**CSAC Board Meeting**

**QUARTER 2 2015 CSAC PROJECT BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 | 10:38AM – 13:02PM**

**VENUE: Eric De Mull Conference Hall**

**UNDP South Sudan**

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| **MEETING MINUTES** | |
| Subject: | CSAC Board Meeting Minutes |
| Date and Duration: | 2nd September 2015 |
| Participants: | Annex 1 – List of Participants |

| Agenda | Discussion/Decision/Action point | Responsibility | Time Frame |
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| 1. **Opening Remarks** | * 1. **Chairman:** Hon. Chuol Rambang Louth, the – Chairperson of South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission chaired the meeting. * In his opening remarks, the Chairperson welcomed members and noted that the meeting was taking place after three important achievements: i) Signing of the Peace Agreement ii) Infrastructure for Peace retreat by peace actors, iii) Formulation of the 2015-2018 SSPRC Strategic Plan. * He acknowledged and paid tribute to the CSAC Project Manager-Sam Muhumure who left UNDP. * Finally, the Chairman thanked UNDP and the Donor community for supporting the peace and reconciliation process in South Sudan and appealed to Donors to support the National Platform for Peace and Reconciliation (NPPR). * Thereafter, the Chairman declared the meeting open and called upon the Co-chairman, Hon. Brig. Gen. Christo Fataki and UNDP Country Director, Mr. Balázs Horváth respectively, to give their opening remarks.   1. **Hon. Brig. Christo Fataki:** The Co-chairperson, who is also the BCSSAC Head welcomed members and appreciated the meeting which was to deliberate project matters for the good of the people of South Sudan. He alluded to the fact that South Sudan has gone through a traumatising experience and therefore need relevant interventions for community security and sustainable peace that the CSAC project can provide. * He informed members that during the second quarter, the CSAC Bureau had focused on lobbying the enactment of the SALW Bill. As a result, it was presented to Parliament for the first reading. He thanked UNDP and Donors for their technical and financial support in this regard. CSAC Bureau would remain focused and work together with all stakeholders—national and international—in addressing the proliferation of SALW. * He also noted that the Bill process was a milestone achievement in the quest to realise a regulatory framework on the use and ownership of firearms, more so coming at a time when the country was engulfed in conflict. * Brig. Fataki emphasized the importance of the signing of the peace agreement as alluded by Hon Chuol and noted that it meant disarmament and recovery of weapons from the civilian population are inevitable. * In this regard, he mentioned that the Bureau has put forward a proposal for a peaceful voluntary approach/strategy that clearly outlines each actor’s role, conforms to guidelines laid down in proposed firearms laws that reflect the best practices on disarmament. * The meeting was informed that the CSAC Bureau had further engaged in discussions with UNDP, DFID and the Small Arms Survey Institute in Geneva to support a baseline survey on the extent of re-armament in South Sudan. He concluded his remarks by thanking UNDP, Donors and Government counterparts for their enormous support and appealing for this support to continue.   1. **Mr. Balázs Horváth:** The UNDP Country Director welcomed everyone to the second CSAC Board meeting of 2015. He noted that not only do these meetings provide a report progress mechanism on implementation but also an avenue for guidance on how to serve the populace of South Sudan better. * He noted the peace agreement recently signed as an important step for long term interest for South Sudan and observed that it required political will, adequate financial resources, openness, and reconciliation for the attainment of durable peace. * As the current dispensation unfolds, UNDP was working in terms of approaches and methodologies to realign its programmes within the fluid and changing environment for the benefit of South Sudan. This has led to the CSAC team to intensify and engage with stakeholders to promote collaborative leadership and dialogue among leaders and formulation of a robust infrastructure for peace in South Sudan. * The UNDP Country Director thanked DFID, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland for their generous financial support to UNDP that is bearing fruits in terms of downstream engagement and community interdependency among the different political divides and strengthening CSOs’ engagement. * As was alluded