



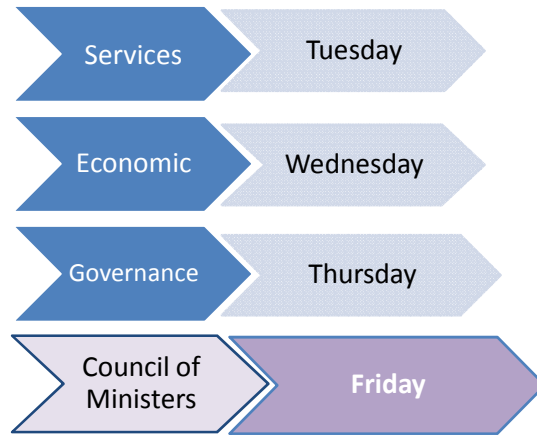
## Cabinet Committees in South Sudan

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### Structure of my presentation

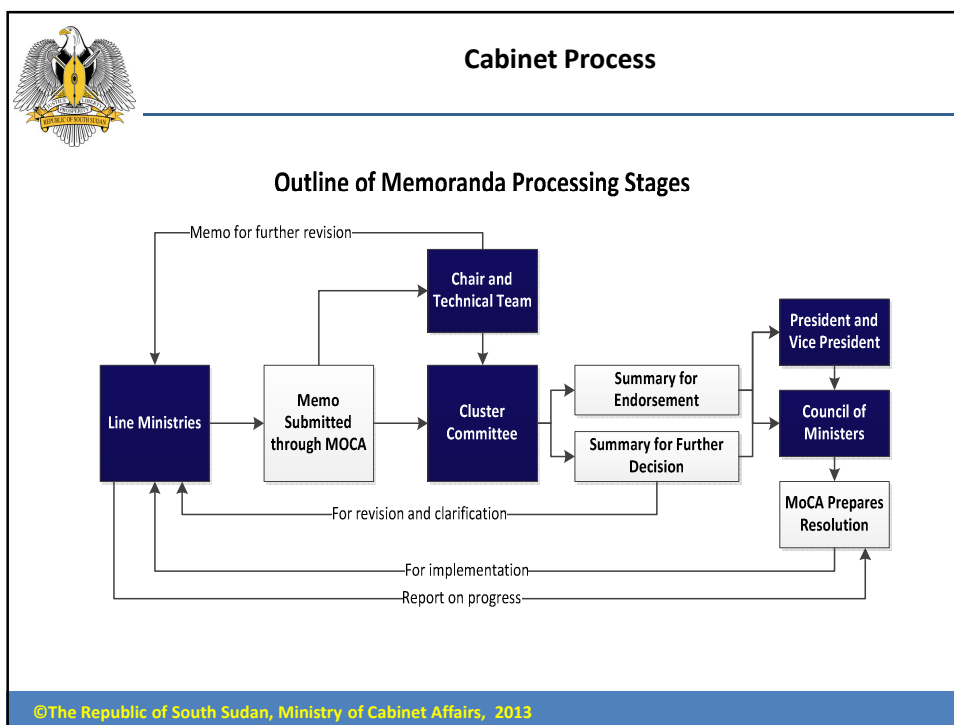
- The South Sudan Cabinet Cluster system
- How Clusters promote evidence-informed decisions
- Why the system works
- How it needs to improve
- Lessons from South Sudan?

## Cabinet Clusters



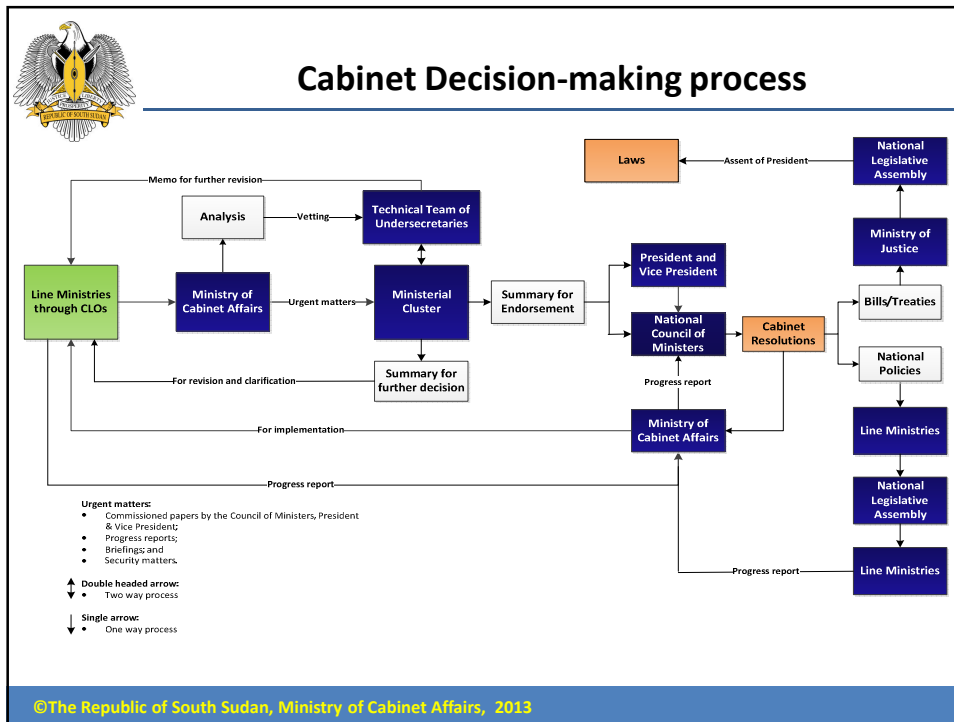
## Cabinet rules





## Cluster benefits

- Right people in the room together
- Opportunity to assess evidence and arguments
- Incentive to Ministries to improve quality of memos



## Why do Clusters work?

- Minister's leadership
- Package of inter-related reforms:
  - Handbook agreed October 2011
  - Cabinet Liaison Officers
  - Vetting of memos by Secretariat
- Simple system, adapted to our needs

## Issues to be addressed

- Skills of staff
  - Cabinet Secretariat
  - Line Ministries
- Policy development and analysis
- Information and communication technology

## Lessons from South Sudan?

- Introduce linked reforms that support one another
- Ensure design is tailor-made for you
- Keep experimenting until it works
- Choose your Minister carefully!