We appeal to you, the reader of the following peace essays to not just read them, but also go further to put their recommendations and outlines points to work. It is our believe that you will find these essays interested and you will spread their messages across South Sudan in order to secure their hopes and dreams.

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Sustainable Peace in South Sudan

Sustainable peace is a state of living in an everlasting happy life without wars. As a South Sudanese, my vision for sustainable peace in my country is to put hatred aside and live together to share the abundance, love, and happiness as one family and shout out with pride to the whole world that we are South Sudanese. Our lives will become secure in such a way that we can travel anywhere we want in South Sudan while knowing that we are safe and nobody can harm us. We also become courageous to face other worldly problems. Sustainable peace in South Sudan can be achieved through ensuring total dismissal of tribalism and letting all the tribes in South Sudan care about each other. This keeps them and strengthens their relationships towards each other despite geographical distances. Also, ensuring security all over South Sudan will enhance peace in the country. Even though there is peace in South Sudan, not every single person has the heart of living with the spirit of togetherness. As a result, if all people-leaders and citizens embrace this idea, then it will help in avoiding misunderstandings that may have eventually break into wars. Once we are secure, our hearts will settle because food, health facilities, and other necessities will have reach people. Therefore, there will be no need of using guns or other dangerous weapons to convey our messages but instead, we shall use a peaceful language.

Lastly, the government as well as the citizens should respect each other and accept their faults. For instance, if a leader doesn’t have respect for his people, he may cause disagreements between the government and the citizens. These disagreements may make the leader get annoy if the citizens refuse to follow his or her orders. At other times, he/she may give an order out of anger by imprisoning, taking property by force, or killing the citizens if they have failed to obey him or her. Sustainable peace in South Sudan can easily be gained and promoted if students engage with each other through gathering and organizing many traditional dances annually. This is where they meet and know more about each other, and after that love will surely develop into sustainable peace.

 Tight security is another way of achieving sustainable peace in South Sudan. No one will need a gun to protect him/herself or harm another person in effort to self-defense themselves. The process of not using the gun will not stir any war among members of the same or different tribes whose member was killed accidentally but instead, people will be moving from Torit to Juba knowing that there is peace among South Sudanese. Having the government and the citizens on one table to discuss problems and find possible solutions, will bring peace. This is because both the government and the citizens live happily to an extend at which the president will be able to move without bodyguards. Can you all imagine how beautiful, wonderful, admirable, and peaceful South Sudan will be if we all follow the above steps. However, I would like to end by saying: “We as South Sudanese, let us join our hands together to build a strong nation full of love and respect not a warfare.”

We are longing for peace for decades. Therefore, as a peace lover, my vision is to see South Sudan as a free society/country from all arms and conflict. Therefore, my vision is to see South Sudan as a free society/country from all arms and conflict. If all the above points are put into consideration, we are able to achieve peace. Putting them into implementation can also bring a long lasting peace. Some of the points which can also promote sustainable peace just like the ones mentioned above are as follows:

1. Peace workshop; this is a workshop organized in order to emphasize on peace. This should be done equally to promote peace.
2. Fairness; this is treating each person or side equally. Today, people are not treated fairly because there is too much favoritism. People favorites those whom they like the most. Therefore, people should avoid favoritism and treat themselves equally to promote peace.
3. Cultural/traditional teachings; these are customs, ideas or beliefs of a particular society or people. Today, people no longer consider their cultures and traditions while others know nothing about them. Many spiritual traditions and teachings throughout the history have emphasized peace both as an inner journey and as an outward commitment to live in mutual benefit with our families and this help to promote peace.
4. Education to avoid idleness, and through this, we can educate children.
5. Human right is practiced among the people of South Sudan today.
6. Promoting peace, the need for freedom of speech and expression.
7. Peace between the government and the citizens.
8. Promoting and empowering peace initiatives.
11. Promoting peace initiatives.
12. Promoting peace initiatives.
13. Promoting peace initiatives.
**In South Sudan:**

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In conclusion, peace underlines our quality of life and the fabric of our communities and as a weaponry becomes powerful. Our very survival as people on this planet depends on it. As a result, there is need to promote peace and accountability is put in place. Furthermore, I need South Sudan to be a nation in order to overcome the misery suffering of orphans, widows, disabled, and many other people. We also need peace to change this current South Sudan into a new and a peaceful country.

