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TRAINING FOR SOUTH SUDANESE PROSECUTORS ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMES, INCLUDING SGBV CRIMES

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VENUE: AZURE HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA



The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Rule of Law Program for Sub Saharan Africa in collaboration with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the Office of the Prosecutor of United

Nations UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunal (IRMCT) organized a five-day training for South Sudanese prosecutors on international crimes including sexual gender based violence crimes in Nairobi, Kenya between June 10th and June 15th 2019.

The training focused on the critical and analytical challenges facing international laws, war crimes, modes of liability, crimes against humanity and investigations in international crimes.

The opening session was graced by Mr. James Arguin, Director UNMISS Rule of Law, Dr. Arne Wulff, Director, Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Hon. Filberto Mayout Mareng, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of South Sudan; all of whom underscored the importance of South Sudan and indeed all countries, of infusing international standards and principles at the domestic level when dealing with serious crimes.

They noted that this could only be possible when the personnel charged with the mandate of delivering justice are equipped and their capacity built to dispense this mandate in an effective and efficient manner.

The training topics included:

- Framework of International Criminal Law by Barbara Goy and Najwa Nabti
- SGBV Crime Selection by Barbara Goy and Najwa Nabti
- Investigating International Crimes by Akingbolahan Adeniran
- Fair Trial Rights and Evidentiary Standards and Challenges by Chelsea Fewkes
- Victim and Witness Protection Programme by Joseph Saffa
- Case Management and Records Keeping by James Arguin

Relating to the situation in South Sudan, the trainees highlighted various challenges that affect the prosecution in their jurisdiction including but not limited to, financial constraints due to underfunding, lack of proper witness protection mechanisms, inadequate office space and low remuneration.

In his closing remarks, Hon. James Mayen Oka Arou stated the importance of ensuring that prosecutors were safeguarded from internal and external pressure and influence. He said that prosecutors are the forefront of delivering justice and this must be done with the highest level of integrity. He noted the importance of continuous development of jurisprudence and law reform. He indicated that although the South Sudanese laws are fairly new, the government was committed to working tirelessly to reach the international standards that support and safeguard criminal accountability and the rule of law. He appreciated the support from UN MISS UN IRMCT and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung towards achieving this objective as attested to by the facilitation of a successful training workshop for prosecutors from South Sudan.