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# Country Profile

## SUDAN



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## Summary



The Republic of Sudan, the largest country in Africa, became independent in 1956, but has been experiencing political instability and conflict ever since, including the secession of a significant portion of the south. Most recently, in 2019, the government was changed through a combination of protests and a coup d'état. Sudan's legal system is a combination of Islamic law, English common law and Egyptian civil code, as well as informal customary tribal courts.

## Competition



- Sudan established **LAW NO. 7 OF 2009** on **Competition Protection and Antitrust**, which also established the **Competition and Prevention of Monopoly Practices Council** in 2013;
- Yet **CONFLICTS**, **political instability**, **sanctions**, and a large **informal sector** of commercial activities, among other structural issues, have **weakened** the ability of **Sudan's competition legislation** to be enacted and implemented.

## Foreign Direct Investment



- Sudan first established the **INVESTMENT ENCOURAGEMENT ACT** in **1996**, and **updated** it in **1999**, **2003**, and most recently in **2013**. The authorized body to **oversee the legislation** is the **Ministry of Investment**;
- With the **LIFTING OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS** by the **United States** in 2017 and Sudan's removal from the list of states sponsoring terrorism in December 2020, further **progress on FDI** is expected to **soon occur** at the material and legislative levels.



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## Anti-Corruption



- Sudan established **LAW NO. 8 OF 2016** to explicitly **tackle corruption**. Prior to this law, Sudan relied on its **1991 Criminal Procedures Law**;
- Moreover, Sudan established a **FREEDOM OF ACCESS to Information Law** in 2015;
- However, due to the **ONGOING POLITICAL INSTABILITY**, there remain **major gaps** in Sudan's ability to adequately **enforce** these **legislations** at all levels.

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## Consumer Protection



- As of yet, a **FORMAL CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW** is still **pending**, and there is **no national authority** for consumer protection.

## Main Headings

● Very Strong  
 ● Strong  
 ● Developed  
 ● Moderate  
 ● Basic  
 ● Weak  
 ● Very Weak

### COMPETITION

● **MODERATE**

Anti-Trust and Competition Laws	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate
Anti-Dominance and Monopolisation Laws	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate
Cartels and Anti-Competitive Agreements	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate
Competition Enforcement Practices	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate
International Trade Agreements	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak
Liberalisation and Competition Intervention in Regulated Sectors	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak
Merger Regulatory Regime	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Strong
Labor Protection	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Weak




### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

● **WEAK**

Banking Regulations	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Developed
Macroeconomic Policies	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Weak
Investment Regulatory Framework	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate
Incentivisation Schemes	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak
Bi-lateral Treaties	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak





<b>ANTI-CORRUPTION</b>		<b>DEVELOPED</b>
Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Public Sector	Very Strong	
Anti-Bribery and Whistle Blow Laws	Developed	
Budgeting and Public Expenditures	Very Weak	
Digital Government	Very Weak	
Open Government and Transparency	Strong	
Public Procurement Standards	Very Strong	

<b>CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		<b>VERY WEAK</b>
Physical Safety Regulations	Very Weak	
Protection of Consumers' Economic Interests	Moderate	
Measures Enabling Consumers to Obtain Redress	Very Weak	
Promotion of Sustainable Consumption	Very Weak	

## Sub-categories

● Very Strong  
 ● Strong  
 ● Developed  
 ● Moderate  
 ● Basic  
 ● Weak  
 ● Very Weak

### COMPETITION

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Strong	
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	<span style="color: lightgreen;">●</span> Developed	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very Strong	
Exemptions	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak	
Accessibility/Transparency	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Basic	

### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Weak	
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Basic	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	<span style="color: red;">●</span> Moderate	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Weak	
Exemptions	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Very Weak	
Accessibility/Transparency	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Weak	

## ANTI-CORRUPTION



Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	Moderate
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Developed
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Very Strong
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Moderate
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Very Strong
Exemptions	Developed
Accessibility/Transparency	Moderate

## CONSUMER PROTECTION



Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	Very Weak
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Basic
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Weak
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Very Weak
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Very Weak
Exemptions	Very Weak
Accessibility/Transparency	Very Weak