to by the Chairperson, the UNDP Country Director formally informed the Board members about the Programme Manager`s Sam Muhumure`s end of tour of duty with UNDP and expressed gratitude for his contributions to UNDP and the CSAC project in particular and informed members that Sammy Odolot is the acting Project Manager. * Board members were informed of the recruitment of a new staff member and that recruiting of the Chief Technical Advisor and Project Manager was in progress. * The UNDP Director mentioned that CSAC was heavily and strategically involved in research, notably the perception study, commissioning the SALW`s national baseline survey, mapping of CSO at both national and state level in order to inform the post 2016 CSAC framework and make it evidence based. * He ended his remarks with a passionate call for continued support to the CSAC project’s objectives and recognised the donors, UK, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, and Government for their steadfast support to the CSAC project. |  |  |
| 1. **Adoption of Agenda** | * 1. **Chairman:** The CSAC Board meeting agenda was adopted by the meeting. After, the adoption, the Chairperson then called upon the UNDP’s CSAC Project team to make a presentation on the summary achievements, challenges in Quarter 2 and risks to the project. |  |  |
| 1. **Presentations: CSAC Q2 Report ( Summary of achievement in Q1 & review of Risks Log)** | * 1. **CSAC Project Team:** The Acting Project Manager, Sammy Odolot presented on the Quarter 2. achievements, challenges, and risks. |  |  |
|  | Working Tea Break |  |  |
| 1. **Discussion / Q&A on Outputs & Risks Log** | * 1. The Chairman opened the floor for a Question & Answer session about the project’s presentation.   2. The Conflict Adviser for DFID, Pius raised the following questions on the CSAC presentation:   3. **Question 1:** What were the reasons why the Council of Ministers had removed the section on the small arms provision around stockpiles of arms in the armed forces in the SALW Bill – What exactly happened?   **Response:** The BCSSAC Chairman and also the Co-Chairperson of the CSAC Board, Hon. Brig. (Rtd) Fataki explained that changes were not made in the Council of Ministers meeting but rather by the technical review committee in the Ministry of Justice.(MoJ) The review committee was of the opinion that BCSSAC was only to control civilian possession of small arms and not the Government stocks.  The Co –Chairman also noted that the BCSSAC argued that failure to control of all types of small arms was fertile ground for the proliferation of small arms. Therefore the bill in question was aimed to regulate both civilians, armed forces and private small arms.  The meeting was informed that the Bureau has lobbied intensively with all stakeholders such as Members of Parliament, Civil Society Organisations and the provision is now included again in the draft SALW Bill.  Furthermore, it was mentioned that some politicians did not want the wholesome control of guns (civilians, military, guns in possession of Government and private) for their selfish aims.  **Question 2:** NPPR has shifted from activity based to campaign mode. What changes has that brought?  **Response:** The meeting was informed that NPPR shifted from an activity-focused approach to a campaign mode to allow more space for South Sudanese to re-awaken their common call for peace. Furthermore, there was deadly silence and hopelessness that the peace seemed not coming while the conflict was escalating. The peace campaign was meant to amplify ordinary citizens’ voices to influence the on-going peace negotiation in Addis Ababa and at the same time consolidate local initiatives for peace and reconciliation among South Sudanese.  **Question 3:** Are the bi- monthly public lectures mentioned in the presentation different from those conducted by the SUDD Institute and if so, who is doing that?  **Response:** The idea was to complement the good public lectures being facilitated by SUDD particularly centred in Juba. It was observed that the SUDD public lectures targeted the elite. Therefore, these bi-monthly public lectures are part of the downstream work of targeting the general populace in the states, counties and payams. Furthermore, it was observed that the SUDD Institute was thin on the ground and are better as a think tank at the level of policy discussions and not at grassroots levels.  **Question 4:** Is there any significant risks that the CSAC Board needs to know?  **Response:** Currently there isnone and the CSAC project will always endeavour to update the Board members as implementation unfolds on any existing or new risks that may affect programming in quarter 3 in view of the peace agreement.  