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South Sudan will be great with a people-led government headed by the People's Freedom Movement (PFM) Party.

Because the PFM exists to:

1. Empower Individuals

We envision a society where individuals are empowered to make meaningful choices, pursue their aspirations, and contribute positively to their communities through education support and economic opportunities, so that every person can realize their full potential.

2. Spread Power and Foster Creativity

To spread and distribute power, to foster diversity, and to nurture creativity. We at PFM believe that the role of the State is to enable all citizens to attain these ideals, contribute fully to their communities, and take part in the decisions that affect their lives.

3. Champion Freedom, Dignity, and Well-being

To champion the freedom, dignity, and well-being of individuals. We acknowledge and respect the right of every human being to freedom of conscience, speech, expression, assembly, movement, and the right to develop their talents to the full, without discrimination or derogation except where such rights derail the rights of others.

4. Build and Safeguard a Fair, Free, and Open Society

To build and safeguard a fair, free, and open society in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality, and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty or ignorance of conformity. To encourage, value, and uphold our traditionally accepted norms to build a secular and just society.

5. Build a Nation of Shared Rights and Peace

To build a nation in which all people share the same basic rights, live together in peace, and freely develop their diverse cultures.

We believe in transition and the transfer of power, and that at different periods a particular generation should be responsible for the fate of our country.

Therefore, each generation must be given the opportunity to fully play its role in the governance and development of the country.

While upholding these values of individual and social justice, the PFM rejects all prejudice and discrimination based upon race, color, religion, age, disability, or sex, and opposes all forms of rooted privilege and inequality.



6. Promote Human Rights, Open Governance, and Sustainable Development

As the fight for freedom and justice can never end, we envision promoting human rights and open governance, a sustainable economy which serves immediate and rightful needs, and public services of the highest quality based on merit.

We recognize the interdependence of all people and the responsible management of the earth and its resources. The PFM believes that people should be involved in running their communities. We are determined to strengthen the democratic process and ensure that there is a just and representative system of government with effective legislative institutions, freedom of information, decisions taken at the lowest practicable level (Cell), and a free and fair voting system for all elections.

7. Defend Fundamental Rights

To defend the right to speech, expression (verbally or formally), worship, association, freedom of choice, and the right to enjoy privacy at all times.

We believe that sovereignty lies with the people and that authority in a democratic society is derived from them. We therefore acknowledge the right of the people to choose the government best suited to their needs and commit ourselves to the promotion of democratic provincial governance, within which power is exercised by the provinces of the State.

We strive to promote vibrant local government, where decisions are taken and services are delivered at the most local level (sectors, Cells, and villages).

Economy

We envision creating a strong and sustainable economy which encourages wealth creation and management, develops and utilizes the skills of the people, and works to the benefit of all, with a just distribution of rewards of success.

The PFM wants to see a society where democracy, participation, and the cooperative principle of industry and commerce operate freely, except where it obstructs the progress of other State sectors. We aim to promote scientific research and innovation and to harness technological change to the advantage of the people.

Solidarity

We envision a society where solidarity, compassion, and unity of the people are the norms; where communities come together to support one another, address social challenges, and build a strong and inclusive nation where everyone feels a sense of belonging.



To support the distribution of wealth and promote the rights of all citizens to social provision and cultural activity.

To build a responsive public service that encourages variety and innovation among the people and provides opportunities on equal terms, based on merit.

Justice and Liberty

The PFM's responsibility for justice and liberty cannot be confined by state boundaries; we are committed to fighting poverty, oppression, hunger, illiteracy, diseases, and aggression nationwide, and to promote the free flow of ideas, people, goods, and services except where such movement poses a national security threat.

International Peace, Order, and Security

Without prejudice to national sovereignty, we will work with other nations toward an equitable and peaceful international order and a durable system of common security. Within regional and international bodies to which South Sudan is a member, we affirm the values of devolution of power for unity based on principles.

