

Sudan International donors conference

In

Oslo, Norway

April 11 – 12, 2005

And

April 13 – 14, 2005

For the business forum

At the above stated time a donor's conference took place in Oslo Plaza hotel. All the big organizations and countries from all over the world were represented and it was a marvelous experience for me to be there. In addition to over 60 countries the following organizations were represented by high level officials among them were:

The U.N. represented by Mr. Koffi Annan

The Arab League represented by Amr Mussa

The World Bank by director Shengman Zhang

The republic of Sudan by its Vice President Ali Osman Taha

SPLA by John Garang

I am sure you are excited to know how I found myself in this big gathering. The ambassador of the Sudan in Norway, Dr. Mohammed Eltom gave me an assignment to contact Norwegian industrialists and investors and invite them to a forum where they will meet Sudanese entrepreneurs at the donor's conference. The forum obtained the name SSBF which stands for Sudanese Scandinavian Business Forum.

Among the major fields of interest for investment in the Sudan which I was asked to address were:

- Exploration and production of hydrocarbons (oil/gas)
- River boats for cargo and passengers
- Development of fishing industry in the Sudan

Well, regarding the oil and gas exploration matter I knew what to do as I have been in that field all my working life in Norway. I knew who to invite and how to invite them. The other two fields were rather new but I did not have a problem to locate and invite the right persons and organizations. For the river boats I had to first contact the shipyards but I quickly discovered that very few of the Norwegian ship yards were engaged in that type of activity. Nevertheless I was tipped that the shipyards which construct river boats are mostly found in the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany.

Anyway about 20 individuals representing variety of industries in Scandinavia were at the seminar to meet the 12 Sudanese entrepreneurs. Dr. Eltom had already contact with many of the participants specially from Sweden and Denmark. I was aware that smaller companies were more attracted to such offers than the bigger once. The big once need more time to evaluate and allocate their resources in places with little or unknown seismic data and places with turbulent political and military history.

In anyway the conference went so good and the donors pledged to give 4.5 billion dollars, that is more than what was expected. The World Bank was given the responsibility to manage the finances. One thing that struck my mind was that the funds were to be channeled to the private sector and the state and governmental organizations were only to provide the services of the banks, customs etc.

Well I have to admit that this section is not well organized. All information is given in one document and you just have to roll down to be able to read among others, the pledge, the participants, the correspondences I had, the evaluation of the conference etc.

Oslo Donors' Conference on Sudan 2005 - Chair's Conclusions 12 April 2005

Representatives of more than 60 countries and international organisations met in Oslo on 11 and 12 April 2005 as an expression of commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army signed on the 9th January 2005, and as called for by the UN Security Council in Resolution 1574 (2004).

The Conference gathered a number of high level representatives, including the Secretary General Kofi Annan of the United Nations, First Vice President Ali Osman Taha of the Republic of the Sudan, Chairman John Garang de Mabior of the SPLM, Secretary General Amr Mousa of the League of Arab States and Managing Director Shengman Zhang of the World Bank.

The parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement met for the first time in an international conference as one entity through the recently established Joint National Transition Team. The Joint National Transition Team presented their 6 year development plan, corresponding to the 6 year interim period of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, developed through the Joint Assessment Mission in partnership with the World Bank, the United Nations and donors. The total cost of the first phase (2005-2007) of the Development Plan is estimated at USD 7.9 billion, out of which the JNTT asked the international community to provide the external financing requirement of USD 2.6 billion

The United Nations presented the status to date of the funding of the UN and partners Work Plan for Sudan 2005. Out of a total requirement of USD 1.5 billion there is an estimated shortfall of USD 1 billion. Discussions in plenary and in a panel on urgent needs focused on the critical needs that must be addressed immediately in order to alleviate human suffering caused by conflict and drought, and to form a basis for recovery efforts. Briefings by the United Nations highlighted the critical importance and priority of supporting the return and reintegration of IDPs and refugees, particularly in Southern Sudan, and urged participants to provide adequate funding without any delay.

Out of a total need of USD 4.1 billion, not including financial needs of the AU Mission in Sudan, participants pledged more than USD 4.5 billion for 2005-2007, including contributions towards the needs of the AU Mission in Sudan. At least USD 2 billion is reported as development assistance in response to the needs documented in the JAM report. More than USD 500 million was committed to the Multi Donor Trust Funds (MDTF).

