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An economic and investment development expert with **twenty-two years of experience** across economic development, development studies and evaluation, project management, project planning and coordination, partnership management, institutional development, and policy analysis. Possesses a strong multidisciplinary background and extensive hands-on experience in applying research methodologies and analytical frameworks to support evidence-based decision-making.

Specialized in the preparation of **feasibility studies for investment and development projects** across various sectors, including technical, financial, and economic analysis, business analysis, development of sustainable business models, risk assessment, and enhancement of project economic viability.

Demonstrates advanced expertise in **institutional and operational problem analysis** and the delivery of practical, implementable solutions. In addition, has designed and implemented **business clinics**, as well as **business incubation and acceleration programs**, aimed at supporting entrepreneurs and startups and strengthening their managerial, financial, and marketing capacities.

Has worked extensively with government, private sector, and development institutions in both local and national contexts, with a proven ability to manage and coordinate multi-stakeholder programs and projects. Adopts a results-oriented, action-driven approach, with strong emphasis on knowledge management and information systems that support sustainable development and investment.

Key experience:

- Teaching in universities and institutes related to economics, business administration, health and environmental economics.
- Plan, research, and compile information materials related to environment and environmental economics.
- Funding management, programme development and planning, monitoring, quality assurance and reporting
- Evaluations, appraisals and reviews
- Technical advice, analysis, strategy and policy development, including UN processes
- Training and workshop facilitator

Main thematic areas:

- Economic Development, Development Studies and Research
- Gender equality, gender mainstreaming and women's rights
- Child rights and child protection
- Human rights
- Education (including disability inclusion)

- Violence against women/child, including human trafficking, FGM and Early Marriage
- Women's economic and political empowerment and democratisation processes
- Women, Peace and Social Security

Management skills:

- Proven ability to lead, motivate, coordinate and achieve results through successful management of teams:
- Head of Economic and Social Research Bureau, managing the Research Institutes. Coordinating tasks and assignments, monitoring performance and quality assuring deliveries.
- Experienced team leader working for 15 years with reviews and evaluations with successful management of multi ethnic cross discipline/thematic teams.
- Successful manager of large cross-sectoral teams with timely and high quality delivery of results.
- Lead, develop and motivate a high performing Institute and its staff, engendering a culture of excellence, accountability and transparency, including responsibility for the career development and performance management of academic staff within the Bureau.

Other skills:

- Information/ Strong skills in writing reports, manuscripts, and research papers experience
- Good communication skills incl. participatory methods
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Photoshop, Web Publishing (Word Press)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

2017:	PhD in Economic Development , the Institute of Development Studies and Research, University of Khartoum.
2007:	M.Sc. in Economics , Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum,
2002:	B.Sc. (Honours, First Class) , in Economics, University of Juba

Academic Promotion

August 2019 – Present **Associate Professor**, Department of the Economic, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Higher Education, Sudan.

Dec. 2012 to 2019: **Assistant Professor**, Department of the Economic, Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Higher Education, Sudan.

Feb. 2007 to 2012: **Researcher**, Department of Economic, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Sciences and Technology (MST), Khartoum, Sudan.

Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2007: **Research Assistant and Data Analyst**, Department of Economic, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), National Centre for Research (NCR), Khartoum, Sudan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- Present: General Director, the Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Higher Education, Sudan.

- Develop and deliver a compelling, cohesive and ambitious vision for the Bureau aligned to Ministry of Higher Education strategic objectives.
- Actively influence and contribute to the development and delivery of a compelling and sustainable Economic and Social Research strategy.
- Manage the Institute's academic, physical and financial resources to maximize its contribution to the growth and success of Economic, Social Research and Sectors
- Provide academic leadership and direction to the Institute, embracing the range of subject disciplines represented in the Bureau, by providing a coherent vision for research and postgraduate training accordingly.
- Lead, develop and motivate a high performing Institute and its staff, engendering a culture of excellence, accountability and transparency, including responsibility for the career development and performance management of academic staff within the Bureau.
- Attract, manage and retain staff to achieve academic excellence, supported by Performance and Development Review processes, and contribute to the successful development of the Bureau and its Institutes.
- Identify, promote and contribute resources to developing the Institutes research strengths and broader research portfolio. This will include identifying and supporting opportunities for research and programme developments internally, externally and internationally, both within existing funding streams, and where possible, through multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- Ensure that the Bureau and its Institutes comply with research policies on research quality and conduct and the requirements of all relevant regulatory bodies.

