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Sudan banks on partnership to boost development

SUDAN, which is on the verge of achieving peace with rebels, is banking on the smart partnership concept with developing nations, especially Malaysia, to boost its economic development.

Sudan Development Corporation managing director Abdulwahab Ahamed said the current Global 2002 - International Smart Partnership Dialogue served as a platform for Sudan to engage on a joint co-operation effort with other countries.

"We present our economic plans at the dialogue while at the same time, learn from plans presented by other nations," he said at the sidelines of the dialogue.

To ensure economic sustainability in Sudan, Abdulwahab said the country needed to improve in the fields of health, education and training.

"Malaysia's experience in developing these sectors will be useful to us," he said.

He also agreed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's remarks on the risk of developing nations facing economic terrorism.

"Yes, there is already some form of economic terrorism such as the double standards imposed by the developed nations.

"Currency traders are also damaging the economy of the developing nations," he said.

He said Malaysian businessmen were invited to invest in Sudan.