



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE UNION OF JOURNALISTS OF SOUTH SUDAN (UJOSS) HELD IN JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN

MARCH 14, 2026

PREAMBLE

The National Executive Committee of the Union of Journalists of South Sudan (UJOSS) convened a meeting on March 14th 2026, at Gelila Hotel, in Juba.

The meeting was chaired by the President of the UJOSS. Oyet Patrick Charles and attended by members of the National Executive Committee to deliberate on the current state of media freedom, welfare of journalists, and the upcoming UJOSS elections.

KEY DELIBERATIONS

The National Executive Committee reviewed the following critical areas:

Capacity Building: The evaluation of ongoing Training of Trainers (ToT) programs, with a specific focus on the advancement of female journalists in the media landscape.

Safety and Protection: Reports regarding the operating environment for journalists in the states, particularly in areas such as Akobo, UJOSS calls for safety and protection of journalists by all sides in the conflict.

Welfare: there is an ongoing effort in registering UJOSS – SACCO to organize and promote the social and economic welfare of members through savings, loans and mutual financial support. The process will be complete within the next 7 days.

On Professional Standards: UJOSS reaffirms its commitment to the highest ethical standards. All members are urged to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the practice of Journalism in South Sudan provided by the Media Authority to ensure balanced and factual reporting.

On other media coverage, UJOSS urges its members to continue the coverage of the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) activities as well as those of the National Election Commission to ensure that the public across the country gets access to information on the ongoing national democratic processes.

On Environmental Journalism: Recognizing the global shift toward a "just transition," UJOSS will launch a specialized training module for journalists focusing on climate change reporting and environmental law.

UJOSS elections 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

Following exhaustive discussions, the National Executive Committee has resolved as follows:

The National Executive Committee approved the 2026 UJOSS Elections Plan,

That elections shall be held between May 28th -July 28th 2026 in accordance with UJOSS Constitution 2013 (Amended 2024) Article 31 (a) “Elections of UJOSS shall be conducted after every five (5) years according to this constitution.”

That the Executive Committee shall appoint the electoral Committee members before or by the end of March 2026 in accordance with UJOSS Constitution 2013 (Amended 2024). Article 32 b and c

(b) The Chairperson of the EC and its members shall be appointed by the President of UJOSS in consultation with the Secretary-General. (c) The EC shall be formed three (3) months before the general elections to prepare for the elections.

That other details of the UJOSS elections shall be determined and announced by the electoral committee in accordance with UJOSS Constitution 2013 (Amended 2024).