

**TALKING NOTES BY THE DIRECTOR/ADVISOR., KENYA SOUTHERN SUDAN LIASION OFFICER (KESSULO)  
Amb. (Rtd Col) Elijah Matibo DCO, DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF TRAINING  
PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN (GOSS) WILDLIFE OFFICERS, TO BE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009 AT THE KENYA WILDLIFE TRAINING INSTITUTE NAIVASHA AT 10.30  
AM.**

**The Principal, Kenya Wildlife Training Institute Prog. George Otiang'a,**

**Lecturers,**

**Distinguished participants from GOSS,**

**Invited guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

- On the onset , let me take this early opportunity on behalf of the Kenya Government, to welcome the students from the Government of Southern Sudan to Kenya to wish you a wonderful and memorable stay in this country.
- The people of South Sudan and Kenya share a cultural, economic and political history since time immemorial. These ties have continued to strengthen the cordial relations that the two regions have enjoyed over the years. Kenya hosted many South Sudanese during the dark years of the civil wars and has continued to extend the support.
- Ladies and Gentlemen, it will be recalled that Kenya played a key role in the negotiations of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) Which resulted in peace in Sudan. Kenya did not stop there, but went further to join the rest of the world in pledging Technical support for the reconst ruction of South Sudan. Some 3.5 million US dollars (about 300million kshs.) was set aside in the year 2006 for this support.
- The money under the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Programme was utilized to train GOSS officials in various areas of government operations. Over 1,000 GOSS public Servants have been trained in various areas both in Kenya Institutions and in Juba, under the three years programme which started in January 2006 and ended in January this year 2006 and ended in January this year. I am however glad to announce that the programme has now been mutually extended by another year.
- The wildlife training that has started here is therefore the first beneficiary of this extension and I would urge the participants to fully utilize your three months training to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills beneficial to the people of Southern Sudan.
- I am informed that the potential for wildlife conservation and management in Southern Sudan is enormous. Wild animals exist in regions in South Sudan. This potential should be exploited to

attract tourists in the near future. As you are all aware, the tourism sector is a key source of foreign exchange earnings.

- Kenya has over the years benefited immensely from this resource and I believe there is a lot that you will learn from Kenya's experience during your training here.
- Ladies and Gentlemen, the Kenya Government attaches great importance to the training and capacity of the Public Servants from the Government of South Sudan.
- These trainings which are coordinated by the Kenya Southern Sudan Liaison Office under the Office of the President are implemented through Ministry of State for Public Service. In addition, the training needs are expected to emanate from GOSS in line with their felt need.
- Am happy to note that the trainings that we have carried out so far have benefited various sectors of GOSS operations and we look forward to carry out more training in future.
- With those few remarks, I wish you every success during your training at the Kenya Wildlife Training Institute bearing in mind that the natural heritage of the people of South Sudan lies in your able hands. Conserve and manage it well for the present and future generations. I thank you for your attention.