We will contribute to the promotion of world peace by playing a full and constructive role in international systems with similar aims and objectives the conditions of liberty and social justice which are the responsibility of each citizen and the duty of the State to safeguard.

Vision of PFM

The PFM vision is clear: to realize the long-fought aspirations of the people of South Sudan for freedom, justice, equality, and empowerment in education, healthcare, economic opportunities, and prosperity to live as first-class citizens, rights denied by successive regimes before and after independence.

To us, what counts is worth dying for. We believe in South Sudan and its people with rich historical heritage. We believe that united, we can achieve freedom for all, peace, better schools, better hospitals, better crime management, a better economy, and modern state welfare.

We want a united South Sudan with shared values and purpose, where merit comes before privilege. A South Sudan that reflects the values of its people, locally, regionally, and internationally.

The PFM wants to rebuild the people's trust in the ability of its government to deliver a united, free South Sudan, which can be achieved by implementing a limited set of people-centred programs and holding ourselves accountable to them. These programs will be our covenant with the people.



Politics

We want to renew faith in politics by being honest about the last 21 years of the country's politics. Yes, there are things that the past government got right. Those we will not change, but improve on, and those they got wrong, we will change. We have the intention to create a Provincial government a people-centred government for that matter. This renewed faith in politics shall be through the creation of a government that will govern in the interest of the many: the broad majority of people who work hard, play by the rules, pay their dues, and feel let down by a political system that recognizes the rights of a few the elite at the top increasingly out of touch with the rest of us.

To govern in a way that unites us as a country in facing the tough and dangerous challenges of a new economy and changed society, in which we all must live in freedom and dignity. We envision a South Sudan where we all feel a sense of belonging, in whose future we all have a duty that which we want for our own children should be the same we want for the children of all.

Military

The PFM will build a strong national army to include the National Security Service (State Hawks), South Sudan People's Defence Forces (SSPDF), the National Police, the National Civil Defence Force, and the Prison Service all with separate and distinct national powers and duties, and whose members shall be treated as any other ordinary citizen before the law.

Promises

It is our guiding principle not to promise what we cannot deliver, but through all means, in unity with the people, deliver what we promise. We are looking for a fresh start the patient, slow, but sure rebuilding and renewing of this great country: South Sudan.

In unity, we aim to put an end to the bitter political struggles and divisions of tribe and ethnic nationality that have torn our country apart for many years and sent our people into exile and refugee camps. Many of these conflicts and divisions have no relevance to the current world. It is time for South Sudan to move on and forward in every sphere of life.

Yes, our founding fathers' work is commendable; however, we are not proud of what we have achieved in recent years. Let's learn from our history and not be chained to it.

Every event offers an opportunity for the South Sudanese people to give their verdict on the government in power. Our people face a series of catastrophes, both natural and man-made. The national economy has collapsed, education is a mess, jobs are nowhere to be found, firms are exiting business, housing costs are out of



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reach for many families. Worst of all, the environment threatens us with higher prices of basic commodities, with South Sudan losing control over its national affairs.

The PFM, in unity with the people, seeks to correct this.

PFM Call to Action

The PFM exists to provide an avenue for the South Sudanese people to have their say in governance. We envision proper support for education, strengthened research and development, and long-term, low-interest finance for industrial growth all essential for South Sudan to outpace nations that have been building these assets for years.

As we look forward to putting this country in a better global position, these actions are necessary to generate the wealth needed for security, healthcare, and opportunities necessary for the individual freedom of women and men of all ages, ethnicities, and origins.

When we face common pressures on the environment, crime, unemployment, underinvestment, and underperformance, we have a collective responsibility to meet these challenges.

The PFM is a broad-based movement for freedom and accountability. It is the political arm of the South Sudanese people. Our values remain unchanged: freedom for all, with no discrimination; justice and accountability at all levels of government.

We want a South Sudan in which people move and make a success of their lives. Envy is not in our bloodline. We want to build a society where the success of one is success for all.

