



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING
The Minister

**VNR 2024 Presentation at High Level Political Forum (HLFP) Public
Announcement from the Minister of Finance and Planning**

Dear Citizens of South Sudan,

I have the pleasure to announce that today, 16 July 2024, South Sudan is presenting its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN High Level Political Forum (HLFP) in New York. Our country's presentation at HLFP demonstrates commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

The 2024 VNR report focuses on the following SDGs, namely SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) to demonstrate progress toward SDG 1 (No Poverty). These eight SDGs have been reviewed in-depth in the report and SDG 5 (Gender Equality) is considered cross-cutting.

At the 2024 VNR presentations, South Sudan will present to the Member States its achievements, challenges, and opportunities in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals since their adoption in 2015. We will also have the opportunity to learn lessons and best practices from other presenting countries.

I would like to congratulate South Sudanese on some progress made based on the VNR Report findings. The relative peace and recovery due to implementation of R-ARCSS, mainstreaming of SDGs in our different plans and policies, reduced maternal mortality from 2,054 deaths per 100,000 (2006) to 1,223 per 100,000 (2023) and increase in adult literacy rates by 7.52% from 26.98% (2008) to 34.5% (2022), among others.

We have enormous challenges that require our collective effort to overcome. The worsening poverty levels, and deteriorating food security situation exacerbated by protracted conflict, climate changes, Sudan's civil war and on-going economic crisis remain to be addressed.

I call upon our collective action as government, donors, development partners and citizens of South Sudan to accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goals to enhance better future for all South Sudanese. Let us work together to implement recommendations from 2024 VNR Report

Thank you.

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