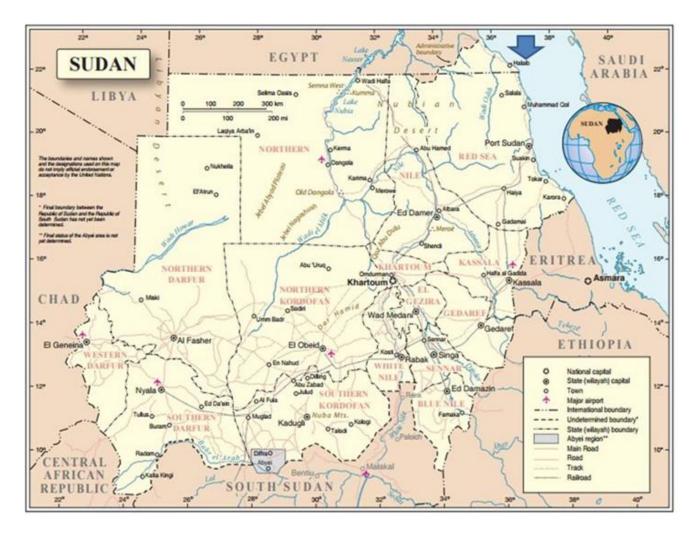




Introduction

White Nile State is one of the most promising states to invest in, due to its strategic location which is characterized by diverse natural resources, economic foundations and an attractive investment atmosphere. The Investment Commission offers to you opportunities in the fields of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and industry.We also present you with some successful investment examples to attract investors, whilst offering the best privileges and guarantees to encourage investment granted under the Investment Promotion Law.



Geographic Location

White Nile State is located between latitudes 12 - 13'30 degrees north, and longitudes 31 - 33' 30 degrees east, bordered to the North by the state of Khartoum, to the South by South Sudan, to the West by North Kordofan State, to the South-West by South Kordofan State, and to the East by the states of Aljazeera and Sinnar.

The area of the state is (39,701) square kilometers, which is equivalent to about (9,452,620 acres), and (3,970,100) hectares.

Climate

The states is characterized by two distinct seasons, which are a cold dry Winter and a rainy humid Summer, and the winter duration varies in the north from the south. The northern regions are characterized with a very hot summer that comes with sand storms prior to the rainy season. The southern regions of the state are characterized by a rainy summer from June until October; with rainfall reaching a maximum of 60 mm annually.

Population

The population of the state is 2,334,444 distributed to the localities of the state.

Water Resources

The most important water resource in the state is the White Nile, which penetrates the state from the south to the north at a distance of 629 kilometers, and its level is being controlled by the JabalAwlia Reservoir.

The annual water resource of the White Nile is 26 billion cubic meters, of which 1 billion is utilized annually for the agricultural projects in the state.

Other water resources in the state include: rain water, groundwater, surface water, and creeks distributed across the state.



Characteristics of the White Nile State

- Strategic geographical location as a crossing path for the states of Kordofan and Barid, and a main gateway to the country of South Sudan.
- The state has natural resources such as fertile lands, abundant water, forest cover and grazing lands spread throughout the state.
- Climate variability leads to a variety of agricultural conditions (Rainy Irrigated Flooded)
- The state is leading in the manufacturing of Sugar in Sudan (Kenana Sugar Asalaya sugar - White Nile Sugar) in addition to projects under implementation (Gafa Sugar – Alridais Sugar – Alsayla Sugar) and large development projects represented in the dry port of Kosti, the river port, and industrial projects (Rabak Cement,KostiTextile, Al-DuaimTextile, Oil Plants, Iron Factory, and Rickshaw Assembly Factory)
- Availability of necessary services (Education Health Banking Connectivity Infrastructure - Electricity Supply)
- The state has large storage capacities (Granary Silo with a storage capacity of 100,000 tons, the Strategic Warehouse Of Petroleum Materials with a storage capacity of 300,000 tons).
- It has specialized markets for crops and livestock (Kosti, Rabak, Tandalti, AlJabalain) for local and exportation markets.
- It has an estimated fish wealth of 5,000 tons
- Petrol is found in the south locality of AlSalam.
- It has a thermal power generation plant in Um Dabakirwith a capacity of 500 Mega Watts.
- The state is rich in limestone in AlJabalain locality.



The Agricultural Sector

The area suitable for agriculture constitutes 68% of the total area of the state, equivalent to 6.5 million acres.

- 63% of that area is invested, equivalent to 4.1 million acres.
- The area available for investment is equivalent to 2 million acres.

The state produces an estimated number of field crops and cash that can be listed as follows:

Thin Corn - Sesame - Millet – Peanuts - Roselle - Watermelon pip - Cowpea - Wheat - Sunflower - Cotton - Vegetables - Fruits - Rice - Fodder - Sugar cane – Forest Crops.