Pius made the following comments which he thought needed to be factored/ addressed (in future presentations):   * Need to state the type of activities that were taking place in the respective CSBs; * Demonstrate how conflict sensitivity, conflict feedback, has affected the CSAC programming; * CSAC objective 5 was overly ambitious and needs to be revised , considering the time factor.   **Response:** The CSAC teamnoted the observations. A bilateral discussion with Sweden took place during Q2 and the project team is still committed to delivering as per the AWP. The project will continue engaging with Sweden on progress of implementation. |  |  |
| 1. **CSAC second Presentation updates on ‘Perception Survey on Peace, Security, and Gender Based Violence.** | The Acting Project Manager, Sammy Odolot presentedthe updates on ‘Perception Survey on Peace, Security, and Gender Based Violence   * 1. **Chairman:** The Chairman then opened the floor for a Q&A session about the project’s presentation on updates on **‘**Perception Survey on Peace, Security, and Gender Based Violence.   **5.2 Question:** A member asked whether it was possible for some of the research to be carried out by National organizations to build and enhance their capacity as opposed to sourcing international organizations-Outsiders.  **Response:** The question was good and it was well received. However, we need to obtain results while also building the capacity of South Sudanese to the extent feasible. United Nations Development Programme works with the funds of other people and they emphasise value for money. As a result when we try to do many things with the same amount of money, we run into difficulties. There is some tension between these two approaches, and thus UNDP needs to always pick the bewst possible programmatic instrument to attain the results it is aiming for. At the end of the day, it is the overall mix of what is done in this country that needs to be shaped to best help the attainment of these results. . This particular objective, to build capacity in data analysis, is not possible in this project component; but we have a separate project which programmes towards it – with the NBS.  **Action:** CSAC Project Team to share the survey documents.  However members were advised not to share the document outside of the CSAC Board as it was still in draft form. | Acting CSAC Project Manager in consultation with Board Chair |  |
| 1. **CSAC Post 2016 Roundtable Discussion with Donors Presentation** | The Chief Technical Adviser, Ms. Sibusisiwe Busi Ncube presentedthe CSAC Post 2016 which is work in progress.  Members contributed and aired their views on how to improve the CSAC Post 2016 document. Members were encouraged to continue sending their inputs. | Chief Technical Adviser and Acting CSAC Project Manager |  |
| 1. **AOB-Donation of CSAC Vehicle to NPPR** | The CSAC Acting Project Manager raised the issue of the vehicle request from NPPR. He informed the meeting that UNDP-CSAC project was in the process to dispose some of its ageing fleet of vehicles. However, in response to a request from the Platform, the CSAC project was seeking permission from the CSAC Board to donate one of the vehicles that has formally reached the end of its useful life but was still operational to NPPR. The vehicle will be used by National Coordinator to facilitate the co-ordination of the activities of the platform.  In addition, UNDP Country Director, advised that the state of the vehicle was not in perfect shape and if the board agreed that the vehicle be donated, the vehicle will be donated in its present state-``*as is*`` and NPPR was not going to request UNDP to fix the vehicle.  The meeting deliberated on the issue and unanimously agreed :   * That a vehicle be donated to NPPR for use by the NPPR National Coordinator. * That UNDP will not be held liable to fix or be responsible to repair the vehicle.   **Proposer:** Pius **Seconder:** John  **Action:** CSAC Project Team to initiate the handover process of the vehicle in accordance with UNDP guidelines | Acting CSAC Project Manager |  |
| 1. **Closing Remarks** | **UNDP Country Director:** The UNDP Country Director thanked everyone for their active participation and excellent ideas during the meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the Donors for attending the entire process of the CSAC Board meeting.  **Chairman:** The Chairman then thanked everyone for actively participating in the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 13.02 pm. |  |  |

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