



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE YOUTH UNION STEERING COMMITTEE (CES-YU-SC)



OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON

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Press Statement:

It is with immense pleasure that, I write on behalf of central equatoria state youth union steering committee (CESYU-SC), and on the behalf of the youth fraternity across the state, to express our sincere gratitude to the leadership of central equatoria state government, under the stewardship of H.E. Emmanuel Adil Anthony, for prioritizing the appointments of young people into senior government positions and continuously empowering and supporting the youth led-initiatives in the state. This is indeed, inconfirmity with the state youth-agenda-2026, which is focused on youth empowerment, structural organization and political inclusion. Equally, we would like to express our gratitudes and appreciations to the state ministry of culture,youth & sports (MCYS) under the leadership of Minister Hon. Bush Buse, and the entire state government cabinet ministers for unanimously approving the budget of **SSP 236,000,000 (Two Hundred Thirty Six Million South Sudanese pounds) which is equivalent to 55.90%**, of the total required budget throught the council of minister's meeting, chaired by the deputy governor of CES, H.E. Paulino Lukudu Obede dated, **Thursday, 2nd -April-2026**, to facilaite the upcoming state youth convention-2026.

We are deeply thankful for the trust you have placed in the steering committee to serve the youth in this great state, we truly appreciate the state government's commitment to investing in the younger generation. This funding is very instrumental in ensuring the success of this highly anticipated state youth convention, which is expected to bring together **Ninety One (91)** youth delegates across the state to review the union performance, discuss youth priorities, and eventually elects a new leadership to serves the youth of central equatoria state. This year convention will be conducted under the Theme: "**Youth are the lead actors for sustainable peace and development**" the convention



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will features keynotes speakers, networking opportunities, and panel discussions, focused on specific topics of youth interests, e.g. peace and security, policy dialogue, leadership, technology & innovations, entrepreneurship, skill development and community engagement.

However, as a steering committee, we still call upon the government of central equatoria state, to clearly define, and ensure that the central equatoria state youth union (CESYU) budget is reflected in the state fiscal budget, this will help the union leadership to deliver to the young population, and remain independent, functional and manage its operations, while promoting youth engagement in decision making through the allocated funds.

In the light of the above, we still call upon the development partners, private sectors and well-wishers to support the leadership of the steering committee, morally, financially and materially to realize the remaining budget of **44.10%** of the total intended budget, in order to enable timely and proper organization of this highly anticipated state youth convention-2026. Any support will allow us to create a high-impact experience for young people across the state and will be highly appreciated.

Finally, we urge all the youth to thoughtfully deliberate, in selecting the delegates from each constituency for this anticipated convention. Let us move beyond the routine of simply filling seats. Instead, let us send representatives who embody integrity, vision and a proven track record for youth services and capable to lead the youth.

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