Participants welcomed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the GOS and the SPLM/A and congratulated the Parties on ending the longest running civil war in Africa. Moreover, participants complimented the Kenyan led IGAD Secretariat on Peace in the Sudan for guiding the parties toward the successful conclusion. While recognising that the peace agreement represents a new beginning for the Sudan, participants emphasized strongly the obligation of the parties to build on the Agreement to bring peace and stability to the entire country, including Darfur and in the East.

Participants welcomed concrete steps taken by the parties to implement the CPA in accordance with the implementation modalities and noted in particular the formation of the Joint National Transition Team and the arrival of SPLM advance teams in Khartoum and other cities.

Participants encouraged the parties to include other political groups in the implementation of the peace agreement and to ensure that the whole population participates in the benefits of peace, as this will foster broader national ownership of the peace agreement itself. Specifically the Parties

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were called on to urgently proceed on the completion of the National Constitutional Review Process as the National Interim Constitution must be in place before the Government of National Unity, and the Government of Southern Sudan, can be formed.

Participants expressed strong concern regarding the grave humanitarian and security situation in Darfur, as well as lack of progress in the peace talks in Abuja. More efforts are needed to ensure the security of the civilian population, in particular women and children. The AU lead in addressing the Darfur crisis was strongly appreciated by all participants. Donors were encouraged to contribute generously to the AU efforts in Darfur. Parties to the Darfur conflict were called upon to abide by all UN Security Resolutions on Darfur as well as resolutions by the AU Peace and Security Council, and to adhere to the N'Djamena Humanitarian Cease Fire

Agreement and the Abuja Protocols.

Participants underlined the need to harmonise efforts, coordinate programmes and work together more efficiently in order to maximise results, recognising the particular importance of donor coordination in the Southern Sudan where existing institutional infrastructure is very weak. A number of countries agreed to finalise deliberations on the setting up of a joint donors office before the end of April. It was agreed that the JAM report provides a common framework for development assistance to the Sudan, and a number of countries suggested to use this as a basis to develop a joint assistance strategy. Participants recognised in particular the commitment of the League of Arab States to cooperate closely with the UN, World Bank and other partners in this regard. Participants welcomed the Netherlands' proposal to follow up the discussions by hosting, in the near future, an expert meeting to discuss in more technical detail the implications of sustained donor support for the reconstruction and development of the Sudan.

Donors were encouraged to channel development assistance through the Multi-Donor Trust Funds that have been set up in conformity with the CPA and that are administered by the World Bank. Due to the immense challenges in establishing a new civil administration, and the urgent need to deliver services, the SPLM as the precursor for the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) was encouraged to establish contractual relationships with NGOs and international organisations as well as with private companies and local community based organisations for service delivery on the ground. Participants underlined that capacity building is a key factor for the implementation of the CPA and of reconstruction programmes, and expressed commitment to support efforts in this regard.

Participants emphasised the importance of inclusiveness of civil society and Women's organisations in the political process and reconstruction of the Sudan, and welcomed the reports from the NGO Forum and the Gender Symposium that preceded the Conference

Mohamed Elton

Monday, April 18, 2005 12:09 AM

Hallow Mohamed. Have you recovered from all the enormous work of last week? I am back in Stavanger and am now sending to you the following documents as attachment:

A letter (my assessment of the conference)

List of participants email addresses

River boats enquiry

Draft Minutes of meeting (we are working with Fatima to coordinate and make it complete)

Regards,

Emnetu

Hallow Mohamed

Last week was a fantastic experience for me as it was unique in many ways. It was my first time to meet entrepreneurs, intellectuals and politicians from the Sudan in a forum. I think it was not only the briefing on current events and business opportunities in your country that was interesting but there was more than that. The social element of the Sudanese culture was something one quickly observes and appreciates. It does not take a long time for a Sudanese to know you, trust you and be a friend. Although that characteristic is common in many cultures in our continent I think the Sudanese tops them all. In fact Mohammed I some times get scared that many of us from that region who have been in Scandinavia for long time have unconsciously adapted to the culture of quietness and high reservation. I recall on several occasions when I traveled to meet countrymen outside Scandinavia most of the time they would accuse us of becoming socially Scandinavians

Regarding the minutes of meeting we are trying with Fatima to have it written down for later distribution. Just because we were not all the time at the meeting places, specially the second day, it would be hard to call it complete. But Alhaj Baba has promised Fatima to fill any missing part. On Tuesday I had the time at the embassy

office to design a format for minutes of meeting. We will fill the minutes for the two day conference in that format and I have saved in Fatimas computer a blank format for future use.

