

## Dr. Mohamed Abdelgadir

### Professional Summary

Dr. Mohamed Abdelgadir is a senior rural development professional with over 30 years of Experience. A former IFAD staff member, he held key roles including Head of the IFAD Multi-Country Office serving 11 countries. He managed diverse portfolios across the Near East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe, leading the design of country strategies and supervision of more than 27 projects. His work integrates climate change adaptation and climate-smart agriculture, spanning irrigation rehabilitation, natural resource management, rural finance, and agricultural value chains. He successfully mobilized funding from major partners and contributed to policy research, resilience-building initiatives, and national strategies, improving livelihoods and resource access for rural communities.

### Areas of Expertise

- Rural Development and Natural Resource Management (NRM)
- Agricultural Value Chains and Food Systems Development
- Climate Change Adaptation and Climate-Smart Agriculture
- Programme Design, Management, and Supervision
- Resource Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships

### Professional Experiences

- **June 2022- January 2026 the Head of IFAD's multi-country:** Led IFAD's multi-country office serving 11 countries, overseeing complex project portfolios and country programmes. Responsibilities included strengthening institutional capacity, empowering rural populations to participate in policy processes, and expanding access to natural resources, agricultural technologies, financial services, markets, and employment opportunities. Also led IFAD's Egypt portfolio, the largest in the Near East and North Africa region, providing strategic direction to flagship initiatives. Led the food pillar of the Nexus of Water, Food and Energy (NWFE) platform and spearheaded the design of the Climate-Resilient Water Management (CRWON) programme, while supervising major projects including SAIL, PRIDE, and STAR to advance climate-smart, resilient rural development.
- **March 2011 to June 2022: IFAD country Director for Bosnia, Jordan, Uzbekistan and Yemen:** Managed IFAD portfolios across Iraq, Yemen, Bosnia, Jordan, and Uzbekistan, leading the design of COSOPs, CSNs, and over 12 projects in irrigation, Natural Resource Management, rural finance, seed industry, and agricultural value chains. Mobilized resources, supported implementation, and contributed to research on conflict-resilient food security and innovative water harvesting solutions in fragile states.
- **March 2006 to February 2011, IFAD National Programme Coordinator:** As IFAD Coordinator in Sudan, I led key rural development initiatives, including the SUSTAIN programme in Sennar State, enhancing productivity, land management, and livelihoods through climate-smart technologies and capacity building. I oversaw the Western Sudan Resource Management and Butana Integrated Rural Development programmes, advancing climate-resilient agriculture, inclusive development, and sustainable natural resource governance, including reconciliation of customary and statutory laws for stock route management and rehabilitation.
- **April 2002 to December 2005 (FAO consultant):** served as FAO Policy consultant preparing policy analyses and country briefs on food security, agricultural trade, and

development strategies for over ten Near East countries. Contributed to technical reports on WTO accession, regional agricultural investment, trade, market access, and food safety, supporting evidence-based policymaking and rural livelihood strategies in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

- **June 1999-March 2002: Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute in Sudan:** Led the formulation of Sudan's ten-year national agricultural development plans and strategies, aligning research priorities accordingly. Published five research papers on science ethics, natural resource management, trade impacts, and food security. Coordinated policy and rural development research, provided advisory services to government, civil society, and the private sector, and conducted over ten consultancies for UN, World Bank, AOAD, and other international agencies on agriculture and food security.
- **May 1996-May 1999: Director of Marketing and Finance Administration for the Gezira Scheme:** Promoted credit access for smallholder farmers through group lending and tailored financial advisory services. Monitored international markets and provided guidance on price and stock trends. Developed investment maps, cropping plans, and investment brochures, while advising the Council of Ministers on wheat profitability, competitiveness, and strategic solutions to finance and marketing challenges in Sudan's national irrigated agriculture sector.

## Selected Publications

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- Abdelgadir Mohamed and Rasha Omar 2012: Resilience in protracted crises: exploring coping mechanisms and resilience of households, communities and local institutions: Household resilience to food insecurity in the Sudan: [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/cfs\\_high\\_level\\_forum/documents/Resilience\\_in\\_protracted\\_crises\\_Abelgadir-Omar.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/cfs_high_level_forum/documents/Resilience_in_protracted_crises_Abelgadir-Omar.pdf)
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resource use in the Gezira Scheme: Measuring the Impact of the three Years Salvation Program. Proceedings of the Sudan Tagung, Erfurt, Germany

- Khalaf Alla, M K and Adam, Mohamed Abdelgadir(1995): A Development strategy for improving Back Yard and Semi- Intensive Poultry production in the Sudan. Proceedings of ANRPD workshop and general meeting, June 1995 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Adam, Mohamed Abdelgadir (1988): Rainfall Variability and cotton yield in Gezira Scheme, Research Bulletin No 143, Economic and Social Research Council, National council for research, Khartoum, Sudan
- Adam, Mohamed Abdelgadir (1989): Proposal for the provision of subsidized assets for the poor in the Sudan. Research Bulletin No 144 Economic and Social Research Council, National Council for research, Khartoum, Sudan.

## **Education**

- Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, University of Hohenheim in Germany, 1996
- M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics, University of Khartoum, 1988
- B.Sc. in Agriculture (major in Agricultural Economics), University of Khartoum, 1984