

## Public Notice

### **Introduction:**

The National Communication Authority (NCA) is the current registry administrator for the **.SS** domain name and by this notice it wishes to inform the general public of the launching phases and procedure of the **.SS** domain name.

The registration process will go through three phases as outlined below before it reaches the general availability period, this process shall take **90** calendar days.

### **The 90 days period shall be divided as follows:-**

**1. Sunrise period:** The Sunrise Period is a limited pre-registration period and is the mandatory first phase of all new Top Level Domains (TLDs) launching. Sunrise is the right time to register brand names as domains. This period allows trademark owners the opportunity to secure their trademark on the new country code top level domain name (ccTLD) **.SS**. The Sunrise period is **45-day** phase during which trademark owners can purchase domain names before they are offered to the general public. This period is managed by the **registry** closely through accredited **registrars**.

**NB:** Trademark owners have to prove their ownership of the domain name associated to their domain name.

**2. Landrush period:** The Landrush (**30-day**) period allows registrants to apply to register for a domain name prior to General Availability (GA), but at a higher price there are no trademark requirements for applications during the Landrush period though existing trademarks claims are taken into consideration. If there is a contest on a domain name at this period auctioning will be conducted and the highest bidder will take over the claimed domain name.

**3. Early Access period:** This period is reserved for those who wish to access domain names which are not in the premium domains list and are not yet registered in the registry. This period will run for **10** days before **General Availability** period and will allow registrants to order for domain names to be registered right when the launch starts. An additional 1 time cost will be incurred by the registrant to reserve a domain name to be registered right after launching.

**4. General Availability (GA):** Once a new TLD is GA, it has officially launched and is available to the public for registration.

### **Details Table:-**

S/N	Period Name	Duration	Comments
1	Sunrise	45 Days	Managed closely by the registry (NCA) through registrars. Registered Trademarks only.
2	Landrush	30 Days	Non-trademarks apply for domain names at premium prices before General Availability period.
3	Early Access	10 Days	Early access for names at near premium rate. An additional 1 time cost will be incurred by the registrant to reserve a domain name to be registered right after launching.
4	General Availability (GA)	<b>Open to general public</b>	Open registration commences.

**NB:** All the domains which are listed in the **Premium Domain Names List** prepared by the registry will not be accessed until the 90 days period elapses and then the registry shall use the service of an Auctioning Platform where Premium Names shall be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder at first come first serve basis.

#### DotSS zones details:

S/N	Zone	Use	Type
1	<b>.com.ss</b>	For companies and commercial entities.	Open
2	<b>.net.ss</b>	For network operators, ISPs and network infrastructure providers.	Open
3	<b>.biz.ss</b>	For any business	Open
4	<b>.org.ss</b>	For South Sudan NGOs only.	Provide Proof of registration
5	<b>edu.ss</b>	South Sudan Higher Education only	Closed
6	<b>sch.ss</b>	South Sudan Secondary, Primary Schools only	Provide proof of registration
7	<b>gov.ss</b>	South Sudan Government entities only	Official request letter.
8	<b>me.ss</b>	Personal sites	Open

**NB:** - Registrations under the second level domain i.e. directly under **.SS top-level-domain** is **closed** for now and will be made available at a later stage.

#### Registration Timeline:

Period	Start Date	End Date	Duration
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<b>Sunrise</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /June/2020	15 <sup>th</sup> /July/2020	<b>45 Days</b>
<b>Landrush</b>	17 <sup>st</sup> /July/2020	17 <sup>th</sup> /August/2020	<b>30 Days</b>
<b>Early Access</b>	19 <sup>st</sup> /August/2020	29 <sup>th</sup> /August/2020	<b>10 Days</b>
<b>General Availability</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /September/2020	N/A	<b>N/A</b>

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