

PROFILE:**Philip Ajak Boldit**

National Expert/ Technical Advisor

Ministry of Finance and Planning

Republic of South Sudan, Juba

Expertise:

- Banker
- Financial Analyst
- Senior Macro Economist

Bio:

Mr. Philip Ajak Boldit is a senior official at the ministry of Finance and Planning holding the position of National Expert. His main task is to disseminate the technical know-how and transfer his knowledge and wealth of skills in areas of his expertise to decision makers within the ministry.

Mr. Boldit's education background and work experience is diverse and rich in untapped resources of wealth of experience that exceeds average thinking and expectations.

In 1977 he graduated from American University in Cairo, Egypt with honors and acquired a BA in Economics. In the same year he got his first job with City Bank in Cairo.

Having demonstrated an excellent work at the bank, his supervisors sent him to Glyfada in Athens-Greece for further studies in his area of specialization and received a Higher Certificate in Banking and returned to City Bank in Cairo to take up a promotion as an Accounting Officer.

In 1979, City Bank opened a branch in Khartoum, Sudan and he was transferred there as an Assistant manager.

Following the political crisis in Sudan by then, coupled with segregated system of governance employed by successive Sudanese regimes, he left Khartoum and joined the SPLA/M movement in 1984 in Ethiopia.

During the liberation movement, Mr. Boldit served in different capacities and received military training where he joined shield 1 as the first batch of trainees in a military college. He was later tasked by the SPLA leader, Dr. John Garang De Mabior, to help form the (SSRRA) South Sudan Relieve and Rehabilitation Association to help serve the interest and needs of the movement and people living in the liberated areas.

In 1996 he went back to the US and started working for a Catholic charity organization as a case manager whose duties were to review and follow-up on cases of refugees seeking asylum in America.

In 1999, City Bank requested him to return and pick up his duty as an Accounting Officer in Cairo, which he did for one year before going back to US.

In USA he acquired a new job in 2000 working with New York Stock Exchange Market as an Economic Analyst whose job was to monitor buying and selling of commodities and review of the market speculations.

In 2022, Mr. Boldit graduated with Bachelor Degree of Law from Georgetown State University in Atlanta-USA.

Between 2003-2005 he pursued a course in Public Administration and graduated from Phoenix University in USA with (MBA) Master Degree in Public Administration.

In 2005 the SPLM/A and the ruling party in Khartoum NCP signed a peace deal ending the longest civil war in Africa and ushered Sudan into a new era. By this time Dr. John Garang was touring the USA to lobby for American support, Dr. Garang found him in Phoenix, Arizona and urged him to return to Sudan and use his expertise to serve his country.

Following the unfortunate demise of Dr. John Garang in the same year, his successor Salva Kiir Mayardit picked up the job and facilitated Mr. Boldit's return to the then Southern Sudan in 2006 where he got employed at the ministry of Finance and planning as a Director General for macro economic planning.

In 2007 he was requested to go to the national ministry of finance in Khartoum and share his wealth of experience with the entire country.

Following the secession of South Sudan from Sudan in 2011, Mr. Philip Ajak Boldit had to leave the ministry in Khartoum and returned to Juba where he picked up his duties as the DG for macro economic planning for six years.

In 2016 he got promoted to the position of National Expert for the ministry of finance and planning, a job he has held since then dealing with advisory role to the minister and the ministry at large.

Throughout his life career, Mr. Boldit can be credited for a number of achievements that have been felt at the ministry and countrywide as a blueprint for development and they are as follow;

- He created a quarterly macro economic update at the ministry
- He empowered the budget planning in terms of programs
- He introduced Monitoring and Evaluation committee at the ministry
- He introduced Property Reduction Unit (PRU) system
- He created the debt management unit to control and regulate debt management system for the ministry and the country at large
- He helped in formulation of the role of Central Bank in economic management
- He contributed to the negotiation process and formulation of whitepaper for Juba-Rumbek road
- He helped in interdiction of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system in the country with China Harbor through the expansion project at Juba International Airport
- He was one of the pioneers behind the establishment of National Revenue Authority through his 2008 proposal to form a body which he then referred to as Revenue Authority Commission.