Opportunities Available for Investment Corn Production Projects

Located north of the state on both riverbanksof the Nile, and characterized by black mud lands to sandy clay in some locations and can be irrigated by the Nile. The infrastructure consists of main and subsidiary canals and canals in need of rehabilitation and available for investment in the short term (2-3 years) and long term (20-25 years) with the condition that the production be a partnership between the investors and the farmer.

Projects Available for Investment

Project	Area/Acres	Locality
Areek	2000	Alduaim
Abgar	4000	Um Ramtah
Alsofi	900	Um Ramtah
Alrahwat	1200	Um Ramtah
Albashri	800	Um Ramtah
Alsaada	1300	Algitaina
Alhashaba	2500	Algitaina
Shikan	2500	Rabak



Sunflower Production Projects

Located south of the state and unique for its highly fertile clay soil. It is established by rainfall (500-600mm per year) and is complemented by irrigation from the Nile. The infrastructure consists of main and subsidiary canals and canals in need of rehabilitation and available for investment in the short term (2-3 years) and long term (20-25 years) with the condition that the production be a partnership between the investors and the farmer.

Project	Area/Acres	Location
		Aljabalain
Alhadeeb South	300	District
		Aljabalain
Alamal	1500	District
Agriculture		Aljabalain
Reformation	1000	District
		Aljabalain
Tabat	1000	District
		Aljabalain
Dimo	1700	District

Projects Available for Investment



Cotton Production Projects

Located south of the state and unique for its highly fertile clay soil. It is established by rainfall (500-600mm per year) and is complemented by irrigation from the Nile. The infrastructure consists of main and subsidiary canals and canals in need of rehabilitation and available for investment in the short term (2-3 years) and long term (20-25 years) with the condition that the production be a partnership between the investors and the farmer.



Projects Available for Investment

Location	Area/Acres
Alhadeeb North	750
Albahja	1200
Agricultural Shart	300
Aladara	1320
Almarwa	1400

Fodder Project

Located at the north of the state and has many attributes, the most important of which are climate variability, soil diversity, and water resources availability (Via Nile and Ground Water) suitable for producing various types of fodder (Alfalfa, AbuSabain, Clatoria, and Filbsara).

Location	Area/Acres	Location
AlsheikhAlsiddig	150,000	Gitaina
Gitaina East	40,000	Gitaina
Aljalal	10,000	Guli
Alziaif	10,000	Aljabalain



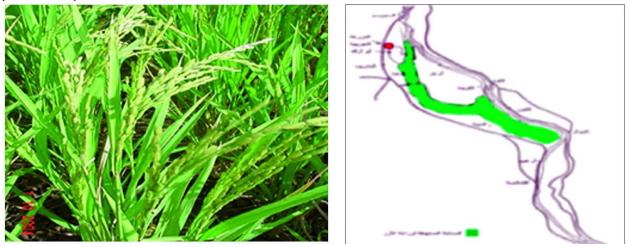
Opportunities Available for Investment In Horticultural Crops

There are areas distributed across the state, around 250,000 acres, available for Horticultural Crops Investment (vegetable crops, Fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants, flowering plants) besides the investment in the field of horticultural export services (sorting, processing, packaging, refrigerated storage, refrigerated transportation, Concentrate Manufacturing)



Rice Production Projects

There are variable areas across the west bank of the Nile characterized by black mud lands to sandy clay in some locations and can be irrigated by the Nile. These projects need rehabilitation of the infrastructure and are available for investment in the short term (2-3 years) and long term (20-25 years) with the condition that the production be a partnership between the investor and the farmers.



Project	Area/Acres	Locality
Shatawi Project	40,000	Um Ramatah
Albanotat Project	25,000	Alduwaim
Alduwaim Shat		Alduwaim
Project	11,000	
Abu Gasaba Project	47,000	Alduwaim

Areas Available For Investment In Rice Crops

Opportunities Available For Investment In The Forest Sector

The forest sector accounts for 14% of the total area of the state and is distributed across it in variable areas. The available investments in these areas are in: (Production and marketing of Gum Arabic - Beekeepers and Beekeeping - Medical and Aromatic Industries -Recreational Forests –Compressed Wood)



Livestock And Fisheries Sector

A. Livestock:

Equivalent to 18 million in headcount (cows, sheep, goats and camels) constituting 86% of the national herd in addition to the provision of livestock services. The state is also characterized by availability of water and natural pastures, agricultural and industrial wastes, and the presence of livestock enhancement in major cities.