2014- 2019: Manger, Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB)

- Promoting and facilitating leading-edge research, including collaborative and interdisciplinary research, in areas related to the goals of the Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau.
- Building and providing sufficient support for, a community of innovative researchers to enhance research capacity at the university and to increase internal and external research opportunities for Economic Research Institute
- Developing networks between the research centre and researchers in the field in the public and private sectors, locally, nationally and internationally; acting as the nexus between the Bureau and the community with respect to research initiatives of mutual benefit;
- Where applicable, developing mutually beneficial linkages with Economic and Industry sector in order to develop partnerships and collaborative research;
- Transferring knowledge to society through outreach (e.g. collaborative research; seminars; workshops; lectures; websites; publications) and, where applicable, through technology

transfer (e.g. collaborative research; contract work; and commercialization of intellectual property);

- Developing strong linkages with appropriate academic departments and units and adding value to line departments through regular communication of research centre activities and opportunities.

2008- 2014: Head of Economic Department, Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB)

- Meeting and liaising with partners to negotiate and agree research projects preparing briefs and commissioning research
- Formulating plans or proposals to present to your client or senior management writing and managing the distribution of surveys and questionnaires briefing interviewers and researchers liaising with and managing survey staff moderating focus groups
- Undertaking economic research conducting qualitative or quantitative surveys, which may involve field, interview or focus group assessments using statistical software to manage and organise information.
- Monitoring the progress of research projects analysing and interpreting data to identify patterns and solutions, including surveys and focus group transcripts.
- Managing budgets, writing detailed reports and presenting results and advising clients or senior management on how to best use research findings.

2007- 2008: Research Activities Coordinator, Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB)

- Plans and coordinates the initiation of research study protocol, and the establishment of operating policies and procedures.
- Promotes research capacity building among community-based organizations and student groups.
- Plans, implements, and maintains data collection and analysis systems in support of research protocol; may coordinate the collection and analysis of research data.
- Recruits, instructs, and coordinates research subjects and/or volunteers, as appropriate to specific study objectives and work scope.
- Ensures the smooth and efficient day-to-day operation of research and data collection activities; acts as the primary administrative point of contact for internal research staff and as the principle operational liaison for other research organizations, funding agencies and regulating bodies.
- Coordinates the day-to-day activities of any technical support staff specifically engaged in the carrying out of research/clinical protocol, as appropriate to the position; may perform aspects of research protocol, as required, in accordance with specified program objectives.
- Plans and coordinates the staffing of research studies, to include the recruitment and administration of research support staff, as appropriate to the activity
- Supervises and coordinates the provision of support services to investigators and researchers Monitors the progress of research activities; develops and maintains records of research activities, and prepares periodic and ad hoc reports, as required by investigators, administrators, funding agencies, and/or regulatory bodies.

2003- 2007: Research Assistant, Economic Research Institute, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB)

- Supervise and/or conduct the collection of the necessary data; including market price, rainfall, socio-economics, health etc., analyses the information in terms of food insecurity, vulnerability and health situation
- Provide monthly update on food security, vulnerability and health situation to the Agricultural Economic section.
- Participate and assist in developing and maintaining geo-reference databases on food security, health, poverty issues, and socioeconomic programme activities
- Participate in different research projects, training programs, workshop and consultations held by the Economic and Social Research Bureau and other academic institutions.

Part-time Work Engagement:

- April 2003- Aug. 2003: Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Economic, University of Juba.
- July 2006 to present: Lecturer, School of Management Studies, University of Juba.
- Dec. 2006 – to present: Lecturer, Khartoum Technological College.
- Feb. 2009 to date: Lecturer, School of Management and Economics, Ahfad University.
- August 2009 to date: Lecturer, School of Management Studies, Ahfad University for Women.
- Dec. 2011 to date: Lecturer, Faculty of Management Studies, Sudan International University.
- Dec. 2013 to date: Lecturer, Faculty of Business, University of Medical Sciences and Technology Administration.
- 2017 to data: Lecturer, School of Management Studies, Graduate Studies (MBA) Sudan International University.
- October.2017 to data: Lecturer, School of Management Studies, Graduate Studies (MBA) Ahfad University for Women
- Feb. 2009 to date: to supervise final year student, Ahfad Universities for women.
- December 2006 – Jan. 2007: Team member and Principal Investigator, study on “The Impact of Infra Structure Projects on Regional Cooperation between Sudan and Ethiopia”. Study sponsored by MATRIX for Consultancies and Research, a private consultancy house.

