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## **High Level Meeting with Sudan**

A High Level Meeting was hosted by the European Commission, with the support of UNDP, on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Brussels. A delegation from the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), led by H. E. David Deng Athorbei, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, presented a vision for a strong, stable Southern Sudan, led by a government able to focus on the core priorities for rapidly building capacity.

H. E. David Deng Athorbei called on the meeting to "work together to create a government that delivers peace, stability and development for its people".

The High Level Meeting agreed to work with the GoSS to refine and implement the plan, which includes 19 core governance functions of which the GoSS has highlighted seven to work on first.

The representatives of the international community present at the meeting\* undertook to support the GoSS in effectively building its core capacity in priority areas.

The meeting was gratified to hear of the determination of GoSS to take effective measures to eliminate and end impunity for corruption. The meeting asked those going to the UN General Assembly to carry forward the message of firm support for effective capacity building, and to commend the government of Southern Sudan for demonstrating determination to prioritise and build its capacity as it approaches the referendum on self-determination for Southern Sudan as foreseen in the CPA and the completion of the CPA period in July 2011.

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\* Government of Sudan, Government of Southern Sudan, UN, UNDP, UNICEF, Joint Donor Team, World Bank, European Commission, European Union, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway, Australia, Canada, Japan, United States, Russia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, South Africa, Uganda, COMESA.