



# THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

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Subject: Annual Holidays for the Year 2016

Attached herewith is the calendar for full and observed holidays in the Republic of South Sudan for the year indicated above. However, some of the observed holidays have not been included. Yet the related Government Institutions and cooperating partners could still observe by carrying out activities to mark the day as may be required but work continues normally. This calendar is sent to your end for easy reference and planning respectively.

Kind regards.

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## OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2016

S/NO.	Date of Holiday	Name of Holiday/Event	Remarks
1.	9 <sup>th</sup> January	CPA Day, Saturday.	The day the CPA was signed between NCP and SPLM/A in Nairobi, Kenya.
2.	25 <sup>th</sup> January	El Moulid El Nabawi, Monday.	The day marking birth of Prophet Mohamed.
3.	8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day, Tuesday.	To sensitize Societies about the crucial role women play in their family and nation.
4.	20 <sup>th</sup> March	International Earth Day, Sunday.	To focus attention on the need to protect the Environment.
5.	7 <sup>th</sup> April,	International Health Day, Thursday.	To raise awareness on how to look after our health.
6.	25 <sup>th</sup> April	World Malaria Day, Monday	To raise awareness on eradication of Malaria.
7.	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Freedom of Expression Day, Tuesday.	The day the Media Celebrate the right of freedom of expression.
8.	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers' Day, Thursday.	The international day for remembering and honouring mothers.
9.	4 <sup>th</sup> June	African Child Week, Saturday.	To draw attention to the plight of neglected African Children.
10.	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day, Friday.	The day for remembering all fathers.
11.	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Child Labour day, Sunday.	Awareness on elimination of the worst form of Child Labour worldwide.
12.	16 <sup>th</sup> June	African Child's day, Thursday.	Commemorated annually to remember the African Children (South Africa-Soweto) who were brutally massacred in 1976 by the then Apartheid regime during a protest for their right to be taught in schools in their language rather than Afrikaans.
13.	20 <sup>th</sup> June	International refugee Day, Monday	To raise awareness about the suffering of refugees and problems that drives them away from their countries.
14.	12 <sup>th</sup> August	International Youth Day, Friday.	A day United Nations have set aside to remind all Governments to carry out their obligations on Youth issues.
15.	1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Public Service Week, Thursday to Wednesday.	A week for Public Service Institutions to account to the Public by displaying their services to the Public.
16.	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	International Peace Day, Wednesday.	To draw attention to the importance of international peace and promote it by addressing conflicts through dialogue.
17.	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	World Aids Day, Thursday	A day of Public awareness on HIV/AIDS.
18.	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Human Rights Day, Saturday.	The day United Nations have set aside to remind all Institutions in the member States to observe all aspect of Human Rights.



## FULL HOLIDAYS 2016

S/NO.	Date	Name of Holiday/Event	No. of Days/Day	Remarks
1.	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year	1 day, Friday	Celebrating and observing the dawn of the New Year, reflecting on the past and ushering in hope for the future
2.	March 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday	4 days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday	Christian commemoration of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3.	May 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	International Labour Day	Sunday and Monday	International Day recognizing the role of workers in development.
4.	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	SPLA Day	1 day, Monday	The day a unit of South Sudanese soldiers rebelled in Bor Town leading to the subsequent birth of the SPLM/A
5.	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day	1 day, Saturday	The day South Sudan became an independent nation
6.	July	Eid-Elfitr	3 days for Muslims 1 day for Christians	Muslim holiday marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. It is to be noted that the beginning of this holiday depends on sighting of the new moon.
7.	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Martyrs day	1 day , Saturday	The day the founding Chairman of the SPLM died in a plane crash. The day is marked for commemoration of all martyrs.
8.	Sept.	Eid Al-Adha	4 days for Muslims, 1 day for Christians	Muslim sacrificial festivity marking the end of Hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca
9.	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holiday	4 days, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday	Christian holiday that marks the Birth of Jesus Christ.

**Note:** Exact dates for Easter and Muslim holidays are determined by Christian and Muslim calendars respectively.