Teaching in University

- Microeconomics.
- Macroeconomics.
- Managerial economics.
- Econometrics.
- Economic Development.
- International Economics.
- Monetary theory
- International Tread

Consultancy Experiences

- April, 2023: Team Leader, research project in Study on the Sudan Household Energy Survey, World Bank, Sudan.
- August, 2022: Team Leader, research project in Technical Gap Assessment of Labour-Based Coordination Unit (LBCU), International Labour Organization (ILO), SUDAN.
- April, 2022: Team Leader, research project in Study on the Socio-economic status of Persons with disability in Khartoum State - possibilities and barriers of participating in the local labour market and vocational training, The German government through the Federal Agency for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), The "Khartoum Employment Initiative: Future Prospects for Refugees and Host Communities" project
- December, 2021 : Team Leader, research project in Reviewing Child-Focused Public Expenditure in Sudan: National Government and Four State Governments, Save the Children , Khartoum Office.
- October 2021: Team Leader, research project: Supporting data collection for the Covid 19 tool among schools in Sudan, World Bank, Khartoum Office.
- December, 2020 : Team Leader, research project in Review of the Social Curricula in the Sudanese Universities in Sudan, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Khartoum Office.
- December, 2020: Team member, research project in Establish the Professional Council for Social Workers in Sudan, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Khartoum Office.
- October 2020: Team Leader, research project in Manual Training for Social Workforce for Child Protection in Sudan, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Khartoum Office.
- October 2018: Team Leader, research project in Market study Gaps of Agricultural crops in Kassala State, (Sesame, Groundnuts and Onions), Assessment Report prepared for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Kassala Office.
- December, 2019, Team member, research project in Sudanese Diaspora Remittances Survey Report, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Khartoum.
- December 2019, Team member, research project in The Estimating the size of unofficial remittances and explaining the factors influencing remittances flow into Sudan, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Khartoum.
- March 2019, Team member, research project in The socio-economic effects of the contracting cotton cultivation through Sudan Cotton Company Limited.
- 2018: Team member, research project in the Feasibility Studies for promising economic opportunities in North Kordofan and White Nile states, International Labor Organization (ILO).
- Jun2017: Team Leader, research project in the Development of small and medium craft industries in Sudan, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Jun2017: Team member, research project. Economic and Social Impact of Unregulated Foreign Presence in Sudan, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Jun2017: Team Leader, research project. Competitiveness of Sudanese agricultural crops exports in the global market: Constraints and future visions, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.

- Jun2017: Team member, research project, the analysis of poverty and inequality in eastern Sudan (Red Sea, Kassala, Gedaref), Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Jun2017: Team member, research project the role of agricultural Manufacturing in the economic growth in Sudan, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Jun2016: Team Leader, research project in the economic and social dimensions of gold mining in Sudan, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.
- May2014: Team Leader, research project in Problems and obstacles to the production and marketing of food grains in Sudan (wheat, sorghum and millet), Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.
- May2014: Team member, research project in The role of agricultural Manufacturing in the economic growth in Sudan, Economic and Social Research Bureau (ESRB), Ministry of higher education, Khartoum, Sudan.
- May 2010: Team member, Socio-economic Conditions Survey for Improvement of Water Supply Facilities Project (Kassala city). Sponsored by JICA.
- October 2009: Team member, study on "Mobilizing and Strengthening the Private Sector to HIV/AIDS in Khartoum". Study sponsored by UNAIDS, UNDP and SNAP.
- October 2008: Team member, study on "Youth Issues and Needs in Sudan: case studies Elgadarif and Kassala states". Study sponsored by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Khartoum.
- December 2006: Team member, study on "The Impact of Infra Structure Projects on Regional Cooperation between Sudan an Ethiopia". Study sponsored by MATRIX for Consultancies and Research.

