businesses.</li> <li>○ Develop guidelines to ensure effective oversight and monitoring of registered businesses including the establishment of an electric database and regular inspections.</li> <li>○ Develop effective reporting systems to strengthen internal reporting.</li> </ul>
3.2.Modernize database system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrade the current database system an ICT equipment.</li> <li>○ Introduce online or web-based registration by availing registration forms online.</li> <li>○ Acquiring internet connectivity to achieve online registration.</li> </ul>
3.3. Ensure Effective Regulations of Businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitate the review of the regulations for Companies Act, 2012</li> </ul>

	for effective implementation of the Act and compliance by Businesses.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review certificates of registration to reflect the type of registration e.g., certificate of replacement to be different with incorporation, trademark certificate etc.</li> <li>○ Ensure accurate and financial report for registered companies.</li> <li>○ Carrying inspection campaigns to ensure compliance and struck off or imposes penalties dormant and brief case companies.</li> </ul>
3.4. Capacity Building for registry staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitate short and long-term training for both legal and non-legal staff to understand laws governing registrations of legal entities and ICT respectively.</li> <li>○ Short tours to other foreign registries to expose them to good practices in those places.</li> </ul>
3.5. Establish a Secure Transaction Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prepare forms and other registration needs with a view to establish collateral registry.</li> <li>○ Facilitate more training in this field through exposure to other collateral registries.</li> </ul>
3.6. Strengthen the registration process of businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establish a One Stop Business Solution Centre.</li> <li>○ Facilitate meetings with other Stakeholders to establish One Stop Business Solution Centre e.g.,</li> </ul>

	<p>Customs, Trade, Finance, Interior Ministries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Solicit funds from development partners to achieve the above project.</li> </ul>
<p>3.7. Enhance Capacity of the Business Registry at the State Level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establish more business registries at state level.</li> <li>○ Develop effective communication strategies to ensure effective registration at state registries.</li> </ul>

**Note:** The above strategic plans are almost the same with the previous one in the 2017 – 2022 Strategic Plans.

Best Regards,

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**Strategic Theme 8: Business Registry.**

<b>Strategic Issue 8: Inadequate Capacity and Legal Framework</b>	
Strategic Objective 8: Modernize the system of registration of legal entities.	
<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Activities</b>
8.1. Improve & achieve smooth registration of legal entities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrading the database system.</li> <li>○ Introduction of Online or web-based applications and registration processes.</li> <li>○ Improve current ICT equipment in the registry.</li> <li>○ Internet connectivity.</li> </ul>

<p>8.2. Ensure effective oversight on legal entities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Conducting periodic inspection of incorporated and registered entities.</li><li>○ Ensure that companies file their annual returns timeously.</li></ul>
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