



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

Statement by South Sudan at the 56th annual session of the Joint Advisory Group of
the International Trade Centre(ITC)

Thank you (Mr/Madam) Chair

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, allow me to first convey our warmest congratulations to you as the Chair of this 56th session of the Joint Advisory Group, and also thank the outgoing Chair for the valuable contribution to the 55th session of the Joint Advisory Group.

I would like to express our appreciation to Executive Director Pamela Coke-Hamilton and the entire ITC team for all the results that were achieved in 2021.

We commend the 2021 Annual Report and are pleased to note the numerous examples of how the ITC's support operational changes across sectors to enhance regional integration. These include offering new training programmes to farmers and cooperatives. And how the ITC's has - enabled approach resilience in MSMEs around the world

South Sudan recognizes the significance of ITC's trade-related technical assistance projects in South Sudan. We are pleased with the initiatives of the South Sudan Jobs Creation and Trade Development Project which has been implemented to provide integrated and holistic assistance for improving enterprise development (micro, small and medium-sized enterprises MSMEs), in the fruits and vegetable value chains which targeted youth and women's economic empowerment. This project is in line with the call of H. E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit to the young people to take up agriculture in order to strengthen domestic agricultural production, create opportunities for rural communities, and support farmers with access to markets.

These projects help South Sudan to tackle employment problems, and improve the incomes and livelihoods of many South Sudanese.

We are encouraged to see the efforts put forth by ITC, are delivering and wish the organization the best in delivering continued support and furthering the interventions under the projects it is implementing in South Sudan.

South Sudan supports ITC's work in trade development in general and those initiatives in South Sudan in particular.

In conclusion, my government is very grateful for the support and assistance delivered by the partners to South Sudan, we encourage and call upon development partners to continue to support ITC's work which proves to be vital for the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in Africa, for improving trade capacity as well as strengthening regional and continental integration through the delivery of the capacity building, including in the context of advancing the African Continental Free Trade

Thank you

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