Another attachment I am sending you is result of further enquiry for river boats. We can talk about it after you have read it. If there are already individuals determined to invest in river transport, I can help them to make concrete bid for building of these boats. Or I can try to locate new or used boats available in the market. But the tip I have got is that Netherlands is the most likely place to find yards that can build new or purchase or used river boats.

My assessment of the two day conference is very good specially the creation of a steering committee. It can be said that, both participation wise and content of discussions, was good. How about your assessment? Do you have any feeling that things could have been done differently? In that case I would certainly like to know.

Regards,

Emnetu Tesfay
16.04.05

RE: Invitation to a Business Forum

Monday, April 11, 2005 3:08 PM

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"Sven Erik Lie, DNO" <sven.erik.lie@dno.no>

Hei Sven Erik

I am already in Oslo and have followed the opening ceremony for the Donors Conference which was very comprehensive. I am now opening your mail and it is very good that Managing Director Helge Eide has found time to participate. Since I do not have the email of Helge I am now sending to you the final agenda for the meeting. As the Sudanese delegation and delegates from the Norwegian Industries will be presenting and discussing the investment opportunities on wednesday that will be the day one should not miss. So I hope DNO will be represented on the wednesday session. Otherwise you are also welcome on thursday too. This is the last agenda document sent to participants.

I would like to inform you that the Steering Committee for the Sudanese Scandinavian Forum is scheduled to meet on the following days:

Wednesday April the 13th, 2005 14.00 - 17.00 hours

Thursday April the 14th, 2005 10.00 - 13.00 hours

The proposed agenda

Wednesday:

14:00 - 14:30 Introducing the participants and adopting the agenda.

14:30 - 15:00 Presentation about opportunities of investment in Sudan by Elhag Baba

15:00 -15:30 Discussion

15:30 -16:00 Highlighting the priorities of investment in Oil, Energy, Fishery Sea and river transport in Sudan.

16:00 -16:30 Issuing the challenges facing Norwegian investors investing in the above mentioned sectors.

16:30 -17:00 Open session

Thursday:

10:00 -13:00 Discussions and conclusion

"Sven Erik Lie, DNO" <sven.erik.lie@dno.no> wrote:

Mr. Emnetu Tesfay

Please be informed that DNO wants to be represented in the Tuesday meeting by the Managing Director Helge Eide. He would be interested to meet with the Sudanese delegation on Tuesday from 14:00 hrs. You could contact him directly for further details in the program. His mobile phone is 905 71 246 and his office number 55 22 47 00. Please also confirm the receipt of this message.

Best regards
Sven Erik

From: emnetu tesfay [<mailto:emnetu12@yahoo.com>]
Sent: 7. april 2005 15:19
To: Sven Erik Lie, DNO
Subject: RE: Invitation to a Business Forum

Hei Sven Erik

The delegation of enterprenours have not arrived yet. But Me and a lady called Fatima at the Sudanese embassy have been asked by the ambassador to help in organizing this meeting. The name and telephone number of the ambassador is: Dr. Mohamed Eltom tel. 22603355. As he is very busy these days you may try his mobil which is 90738169. Regards.

"Sven Erik Lie, DNO" <sven.erik.lie@dno.no> wrote:

Mr. Emnetu Tesfay

Thank you for the information. I will discuss this further with the DNO management. Could you please describe in what way we may get in contact with the Sudanese delegation to agree possible participation in the meeting(s).