Publications and Research

- Abdalla A. Idries and Mohammed I. Musa (2021) "Problem and Constraint the Agricultural Manufacturing in Sudan ", University of Khartoum, Institute for Peace and Development, Journal of Discourse, Vol. No. (11-12) 20212.
- Abdalla A. Idries and Mohammed I. Musa (2017) "Causal relationship between agricultural production, hump industries and economic growthin Sudan", University of Sudan for Science and Technology, Journal of Economic Sciences, Vol. No. 18(2) 2017.
- Abdalla A. Idries, (2017), Determinants of Sugar Production Growth in Sudan (1980- 2010), Economic and Social Research Bureau, Sudan Journal of Development Research, Vol. No. 25, January 2017.
- Abdalla A. Idries Musa, M. I., Hassan, H. H. (2016). Agricultural industrialization in Sudan: Realities and Future Prospects. Economics and Social Research Bureau, Sudan, Vol. No (60).
- Abdalla A. Idries Musa, M. I., Hassan, H. H. (2016). Production and marketing of food grains. Economics and Social Research Bureau, Sudan, Vol. No (61).
- Abdalla A. Idries and Ebaidalla M. Ebaidalla (2015) "Flow of Migrants' Remittances into Sudan: the role of Macroeconomic Environment", Middle East Development Journal, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 70-88.
- Abdalla A. Idries, Suliman, A. and Ebaidalla, E. (2014) "Impact of Migrant Remittances on National Economy and Household Income: Some Evidence from Selected Sudanese States" In A. Bariagaber, International Migration and Development in Eastern and Southern Africa, OSSREA, Ethiopia.

- Abdalla A. Idries, Hayfa Hassan and Khaleed Elhardloo, (2014), Introduction to Knowledge Economy: The Concept and Causes of Transformation, Central Bank of Sudan, Elmasrafi Series no. 45. Abdalla A. Idries, (2009), Sugar production and productivity problems in Sudan, Central Bank of Sudan, Elmasrafi Series no. 91.
- Abdalla A. Idries, (2007), the reality of Sudanese exports in the period of economic liberalization policy (1992-2005), Central Bank of Sudan, Elmasrafi series no.45.

Articles and Chapters in Books

- Abdalla A. Idries, Suliman, A. and Ebaidalla, E., and Ahmed, A. (2014) “Impact of Migrant Remittances on National Economy and Household Income: Some Evidence from Selected Sudanese States” In A. Bariagaber, International Migration and Development in Eastern and Southern Africa, OSSREA, Ethiopia.
- Abdalla A. Idries, (2021) “The role of the state and the reality of investment business and development challenges in Sudan” The Economic and Social Rights Monitor in the Arab Countries, Arab NGO Network for Development, ANND, Beirut

Conferences

- Nov. 2018 : Economic Forums (Employment, Unemployment and the Labor Market in Sudan), Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- Apr. 2018: Khartoum University Annual Conference (Arquette) on The Current economic crises in Sudan (Problems of agricultural Manufacturing in Sudan.
- Oct. 2017: WIDER Annual Conference jointly organized with ARUA on Migration and mobility – new frontiers research and policy - Accra, Ghana.
- Apr. 2017: DSRI Khartoum University Annual Conference on The role of research institutions and the private sector in the development of Sudanese exports.
- Apr. 2017 Workshop on Cooperative Movement Economic and Social Role of the Cooperative Movement in Khartoum State, Ministry of Finance and Consumer Affairs, Coordinating Council for Cooperative Action.
- Jun. 2013 Global Development Network (GDN) 14th annual conference on: Inequality, Social Protection and Inclusive Growth - Manila, Philippines
- Mar. 2012 ERF 18th Annual Conference on Corruption and Economic Development - Cairo, Egypt
- Apr 2009 eighth Arab Planning Institute Conference on “Recent Trends in Financing Development”- An entitled “Some factors Influencing Foreign Direct Investment flow into Sudan- Beirut, Lebanon.

Training Courses and Workshops

- **January 2015:** Department of Economics, University of Khartoum funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC): Introduction to STATA 13, from 18th to 22th, January, 2015, Khartoum, Sudan
- **December 2013:** Economic Research Forum (ERF): Training Workshop on Analysis of Panel & Retrospective Household Survey Data (Labor Market Panel Surveys Data), Cairo, Egypt.
- **January 2013:** Training Workshop: Research Methods, Proposal Writing and Presentation Skills, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Tanzania.
- **October 2011:** Training Workshop: Measurements of Inequality of Opportunity, Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt.
- **December 2008:** Diploma in Human Development. Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait.

- **August 2007:** Training course on: Feasibility Study Preparation Using Computer Software (COMFAR). Jointly organized by the Economic and Social Research Bureau and Management Development Centre, Khartoum, Sudan.
- **November 2005:** Training course on: Promotion of Researcher's Performance. Organized by the Institute for Criminological and Social Research and Studies, Elribat Elwatani University, Khartoum, Sudan.

Membership of Associations

- Member, Organization for Social Sciences Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Member, International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs), New Delhi, INDIA.