Characteristics of the Livestock Sector:

- 1. The state represents a natural crossing for cattle from the states of Kordofan and Darfur.
- 2. The state has Kenana International Airport, which assists in exportation.
- 3. The availability of natural pastures and agricultural projects, via irrigation, rain, and the availability of water creates an ideal environment for animal production.
- 4. The availability of Factory waste (Sugar Factories, Oil Extractors) which produces large amounts of concentrates (Molasses and Alambaz)

Opportunities Available For Investment

Slaughterhouse For Meat Production

Location: Costi Locality - Abasiya district near the dry port Ownership: Government land,

Area: 175 acres equivalent to (735,000) square meters.



Calves Fattening Projects

There are 100 barns in the state localities with varied areas, dependent on the availability of agricultural and industrial waste in the state, which is an important source of fattening for calves, in addition to the increasing demand for fattened calves internally and abroad.



Raising And Fattening Sheep Project

The White Nile State is characterized by the existence of large natural pastures that can be used to raise sheep to fill the meat demand of the Arab World, with a surplus of sheep equivalent to 6% of the national her population. Opportunities are availablefor investment to raise and fatten sheep in the automated and rainy agricultural projects sites in the localities of Alsalam,Tandali, and Aljabalain.



Projects Of Breeding And Fattening Of Goats

In the state, there are large numbers of people of different kinds, who contribute to the provision of milk and meat, and in the state of the White Nile, the necessary elements for the establishment of projects for the breeding and fattening of goats in all regions of the state.



Integrated Animal Production Centers

Location; Algitaina Locality

Total area of the project is 500 acres per farm

Project Foundations: the availability of livestock, in addition to the availability of pastures, natural fodder and the availability of water resources in addition to the presence of local and external markets.

Project components:

- 1. Meaty Poultry and Byad.
- 2. Dairy Farm.
- 3. Fodder Growing.
- 4. Calves Fattening Farm.



B. Fish Wealth

The White Nile State is one of Sudan's highest states in producing fish due to the abundancy of aquifers. The fish stock is estimated at about 15,000 tons of fresh fish. Annual fish production is 7,500 tons. TheWhite Nile is characterized by 52 species of fish species and global and local demand.

Opportunities Available For Investment Production And Manufacture Of Fishing Equipment Project

The aim of the project is to increase the percentage of the utilized fish stock to provide production income, and introduce modern fishing systems and means. It also aimed at providing knotted nets (a fisherman needs 15 Kilos per year), string, rope, and hooks, in addition to facilitating and manufacturing boats.



Fish FarmingProject

AFish farming Project for the production of Tilapia fish and Catfishis available in various locations throughout the state (AI-Jasser, AI-JaziraMusran, KhorAbukasaba). Total area offered for investment 100 acres divided by units (with an area of 10 acres per farm). The project success elements are present, from good fish, fresh water, land, markets and paved roads, as well as the availability of feed and fish fingerlings from natural sources, and the possibility to create hatchings for it, with local and global demand.



Industrial sector

Foundations of investment in the industrial field

- 1. Unique position of the state which facilitates trade exchange with neighboring states.
- 2. High consumption rate due to large population density in the state.
- 3. Existence of infrastructure (Communication Electricity Roads) contributing to the marketing of the industrial products.
- 4. Abundance of storage units in the state cities contributing to storage of excess products.
- 5. Abundance of workforce decreases production costs.
- 6. Existence of production financing bank branches in the state.
- 7. Abundance of animal and agricultural services contributes to investment in the industrial foods, transformative, and animal production of a high market value.



Cement Manufacturing

Cement Manufacturing is considered one of the strategic industries in Sudan and is directed towards exportation. The available opportunity for investment in this field is in Aljabalain Locality and that area is characterized with the following:

- 1. Availability of sediment and limestone rocks.
- Availability of all fundamental infrastructure (water electricity technicians roads – railyways)
- 3. High demand on the product internally and abroad (exportation to neighboring countries)



High Density Polyethylene (HDBE) Factory

Location: Kosti City Area: 10,000 m2 Production Capacity: 1000 tons/year

Project Justification:

- 1. High population density.
- 2. Industrial and agricultural activities and urban renaissance.
- 3. Supplying infrastructure and basic services demand.



Free Markets And Zones Of The State

The White Nile State is located in the routes of the international trade with the country of South Sudan, the countries of East, South and West Africa. It has the foundations for establishing Free Markets and Zones.

Free Markets And Zones Available For Investment

Kosti Free Zone

Location: KostiCity, located 260 km from Khartoum and includes the following proposed free regions:

- 1. Industrial free zone.
- 2. Trade and service free zone.
- 3. Medical city free zone.
- 4. Free river port.

Aljabalain Free Zone

Location: at the border with South Sudan, located 325 km from Khartoum and includes the following proposed free regions:

- 1. Aljabalain free zone.
- 2. Free market at Juda border crossing.
- 3. Free market at Kenana International Airport.

