



JUBA DECLARATION ON INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ANTICIPATORY ACTION 2026

The First South Sudan National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action

14–16 September 2026, Juba, Republic of South Sudan

“Prepared Today, Resilient Tomorrow”

Preamble

We, the representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, humanitarian and development partners, United Nations agencies, civil society, academia, the private sector, regional institutions and communities, gathered in Juba from **14–16 September 2026** for the First South Sudan National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action.

Recognising that South Sudan continues to face recurrent and interconnected risks from floods, droughts, conflict and insecurity, displacement, disease outbreaks and economic shocks, increasingly compounded by the effects of climate change. These risks continue to affect lives and livelihoods, strain national systems and undermine development gains.

Further recognising these challenges, South Sudan has made important progress towards a more proactive and anticipatory approach to disaster risk management, including the establishment of the National Technical Working Group on Anticipatory Action, development of the National Anticipatory Action Roadmap, and continued strengthening of early warning systems and forecast-based triggers.

Acknowledging the value of early warning ultimately lies in the action it enables. This requires strengthening the full chain to Anticipate, Communicate and Act: anticipate risks through timely and reliable forecasts and agreed triggers; communicate clear and actionable warnings that reach those most at risk; and act early through coordinated, pre-agreed actions supported by timely financing.

Recognising that this First National Dialogue Platform therefore marks an important step towards bringing government, communities and partners together to strengthen coordination, agree on national priorities and advance the institutionalisation of Anticipatory Action in South Sudan.



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Acknowledging the significance of these steps and the need to better institutionalise and prioritise Anticipatory Action, we support these significant steps and commit to the following 10-point commitments and Priority Actions:

1. Finalisation of the revised national DRM policy and the draft bill to support the legislative process for strengthening the institutionalisation of Anticipatory Action. We commit to accelerating and establishing measures to prioritise passing and endorsing the DRM bill.
2. Institutionalising Anticipatory Action within national and sub-national systems, ensuring that it is embedded in disaster risk management, development and resilience planning. We commit to advancing the implementation of the National Anticipatory Action Roadmap and strengthening coordination through the National Technical Working Group, while supporting implementation at state, county, payam and community levels.
3. Strengthening South Sudan's capacity to anticipate risks through improved multi-hazard forecasting, climate services, impact-based forecasting and early warning systems. We commit to improving access to timely, reliable climate and risk information and strengthening the use of scientific evidence, local knowledge, and agreed triggers to inform decisions before hazards become crises.
4. Strengthening the communication of early warning information so that communities receive information they can understand, trust, and act upon. We commit to support the role of the media, communicators and communities in improving how warnings are interpreted and disseminated, promoting two-way communication, harmonising the translation of early warning information across the country, and ensuring that appropriate communication channels reach people in hard-to-reach areas.
5. Ensuring that Anticipatory Action is locally led and connected to existing preparedness, social protection, response and recovery systems. We commit to connecting forecasts and agreed triggers to clear responsibilities, pre-agreed actions and operational arrangements, while strengthening the capacities and partnerships needed to act within the window between warning and impact. Anticipatory Action will be locally led and connected to existing preparedness, social protection, response and recovery systems.
6. Strengthening sustainable government-led financing for Anticipatory Action. We commit to promote predictable, flexible and pre-arranged financing linked to



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- agreed triggers, strengthen connections with national disaster risk financing, increase resource mobilisation and encourage appropriate partnerships and innovative financing approaches.
7. Placing communities at the centre of Anticipatory Action, recognising that risks and impacts are experienced differently. We pledge to strengthen the meaningful participation of women, youth, persons with disabilities, displaced populations, local communities, returnees and minority groups, while ensuring that local knowledge, gender, disability inclusion and protection considerations inform the design and implementation of anticipatory actions.
 8. Strengthening coordination and partnerships to ensure that Anticipatory Action is coherent, complementary and nationally led. We pledge to improve collaboration and information-sharing among government, humanitarian and development partners, Regional Partners, United Nations agencies, civil society, academia, communities, media and the private sector, while strengthening cross-border and regional cooperation through IGAD and other relevant mechanisms.
 9. Building a stronger evidence base for Anticipatory Action by investing in research, monitoring, evaluation and learning. We commit to document and share lessons from implementation, encourage responsible innovation and use evidence to continuously improve how risks are anticipated, communicated and acted upon. Progress against the National Anticipatory Action Roadmap and the commitments in this Communiqué will be regularly tracked.
 10. Anticipatory Action operates within a complex crisis marked by conflict and displacement. We commit to ensuring the inclusion of different actors in conflict resolution, peacebuilding and development at all levels.

We endorse and adopt this declaration and commit to its implementation, Juba, South Sudan, 16 September, 2026.



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