Sudan

Country Note



Sudan, situated in Northeast Africa is the third largest country on the African continent with a total area of 1,882,000 sq km. The country has international borders with 7 states: Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Chad and Libya. The River Nile traverses the country from South to North while the Red Sea washes about 550 miles of eastern coast making Sudan a bridge between Africa and the Middle East.

Why invest in Sudan:

Represented in the federal governing system which divided the country into 3 levels; the Federal, State and local levels and which guarantees participation by all citizens. Which represents an entrance to Africa from the east and the fact that it is neighbored by African countries a few to which Sudan represents to the only sea outlet. The location on the Red Sea makes Sudan the centre of international markets; Middle East, Far East, Asia, Europe, and the US Agricultural land and fresh water resources Mineral resources which include petroleum, gold and other precious metals Highly skilled graduates and very cheap rates for the available labor. Sudan joined the COMESA trade bloc Sudan is looking forward to joining the World Trade Organization agreements Sudan is attempting to join the Arab Free Trade Organization in 2007

India and Sudan have almost 30 bilateral agreements covering trade, science and technology, media, culture, consultations, business, small industries, legal matters, air services, agriculture etc.

Economic & Commercial Relations:

India is the second largest exporter to Sudan after China. India mainly sells sugar and confectionery, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, machinery and equipment, transport equipment, iron and steel, manufactured goods, textiles and apparels, foodstuffs etc. and India buys mineral and fuels, raw hides and skins, agricultural products, leather, metals and ores.

Financial Year	Bilateral Trade (USD Millions)		
	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade
2013-14	862.17	436.19	1298.36
2014-15	882.47	569.66	1452.13
2015-16	782.48	149.20	931.68

Several Indian companies are now active in Sudan, including, ONGC Videsh Ltd, BHEL, TCIL, Progressive Construction Ltd, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, Bajaj Auto etc. and various hospitals (Apollo, MIOT, MAX, Narayana Hrudayalaya, BLK, Vikram, HCG,Kims etc).

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