The PFM believes in a society where we do not pursue our own individual aims, but where we hold many aims in common and work together to achieve them.

Yes, united, we can.

Action for National Recovery

South Sudan faces a huge task of national reconstruction. The PFM is therefore here to lay the foundation for the future, with recovery based on investment to create lasting prosperity.

Freedom and Fairness for All South Sudanese

Making South Sudan a fairer and freer society is our goal. To us, and the majority of civilized but disadvantaged South Sudanese people, a civilized society is one in which citizens come together to provide, out of community resources to which all



contribute, essential services like health, education, and pensions that the great majority of people cannot afford to provide for themselves at present.

We aim to broaden and deepen the liberty of all individuals in our community: to free people from imposed poverty, exploitation, and fear; to free them to realize their full potential; to ensure that everyone has the liberty to enjoy real chances and make real choices.

Enhancing Rights, Increasing Freedom

Under the current system of governance, South Sudan has been a harsh place to be and indeed a curse to its own people. Freedoms have been derogated, even those that are natural. We seek to restore and enhance those freedoms so that life in South Sudan can be more pleasant and fulfilling.

We believe that positive steps are needed to help women, children, and ethnic minorities get a fair deal and attain recognition in society.

Women's Rights

The women of our country are still denied their essential rights, including the right to make their choice in marriage. We seek to establish an institution that represents women's rights in government, whose portfolio will include making sure that, in framing their policies, all government departments listen and respond to women's needs and concerns.

This will be established through legislation in conformity with international principles governing women's rights, including the right to work, equal rights at work, and protection against discrimination.

Workers' Rights

The PFM will take responsibility for fostering good industrial relations and democratic participation in industry and trade unions. We believe that the South Sudan Labor Law shall be used to enlarge, not demolish, the freedom of workers to control their environment.

We will:

1. Improve the protection available against unfair dismissal. We shall, as a Party, ensure the legislation applies from the time of employment. Reinstatement will be the normal outcome of a successful finding of unfair treatment. We will ensure that justice is done in cases where workers have been unfairly dismissed.
2. Extend employment protection to all workers and give first opportunity to our own people.
3. Provide legal protection in respect of health and safety at work.



4. Promote and strengthen trade union membership and organization, and encourage union recognition by employers.

Jobs Creation

The PFM, together with the people, will set a recovery program in motion to produce the jobs that need to be done by indigenous people according to our needs and priorities. We will do this by establishing an economic assessment to identify concerted actions that need to be taken by government, employers in private and public sectors, and trade unions to increase investment, contain inflation, and achieve sustained recovery.

Industrial Development

South Sudan's oil revenues have ended in the hands of a few elites in government and gone to waste. The business community has concentrated on short-term movements of capital at the expense of building refineries and manufacturing industries.

There shall be a scientific research centre to provide information and coordinate the activities and budgets of government departments involved in these areas. This centre will encourage, together with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the application of science to industrial processes.

Training

To create wealth, we need a well-trained workforce. South Sudan's government workforce is hardly involved in any form of training. The PFM seeks to establish a National Training Program in all sectors of government to bring about a major advance in the spread and standard of skills.

Sustainable Energy

Efficiency in industry and security in communities both depend on reliable and safe energy supplies at affordable costs. The PFM, in unity with the people, intends to build our own safe hydro power energy the FULLA Dam while protecting our environment and stimulating employment.

Robust Agriculture

A more efficient agricultural industry, able to provide enough food for the South Sudanese population and a surplus for sale, can make a valuable contribution to South Sudan's recovery. Dependence on food imports is not in our agenda.

The PFM seeks to give producers the backing they need, revive South Sudan's former agricultural schemes Aweil Rice Scheme, Upper Talanga Tea Scheme,



Nzara, and other cooperatives. We will introduce new, long-term agricultural programs and provide the necessary financial support to farmers.

