

## OUR SERVICES

**Investor Registration Services:** We have a 'One Stop Shop' to facilitate registrations and licensing requirements for investors in South Sudan.

**Planning, Research and Mapping:** We are continuously engaged in planning, research and mapping of investment opportunities encompassing the 10 States of South Sudan. A regular publication will be continuously updated with information on investment opportunities. A framework map of the 10 States in South Sudan to inform investors of current opportunities and support the development of focused Government policy on infrastructure is being developed.

**Investment Promotion:** One of our key tasks is to effectively disseminate information on investment opportunities and procedures in South Sudan. We also ensure that all investors who want to come to South Sudan are able to access all the information they need on the investment climate and the prerequisites for investment. The Investment guide is available on our website.

**Investor Aftercare:** We provide after care services to investors when their enterprises become operational to ensure their businesses are running smoothly and assist resolve any challenges the investor may encounter. Part of our aftercare service includes listing all investors in a comprehensive database, as this allows us to respond more effectively.

## KEY SECTORS

The Government of South Sudan has designated the following sectors as priority for investment:

- Agriculture and agro-business.
- Physical infrastructure.
- Social infrastructure.
- Mining, quarrying, energy and electricity, petroleum and gas industries.
- Research on mapping of natural resources for economic use.
- Forestry.
- Medium to heavy manufacturing industries
- Transport, telecommunications, print and electronic media and information communication technology (ICT).
- Commercial Banking, insurance, property management and financial institutions.
- Pharmaceuticals, chemicals and medicinal and surgical industries.
- Tourism and hotel industry development.

INVESTMENT GUARANTEES	BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES
Non-Discrimination	Access to land
Guarantees against Expropriation	Licenses
Protection of Intellectual Property Rights	Entry/Work Permits
Access to Public Information	Duty Exemptions
Repatriation of Capital, Profits and Dividends	Tax Incentives
Dispute Resolution	Special incentives

## INVESTMENT GUARANTEES

**1. Non-Discrimination:** Both local and foreign investors can own and operate businesses in any sector of the economy in South Sudan, except those sectors identified as areas where national investors hold priority such as Postal services, Co-operative services and car hire and taxi operations.

**2. Guarantees against Expropriation:** The RSS shall not nationalize any enterprise, nor shall any investor be compelled whether by law or any other means to cede any part of their capital. If there is an overriding public interest that can only be met by means of expropriation, the investor will be entitled to fair and just compensation without undue delay and the investor has the right to have such compensation determined in the courts of law.

**3. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights:** Intellectual property rights such as trademarks, copyrights and patents are protected and enforceable in accordance with international conventions to which Sudan is party.

**4. Access to Public Information:** Investors have direct and open access to all laws and decisions of courts, other adjudicative bodies, and to any information related to their investment.

**5. Repatriation of Capital, Profits and Dividends:** Investors have the right to freely repatriate their money in freely convertible currency, or dispose of it in a manner they deem fit, subject to tax and other lawful obligations.

**6. Dispute Resolution:** An aggrieved investor will have recourse to the courts of South Sudan which have jurisdiction over business disputes. Parties to a dispute are also free to specify alternative dispute resolution mechanisms they may agree upon. Any investor in dispute with the Government has recourse to internally accepted dispute resolution mechanisms.

## BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES

**1. Access to Land** - Land shall be provided by RSS and/or the Local Authorities. Investments in agriculture, plantation forestry, quarrying and mining shall be deemed to be included in the priority and strategic sectors subject to legal limits on concession periods and renewal requisites.

**2. Licenses** - An investment Certificate issued by the Investment Authority entitles the investor to invest in the priority area of choice.

**3. Entry/Work Permits** - An Investment Certificate entitles the investor to entry/ work permits for their designated managers. The first permits will be issued free of charge and are valid for two years.

**4. Duty Exemptions** - Agricultural imports, tools, equipment, machinery and tractors, pharmaceutical, animal feeds, seeds for boosting food and cash crops production shall be exempt from any duties and taxes for a period that shall be determined by the law.

**5. Tax Incentives** - Incentives include capital allowances ranging from 20 percent to 100 percent; deductible annual allowances ranging from 20 percent to 40 percent; and other depreciation allowances ranging from 8 percent to 20 percent.

**6. Special Incentives** - Special incentives may be granted by the board of investments in strategic or transformational sectors. These special incentives are only available on special applications by investments in areas designated as strategic or transformational.

(Details can be obtained in Second Schedule of the Investment Promotion Act, 2009)

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

**Our Vision:** Make South Sudan the preferred destination for investment geared towards improving the living standards of our people.

**Our Mission:** Actively promote South Sudan as a globally competitive investment destination for private sector-led sustainable development.

**Our Goal:** To facilitate investors, and provide leadership for a conducive investment climate to domestic and foreign investors by promoting and facilitating policies and programs that provide peace and security, rule of law, macroeconomic stability, a clear and well coordinated regulatory framework and basic infrastructure.

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