

**The Role of Institutions in Improving the Performance of Investment in Sudan/Southern Sudan**

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**Abstract**

This study deals with the relationship between institutions and investment performance in Sudan/Southern Sudan. The purpose of the study is to undertake a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the factors that determine the performance of investment and to suggest the appropriate institutional reforms which are deemed necessary to improve economic growth, to achieve a reduction in poverty and to get conditions of sustainable peace.

The study employs a cross country regression analysis to analyze the impact of institutional variables on investment flows for the whole of Sudan. An investment climate assessment approach is used to look into institutional determinants of private investment in Southern Sudan. A questionnaire survey of business firms has been undertaken in Southern Sudan. The New Institutional Economics/NIE is used as a framework of analysis of the secondary and primary data to establish the relationship between institutional variables and private investment decisions.

The study presents as well a review of the economic, political and social development processes in Sudan from a historical perspective, and assesses the process of reconstruction of institutions after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005. It presents a deeply analyzed review of the institutional environment in Sudan and discusses the applicability of the NIE framework to Sudan's institutions for development by an economic analysis of the data available in this regard on Sudan. The author conducts an empirical investigation of the impact of institutions on investment performance, presents the important findings from the empirical study, discusses the findings, and sets an agenda for institutional reform in Sudan/Southern Sudan.

The study provides an in-depth analysis on investment in Sudan and as such is of great help to investors seeking investment in Sudan and to the Government of Sudan when reforming investment laws and frameworks; it is also of interest to the academia, to donor organizations, to international organizations, and to international NGOs.

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