



South Sudan Referendum 2011 - Out of Country Registration and Voting (OCRV)

Mainland Europe Information Sheet – UK office

- The Southern Sudan Referendum will give the people of Southern Sudan the opportunity to vote for either the unity of Sudan or secession.
- The Referendum is run by the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC), a body independent from the governments of Sudan and Southern Sudan. IOM is assisting the SSRC to implement out-of-country registration and voting in eight countries, including the UK.
- **In order to vote, you must be registered.**
- **The only place in Europe for registration and voting is London in the UK.** There is no other registration or voting venue in mainland Europe. **The eight countries where OCV will take place are listed in the Southern Sudan Referendum law.**
- Registration will start on **15 November** and end on **1 December 2010**. The times are Monday to Saturday, 8am to 5pm, and on Sundays, 10am to 3pm.
- The registration centre is: **Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London, SW1H 9NH.**
- To register, you need to be 18 or over at the time of registering, and **fulfil the eligibility criteria issued by the SSRC**, which are provided on the back of this sheet.
- The following documents are acceptable to prove eligibility - written certificate/document issued by a Sudanese authority (even if expired) or a document issued by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). If you do not have these documents there will be an Identifier (community leader) at the registration place that will orally confirm/deny your eligibility.
- Anyone seeking to enter the UK in order to register and vote must meet all the requirements for visitors under the Immigration Rules (which can be found at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>). You must hold also valid travel documents and will be required to give biometric fingerprints and pay the appropriate fee. Eligibility for Referendum registration does not automatically mean eligibility for a visa.
- It is recommended to register early as the centre may get busy towards the end of the registration period.
- You can only vote where you have registered. Registration cards are given when you register. You will need these to vote between **9 and 15 January 2011**.
- A person can register and then not vote. The Referendum is considered valid if 60% or more of the total registered voters turn up to vote.
- For further information contact our UK hotline on **+44 800 032 9076**. More information is available at: www.southernsudanocv.org