Joint Free Zone

Between the state and South Sudan (commercial and industrial exchange)

Services sector

The distinct location of the state, and its economic importance, and the presence of large agricultural projects, and the rapid population growth makes for a rise in the demand for services , and the opportunities for investment available.

The Agricultural Engineering Services Project

This project can be carried out in the larger cities of the state (Kosti – Rabak – Alduwaim and plays an important role in the preservation of the environment and the development of agricultural projects from soil, irrigation structures, agricultural machinery and equipment, buildings attached to projects and internal corridors. The project provides agricultural and engineering services for agricultural projects (Deep Plowing - Mechanization of Agricultural Operations - Harvesting Services and Modern Irrigation).

Justifications for the Project

The state depends on the agricultural production, both vegetative and animal, and contains many irrigated and rainy agricultural projects, automated and traditional, as well as Sugar projects available for expansion. Therefore, the opportunities for investment are available in the engineering services project.



Multiple Services Projects

There are opportunities for investment in the field of services (education - health - contractors - transport - petroleum service stations - gas depots - service complexes, and multi-purpose stores)



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Tourism Sector

In the state there are many touristic locations on both White Nile riverbanks near historic and archeological sites.

Region	Locality
Albaja	Alduaim
	Locality
AlsheikhAlsadig	Algitaina
	Locality
Alkatar Well	Guli Locality
Regions	
Altaweela	Guli Locality
Um Hani	Kosti Locality
Aljazeera Aba	Rabak Locality
Jazeera Tibia	Rabak Locality

Hunting Services Tourism Project

The tourism activity of hunting wild animals begins in November until May from every year. Most hunting enthusiasts are from Arabic and European countries, and many of the attractive locations for hunting are available, such as Alrawat and Almagnees in Alsalam Locality, and Um Jar in Alduaim locality (migrating birds).

Opportunities Available For Investment

- 1. Five star hotels in the major cities (Kosti, Rabak, Alduaim).
- 2. Touristic villages.
- 3. Entertainment resorts (in different regions of the state).
- 4. Zoos

Successful Projects

The White Nile state has had many local and foreign successful investment projects in the fields of agriculture, livestock, industry, and services. Examples are:

Nile Cement Factory



- Location: Rabak Locality
- Area: 160 acres
- Nationality: local
- Products: cement
- Manpower: 306
- Production Power: 1000 tons/day

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Automated

Slaughterhouse Project



- Location: Algitaina Locality
- Area: 6 acres
- Nationality: Saudi Arabian
- Products: meaty poultry
- Manpower: 25
- Production Power: 1500 tons/year

Kenana Sugar Factory



- Location: Aljabalain Locality
- Area: 171,000 acres
- Nationality: local/foreign
- Products: sugar, ethanol
- Manpower: 11,500
- Production Power: 500,000 tons/year

Almashriq Industrial Food Stuff Complex



- Location: Kosti Locality
- Area: 40,000 m²
- Nationality: local
- Products: oils, halva
- Manpower: 500

Iron Forming and Melting Factory



- Location: Kosti Locality
- Area: 10,413 m²
- Nationality: Pakistani
- Products: Formed Iron
- Manpower: 120
- Production Power: 600,000 tons/year

Istaj Project for Vegetative and Animal Production



- Location: Aljabalain / Jawda Locality
- Area: 20 acres
- Nationality: Saudi Arabian
- Products: Meaty Poultry, Bayad, Feed
- Manpower: 115

DanatAlkhaleej Farm Project



- Location: Algitaina Locality
- Area: 100 acres
- Nationality: Saudi Arabian
- Products: Meaty Poultry, Vegetables, Raising Poultry
- Manpower: 120

Features And Guarantees Granted Under The Investment Promotion Act

1. Features:

- 1) Allocation of investment land at a promotional price
- 2) Implementing all processes facilitating for the investor receiving the land allocated to the project and the basic services through a single window system.
- 3) Complete or partial exemption from customs costs.
- 4) Complete or partial exemption from taxes and costs imposed by local or state law.
- 5) Exemption of any other costs imposed on imports.

2. Guarantees:

The Investment Promotion Act of 2013 provides for the following guarantees:

- 1) No discrimination of invested money due to its nature being local or foreign, public or private, cooperative or mixed.
- 2) No discrimination of similar projects defined by the regulations regarding the granting of features or guarantees.
- 3) No nationalization or removal of all or part of the investment projects for public interest except by law and fair return in compensation.
- 4) The funds of any investment project may not be seized, frozen or reserved, or guarded except by virtue of a court ruling.
- 5) The investor is allowed afull return transfer of the invested capital.
- 6) The transfer of profits, finance for foreign capital, or loans in the currency of capital or loan within the allowed merit dates, after payment of legally due obligations.
- 7) Importing raw materials needed for the project, and exporting its products after the investment project is registered in the register of exporters and importers automatically.



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