

## **Between Languages and Cultures.**

### **Intercultural Communication between the Italians and Sudanese**

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## **Preface**

As the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, a department that identifies one of its founding values in the engagement of diversity, it is a pleasure to introduce this contribution. I am also really pleased as an Italian, an individual who embodies a very specific cultural way of living, to open myself up to the world with acceptance and to know how to connect with others for a shared purpose across borders and with the utmost inclusiveness.

A ‘manual of intercultural communication’ is not just a potential binding agent for Italian communities abroad and for our compatriots who live the condition of being expatriates on a daily basis. It is above all a useful tool for every traveller, to face the differences that separate them from others with confidence, to observe oneself and to observe, to look for opportunities to encounter what they judge, sometimes hastily, from only their point of view.

The intent of this work is therefore also extremely... practical.

It is designed to provide tourists, officials from institutions, businessmen and professionals in the field of cooperation and development concrete instruments to better face the challenge of diversity, especially in the most complex human sphere of values, traditions, verbal communication and nonverbal communication.

My most sincere wish is that many Italians and Sudanese can consult these pages, know each other better, and maybe even identify with one another, strengthening the mutual feeling of friendship that has bound these two countries for a very long time.

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