

## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

# South Sudan Revenue Authority Commissioner General

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#### SSRA Temporarily Suspends Juba City Zoning and Taxpayer Registration Drive

The South Sudan Revenue Authority (SSRA) wishes to inform the public, business community, and all stakeholders that the ongoing taxpayer registration and zoning exercise in Juba City has been suspended.

This decision follows extensive feedback and concerns raised by various stakeholders during the initial stages of implementation. As a public institution committed to upholding the principles of transparency, accountability, and inclusiveness, SSRA recognizes the importance of meaningful engagement with all relevant actors in the country's tax ecosystem.

The suspension aims to provide room for broader consultations with business leaders, local government officials, civil society organizations, and development partners. This will help ensure that the exercise is clearly understood, widely supported, and closely aligned with national priorities and the expectations of taxpayers. The specific date for these consultations will be communicated in the coming days.



The taxpayer registration and zoning exercise was launched with the goal of:

- Creating an updated and reliable taxpayer register.
- Expanding the tax base to increase domestic revenue mobilization.
- Ensuring fair and efficient service delivery.

While the objectives remain critical to South Sudan's fiscal development, SSRA believes that proper consultation and collective ownership are equally vital to the success of such reforms.

The SSRA wishes to assure the public that:

- Registration remains free of charge at all our centers.
- No individual is authorized to collect any fees during this process.
- All future engagements will be done transparently and in full collaboration with key stakeholders.

While the current law provisions partially serve the purpose of tax administration, double taxation continues to hurt the taxpayers and the public at large. Therefore, we are looking forward to the National legislature to enact the National Tax Procedure Act that will clearly and extensively define the different taxes collected by the three levels of government, National, State and local.

We thank all citizens and business operators who had started cooperating with the exercise and urge continued readiness for participation once the process resumes. This resumption is still to be announced.

SSRA remains committed to building a modern, fair, and efficient tax administration that serves all South Sudanese with integrity and professionalism.

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