

Brief intervention by South Sudan on accession progress

South Sudan accession process is moving on very well. Letters requesting nomination of participants for the formation of task team members have been sent to our Key stakeholders. These are Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justices, Agriculture, Environment, Wildlife Conservation and Livestock including one civil society organization call Community Initiative for peace. Four nominations have been received. The first meeting of task team members will take place as soon as I return home. Three events have been planned to fast tract the process. These includes

1. Training of task team members in resources mobilization.
2. National kickoff workshop for mobilizing officials and key stakeholders for accession process
3. National workshop on the Convention to take place in second half of 2023 as proposed by secretariat.

All these events are currently planned to take place as scheduled in 2023. Theonly challenges which might affect the process is funding for facilitation and capacity of task teams members of understanding the Convention.

I therefore kindly call upon parties to the UN Water Convention, relevant multilateral funding institutions and partner agencies to mobilise financial and technical resources wherever possible in support of South Sudan's accession process, in particular the upcoming National Workshop on the Convention and, later for supporting implementation once South Sudan is itself a party.

Thank you very much.