

**The 27<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council**  
**Panel Discussion on the Human Rights Situation in South Sudan**

**Palais des Nations, Geneva**  
**(Room XX)**

**Date and Time**

24 September 2014, 15:00 – 18:00 hours,

**Focus and objectives**

In its resolution 26/31 on technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights, adopted in June 2014, the Human Rights Council (HRC) decided to convene a panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan during its twenty-seventh session, in September 2014.

The panel discussion will focus, inter alia, on identifying effective measures to improve the human rights situation in South Sudan. It will also aim at strengthening United Nations support for the work of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) led peace process.

In the resolution, the HRC decided to invite to the panel discussion the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan, the Chairperson of the IGAD Mediation Team on South Sudan, the Special Representative of the Secretary General for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of South Sudan.

**Panellists**

- H.E. Paulino Wanawilla Unango – Minister of Justice, Government of the Republic of South Sudan.
- H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo – Chairperson, African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan.
- Mr. Lawrence Korbandy – Chairperson, Human Rights Commission, South Sudan
- Mr. Ibrahim Wani – Director of Human Rights, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

**Moderator**

- H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Said Doualeh – Permanent Representative, Government of Djibouti

**Format**

The High Commissioner for Human Rights will deliver an opening statement and provide an interim report on the human rights situation in South Sudan for the panel discussion.

The panel will be chaired by the President or Vice-President of the Council. The duration of the discussion is 3 hours. The presentations by the panellists will be followed by an interactive discussion.

The panellists will have 5-7 minutes for their initial presentation and will react to specific questions from the floor. The interactive discussion will be divided into two segments, at the

end of which panellists may provide comments and replies. The interactive discussion will be followed by concluding remarks by the panellists.

A report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary will be submitted by the High Commissioner to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session in March 2015.

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