

## **PROFILE**



### **Name and Title:**

Hon. Agok Makur Kur Agok  
Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning  
Republic of South Sudan, Juba

### **Expertise**

- Politician
- Technocrat
- Activist

### **Bio:**

Honorable Agok Makur is a senior member of the SPLM/A-IO political party serving as a cabinet member in the Revitalized Government of National Unity in the portfolio of the deputy minister of finance and planning.

He spent most of his early life in Khartoum-Sudan where he was raised and educated from basic to tertiary level.

## **Education background**

In 1995 he was admitted to the University of Juba, which was relocated to Khartoum by then as a result of conflict in the south. He pursued a course of English and Arabic languages at the college of education at the University of Juba.

In 1998 he enrolled at the Alnilain University in Khartoum and graduated with a Bachelor Degree of law-honors in 2003.

In 2020 he did a master degree in law from the same university of Alnilain in Khartoum.

## **Activities in Students associations**

During his time at school, he help form an activism body known as African National Forum to boost the moral of the minority and marginalized students in different universities, schools and institutions of higher learning across Sudan. He participated in a number of students' associations such as the Rumbek youth union, Jieng students association and Southerners Students' union in institutions of higher learning.

## **Participation in Political Activities**

Hon. Agok Makur was a member of the Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) party and served in different capacities before joining the opposition.

In 2005 he was a member of SPLM secretariat, holding the position of secretary for political affairs in the northern sector.

2006 he served as the SPLM secretary for states affairs.

2007 he served as the SPLM secretary for research and planning.

## **Constitutional positions**

Hon. Agok Makur also held various constitutional posts in his career with notable once being a member of the national constitutional review committee from 2008 to 2011.

In 2015 following the signing of the Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan, which was also known as the compromise peace agreement, Agok Makur who was already a member of the SPLM-IO got appointed as a Member of parliament in the Transitional National Legislative Assembly. He briefly held this position until the unfortunate war of 2016, which forced him to flee the country again.

In 2018 the incumbent government signed another peace deal with the opposition groups dubbed as Revitalized peace agreement and ushered in a new era of peace and stability in the country where he returned to Juba as a senior member of the SPLM-IO.

In March 2020, the RTGoNU was formed and new cabinet restructured and the SPLM-IO party nominated Hon. Agok Makur as the Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, a position that he has held since.

### **Notable Activities**

Hon. Agok Makur co-founded the African Youth Charity Organization in 1993 where he served as the first Secretary general to the body, which they later introduced to all universities and institutions of higher learning in Khartoum and other towns across Sudan.

He and his colleagues were the masterminds of the events in Khartoum where students revolted against the government by raising the SPLM flag at different universities including Alnilain where he studied.

In 2003 they received the first SPLM delegation in Khartoum led by Pagan Amum and he was the head of the organizing/ reception committee.

Hon. Agok Makur and others were among the first team from Khartoum to go for a workshop in Newsite and came back to Khartoum as a full SPLM party member.

After graduating, he practiced his law skills aggressively in Khartoum and Juba tackling major/ controversial cases, which changed the game.

Hon. Agok Makur was a fierce critic and a lawyer who opposed and criticized the call for conduct of election in 2015 where they rejected it on grounds that no census was conducted.

While practicing his law career, he also protested the formation of more states in the country citing lack of constitutionality.

He was one of the lawyers involved in the hearing of the corruption case in the office of the president.

### **Objectives and Achievements**

Being a law student, he humbled himself before economic experts when appointed deputy minister at the ministry of finance to learn more from their expertise and get to know people well.

He was appointed deputy minister during a tough and challenging times when the country was gripped in a number of obstacles including being fresh from war, spread of COVID-19 pandemic, and 6 months unpaid salaries for public servants.

He managed to work collectively and cooperated with all the 3 former ministers of finance, which he served under them with utmost respect and value, which led to the successful achievements in economic reforms.

Honorable Agok Makur claims the following successes made by different ministers who served with him as part of their joint success stories as follows;

- Hon. Salvatore Garang Mabiordit managed to resolve the backlog issues in the salaries and convinced the president to allocate petroleum cargo to finance government projects.

- Hon. Athian Diing Athian managed to stabilize the local currency against the dollar by maintaining a fixed rate of 400 SSP per 1 dollar for more than a year.
- Hon. Agak Achuil Lual managed to pay all the outstanding arrears and unpaid salaries for public servants from 6 months gap to monthly payment.
- Hon. Dr. Dier Tong Ngor, the current minister of finance and planning is credited jointly with Hon. Agok Makur with passing the budget for the year 2022/2023 fiscal year, establishing a proper debt management system in conjunction with the central bank of South Sudan, creating a clear structure for the ministry and job description for all staff, introducing a weekly administrative/ management leadership meeting to review progress and improving line of communication and cooperation within the ministry and outside the ministry.

Hon. Agok Makur is the deputy minister of finance and planning in the Republic of South Sudan, Juba.