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Prison Officials Bring Agriculture Development from America to  
South Sudan



**Ambassador Susan D. Page (right) meets with Director General Antony Abel Makoi Wol (left)**

Fifteen prison agriculture officials from throughout South Sudan received training in agriculture management and prison industries while on a two-week U.S. Government-funded exchange program in the United States. The officials traveled to Canon City, Colorado where they participated in an intensive program focused on improving the quality of the prison system in South Sudan. U.S. Ambassador Susan D. Page welcomed the delegation at the U.S. Embassy this week upon their return.

Ambassador Page congratulated the National Prison Service of South Sudan (NPSSS) officials on their successful trip and stated the program “demonstrates the U.S. government’s strong commitment to the people of South Sudan since long before independence. We are happy to continue our close partnership with the Government and people of South Sudan.”

In addition to classroom instruction in management, agriculture techniques, and accountability, the NPSSS officials visited dairy, vegetable, and fish farms, and the Colorado Department of Corrections’ facilities, to speak directly with farmers and corrections officials. The delegation



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discussed a variety of challenges, such as transportation, and opportunities, such as irrigation. NPSSS officials trained together with counterparts from Mexico and shared diverse experiences in prison management and challenges.

Director General of the NPSSS Antony Abel Makoi Wol noted that the training will assist prisons in South Sudan in becoming more self-sufficient in food production, as well as in improving the health and nutrition of inmate populations. The training will also help to provide income generating skills for the inmates' safe and successful re-integration into society.

Upon returning from the program, officials told Ambassador Page they were eager to put some of the skills they learned from the United States into practice. First Lieutenant Nahasun Nyombe Luko, the farm manager in Central Equatoria State, told program coordinators "I would like to work with my colleagues and try to start our industries small and help them grow by planning for the future by developing policies, team work, communication, good security, and budgeting."

The Department of State provided \$28.9 million on initiatives to strengthen law enforcement, judiciary, and corrections systems in South Sudan in 2013. These initiatives include training police, corrections and judiciary officials, supporting legal aid clinics to increase rural access to justice, helping juveniles receive appropriate judicial services, and fostering respect for human rights.

For more information on the Department of State's law enforcement programs, please visit:  
<http://www.state.gov/j/INL/>

For more photos of the Ambassador's meeting with the exchange participants, please visit:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/101345751@N07/sets/72157636897086155/>