Second thing that would bring about real change is service, delivery. Without service, both development and security will be a challenge. Services like running tap water, good roads, and electricity would reduce on costs of running business hence attracting investors. Once investors come, unemployment would reduce this in turn preventing youth from idling around which will make it difficult for them to partake in activities that cause insecurity. A stable security will cause a steady development.

Finally, if the leaders stop violence and choose peace, so peace can be achieved by protecting civilians and their property. Anticorruption commission should be established to look into activities connected to corruption and also report corrupt officials to the concerned bodies. The following steps should be practiced in order to promote peace in South Sudan, there must be accountability of those who commit atrocities in a nation. If we stop the opposition, this will bring unity and equality among the two governments and reconciliation through intergovernmental mechanisms. This will be a very important moment not only for South Sudan, but also for African leadership on these issues so that the sustainable peace will continue in South Sudan.

There is likewise among South Sudanese, an appetite for mechanisms that will address war as well as long deferred questions of accountability and reconciliation. We fully support Intergovernmental Africa Development, the African Union, and South Sudanese stakeholders in their desire to ensure accountability and reconciliation are prominent elements of a transitional agenda. To this end, we have lent our support to the African Union’s Commission of Inquiry. We applauded the African Union for moving swiftly to establish this entity, and appreciate the widespread consultations undertaken by President Obasanjo and his team. We look forward to their detailed findings and recommendations on appropriate transitional Justice Mechanisms. This will be an important moment of peace in South Sudan.

In South Sudan where everyone lives in harmony and love. Where the national resources are used for the development of the country and our universities became world class. I would like to see many graduates getting employed and a stable growing economy. Noted down, are some of the steps that I know can bring about sustainable peace.

The first thing is to focus on programs that will change hearts. Decades of war has left a huge number of South Sudanese with a lot of trauma that has affected the way we treat one another, the best way to restore peace and love in our societies is through the church. Churches are the only institutions that can truly transform individual hearts and supporting churches in doing so, should be a priority.

Third thing that would bring about peace is through educational resources. Having such visions will give the country a sense of pride. Although these goals can be challenging to achieve, they would give the country a powerful momentum and set a standard for future generations. All great nations have done or achieved things that other countries haven’t, for South Sudan to be remembered among those nations such doings goals are not only achievable, but vital. The easiest way for realizing this is by discovering our strengths as a nation and investing substantially in the identified fields such as sports, arts or sciences.

The steps we have laid out cannot come to form fulfillment if individuals don’t make commitments to positive change. Personally, I have vowed not to partake in any tribal conversation or activities. I have decided to take my education seriously and use my knowledge for the betterment of South Sudan. Finally, I do random acts of kindness as a show of love to those I meet with the hope that my actions be emulated.

The following steps should be taken in order for the above vision to be achieved:

1. Promotion of peaceful co-existence and increased stability and security. This can be achieved by protecting civilians and their properties.
2. There must be increase in inclusive peace and sustainable growth so that South Sudan can be food-secured and also sign treaties with other nations.
3. Promotion of human rights, this can be done by protecting and holding human rights violators accountable and bringing them to justice.
4. Anti-corruption commission should be established to look into activities connected to corruption and also report corrupt officials to the concerned bodies.

**Sustainable Peace Definition**

Peace is the situation where the country has gone far for absence of war for many years.

**Vision**

South Sudan should have justice, freedom, humility, and harmony. South Sudan should also have development in all areas of life. This will ensure that sustainable peace continues to prevail in South Sudan.

**Transitional Security arrangements**

Immediate measures are necessary to put an end to the fighting including disengagements and separation of forces, cessation of attacks on civilians, sustained humanitarian access, withdrawal of foreign forces, monitoring of agreed demilitarized areas, and ultimately re-deployment of forces and signing of a permanent ceasefire. In the longer run, efforts to fundamentally reform the security sector must be resumed, and this task should be mandated for international partners. These will make South Sudan to have sustainable peace.

Justice, reconciliation, and healing

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Language of peace and co-operation

South Sudanese President should have government security, convey the language of peace co-operation among government entities, communication between the government and the rebels or sometimes in opposition government. If we stop the opposition, this will bring unity and equality among the two governments and reconciliation through intergovernmental Africa Development, African Union, United Nations, and also they should have held National Peaceful Prayers after looking forward to the sustainable peace.

In summary, South Sudan has been in war for many years. Sustainable peace in South Sudan should convey the language of peace, reconciliation of warring parties through peace mediators such as the Church, and an interim neutral body to take over, so that South Sudan should have sustainable peace.