



BANK OF SOUTH SUDAN (BOSS) Office of the Governor

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Press Release

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held an extraordinary meeting chaired by the Hon. Johnny Ohisa Damian, Governor of the Bank of South Sudan on Friday 19th May 2023 at 9:00 am. The meeting discussed recent macroeconomic developments in the South Sudanese economy. It was observed that most of the macroeconomic variables in the South Sudan economy have performed well and are within the targeted growth rates supported by the oil and service sectors (including government infrastructure investment).

However, members of MPC noted with concern the current depreciation of the South Sudan pound where it was trading on average at SSP 990/USD on 18th May 2023, its lowest ever against the US dollars. These developments are exacerbated, partly by widening balance of payment gap due to import dependent syndrome, and multiple external factors, such as the hikes of interest rate by the Federal Reserve Bank, global inflationary pressures, the geopolitical tensions especially in eastern Europe which has pushed up food and energy prices. This also exacerbated further by speculative uncertainties created by the current war in Sudan.

In that note, members of the MPC resolved that:

- i. The BoSS to coordinate with MoFP to ensure that Treasury Single Account (TSA) is fully and properly implemented in letter and spirit. This will enable BoSS to continue building foreign currency reserves to cushion the economy.
- ii. The BoSS will continue to intervene to meet the market needs. And will participate in the FX market, when necessary.
- iii. The BoSS to enhance monetary operations tools by accommodating short term tenure of 14-day, 28 day and 56 days, etc. of the Term Deposit Facility (TDF) to aid the conduct of monetary policy.