Health

The creation of a National Health Service (NHS) program that is modern, meets the aspirations of the South Sudanese people, and reduces external travel for medication. We will establish NHS across the country and equip it with the necessary human resources and modern health equipment to meet all health needs.

Education & Sports

This country does not belong to us but to our children, who are our future. For this country to develop, we need to invest in their education. It is therefore our moral and material duty to see that children and young people are equipped to deal with current and future challenges as citizens, parents, and workers.

We need a system of education that enables our children to control their future. The PFM wants to build a creative and compassionate system of education for young stars to fully exploit the advantages of science and technology safely and confidently.

The nurturing of the abilities of all children is our priority. We will ensure that universities and polytechnics get the resources they need to provide quality education and skills necessary to meet current challenges. Adult literacy programs shall be introduced to give a second chance for personal development to those who dropped out for any reason.

Investment in research and higher education is essential to provide the amenities and opportunities necessary to sustain standards of excellence, retain and attract the highest talents, and encourage the industrial and commercial application of research output.

We will improve and establish more teachers' training institutes to allow teachers to develop their skills and provide quality education. Schools will be encouraged to provide extracurricular activities, develop sports programs, and encourage talents and leisure activities. The PFM will set up a Sports Trust to channel resources into community sport development, community sporting facilities, and the attraction of major sporting events to South Sudan.

Democratic Transition

We will develop all democratic institutions in the country and introduce state aid for political parties.



Rural Development

Under the current government, the problems of rural areas have become more serious: non-existent schools, poor or non-existent Primary Health Care Units, lack of transportation, insecurity, and many more.

The PFM system of governance seeks to take services closer to the people, giving them the chance to manage their own affairs and report to the national government on their immediate needs. Our policies include better education, healthcare, transport systems, mobile facilities, and social services.

Tourism & Leisure

South Sudan is blessed with natural fauna and flora. It is our duty as PFM to protect and develop our ecosystem to provide leisure and investment opportunities in tourism.

The current government has lost vision. South Sudan needs a people-centred government with a clear sense of purpose and direction. The PFM will be that government.

Transport System

South Sudanese and the business community need fast and safe transport systems/networks. The PFM, together with the people, will work to improve our road network while exploring alternatives to road transport, which will form our long-term transportation plans.

Our Beliefs

1. For liberty to have meaning, the standards of community provision must be high and access must be free, fair, and wide.
2. We believe that the rights of the individual must, like all others in a free society, belong to all men and women of every age, class, and ethnic origin, and be balanced by responsibilities of fair contribution and law-abiding conduct.
3. We believe that for rights and responsibilities to be exercised fully and fairly, government must work to build prosperity by properly supporting research, innovation, skills improvement, infrastructure, and long-term industrial development. Our vision as PFM is founded on these values. Guided by them, we will together make South Sudan more competitive, creative, and just; more secure against crime, aggression, and environmental danger. We want a government that serves the people and uses resources to realize the vision.



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4. We believe in empowering people as citizens, to strengthen equality before the law and equality of opportunities based on merit.
5. We believe in a government with a strategic market plan not to replace it, but to ensure it works properly. Industrial growth is at the heart of our economic policy. It is our responsibility to create conditions for enterprise to thrive. Businesses need sustained and balanced growth with stable security, exchange rates, steady and competitive interest rates, and low inflation. These we strive to deliver. For business to thrive, it must have high levels of education, science, and skills, incentives for high-tech investment, modern transport, and strong provincial and regional economies for new developments. These we together intend to deliver. Yes, united, we can.
6. On crime, we believe in personal responsibility and in punishing crime, but also tackling its causes.
7. On centralization of government and lack of accountability, which is the problem of the current government, the PFM will commit to renewing trust and holding all government officeholders responsible and accountable.
8. We believe in welfare reform, designing a modern welfare state based on rights and duties. We believe in the freedom of all South Sudanese people.

This is Our Contract with the South Sudanese People

Freedom to the people,
Freedom for all
Huriya le Shabia
Huriya le Jemi
United, we can.

FEEL FREE

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