



## Session 2 | “The Human Dimension of Growth”

*“The rise of the South is unprecedented in its speed and scale. It must be understood in broad human development terms as the story of a dramatic expansion of individual capabilities and sustained human development progress in the countries that are home to the vast majority of the world’s people.”*

The 2013 UNDP Human Development Report (HDR) assesses recipes for success of leading countries from the South in sustaining growth and achieving substantial progress in terms of human development.

During the first session of ‘**Sudan Talks**’, a joint initiative between the United Nations Development Programme and the Mamoun Beheiri Center, we have jointly reviewed the key drivers for development identified in the HDR as the basis for success of these countries and tested their applicability in Sudan.

In the second session, we will zoom into **factors that enable countries to achieve economic growth** and test its **impact on the life of people**. With the help of a panel of leading Sudanese and international experts from the private sector, academia, governmental institutions and civil society, the following and more questions will be answered:

- *What makes economies in the South grow? What will make Sudan grow?*
- *Do countries from the South - and does Sudan - need to undergo a stage of industrialization similar to the one of today’s most developed countries?*
- *Are social and environmental protection schemes luxuries that the South can only afford if helped by well-meaning donors?*

The review of success stories from the South provides surprising answers to these questions. After all, the sheer number of people in the South—the billions of consumers and citizens—multiplies the global human development consequences of actions by governments, companies and international institutions in the South.

The South is now emerging alongside the North as a breeding ground for technical innovation and creative entrepreneurship.

And few countries have sustained rapid growth without impressive levels of public investment—not just in infrastructure, but also in health and education.

***Join the discussion on the 25 September at 10.45 am - 1.00 pm in the conference hall of Mamoun Beheiry Centre.***

*For more info: [www.sd.undp.org/SudanTalks.htm](http://www.sd.undp.org/SudanTalks.htm)*