Best regards
Sven Erik

From: emnetu tesfaye [<mailto:emnetu12@yahoo.com>]
Sent: 7. april 2005 10:36
To: Sven Erik Lie, DNO
Cc: Mohamed Eltom
Subject: Invitation to a Business Forum

Hei Sven Erik

It is a pity that you will be away in Dubai when the planned meeting takes place next week. However I hope you will be able to find someone who can represent DNO. This meeting will formalize a steering committee to follow up on the arrangements for the forum which will be held in a few months after this meeting. I am now sending you as an attachment the proposal made by the Sudanese Embassy in Oslo. The proposed times for the meeting are 14.00 to 17.00 hours on Tuesday April the 13th
10.00 to 13.00 hours on Wednesday April the 14th.
The venue for the meeting is Radisson Plaza in Oslo.

Regards,

Emnetu Tesfay

From: "mohammed eltom" <eltom@sudanoslo.com>
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Dear Werner Karlsson

I have tried to reach you again by phone with no luck.

Please find attached the information about the proposal of Sudan Scandinavian Forum. We ask you kindly to participate in meetings of the steering committee which will be held at Radisson Plaza, Oslo on 13-14 April in connection with Oslo donors Conference.

I look forward meeting you ASAP. Please call my cell phone 90738169 to see a time.

Best regards

Dr Mohamed Ali Eltom
Ambassador

Dr. Mohamed A. Eltom
Ambassador of the Sudan
Oslo, Norway

08.04.05

Follow-up of the enquiry regarding river boats

I have managed to talk to a number of shipyards and consultants in this branch the last weeks. The impression I got is that the shipyards normally build tanks, cargo ships, ferry boats (that are fjord bound or for coastal sailings), supply boats for delivery to the offshore installations, tug boats and small yachts. But some yards can design and construct river boats under an order.

However before considering such a task they need some basic information that need to be provided in order for them to check the capacity of their docks. Some of the information required before making further enquiry are:

1. Type of boat. Passenger, cargo or combination of both.
2. Size of boat. (capacity, number of passengers 100,200,300 etc.) This will help to determine the design of the boats. Estimated net weight of the cargo boats?
3. Construction material. Steel, fiber glass or composite materials
(cost estimation is that fiber glass is more expensive than steel)
4. Average depth of river. It is important to know how shallow and how wide the river is to determine the size and motor requirement. This will determine also the maximum speed limit for the boats.

Tip. In the process of my enquiry I am tipped by some individuals that yards which build river boats are mainly located in the Netherlands. This is because there are many canals in Amsterdam that use boats to transport local residents and tourists. It is also possible that ready made, new as well as used, might be available in the market. If this looks interesting to the investors I can as well help by traveling to Amsterdam for some days to investigate.

Regards,
Emnetu Tesfay

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 13 -14 April 2005	Subject: Sudanese Scandinavian Business Forum	Place: Plaza Hotel Oslo
<p>Participants Sudanese Enterprenors</p> <p>Taha El Roubi Alsir Sidahmed Mohamed E. A/Rahman Anis G. Hagggar Amin B. Elnifiedi Alhaj A. Baba Mohammed Osman Eltayeb Ibrahim Moneim Mansour Mathiang Maluar Mabur</p>	<p>Embassy organizers</p> <p>Fattima Hassan Emnetu Tesfay Eltyb A. Gasim</p>	<p>Participants from Scandinavian Industries</p> <p>Per Emil Lindoe Dr. Atle Mork Jon Sivert Nielsen Sven Møllekleiv Ole Nygaard Magne A. Meyer Elna Gustavsson Gunnar Burenius Olav Eimstad Kaare S. Teileud Hans Petter Ihlen Rolf Myrland Yagoub Mohamed Idris</p>

Speaker	Abstract	Action who/what to do
Dr. Mohammed Eltom	H.E.Dr. Mohamed Elton made the opening speech by welcoming everyone and explained the origin of the idea to hold a forum in connection with the Donors Conference. He explained the aims and objectives of the forum. Later he asked the forum to nominate a chairman.	All
Anis Hagggar	Anis G. Hagggar was elected to chair the meeting. He accepted it. But suggested that the next day a participant from the scandinavian side chair the meeting.	
	It all started with self-presentation across the table.	
	Anis Hajjar explained in detail the impact the donors conference has on the private sector both in the donor countries and Sudan. He reiterated that it is the investors who have a big roll in fulfilling the needs for reconstruction and development projects.	
	He also reiterated that this conference is only a preperatory for the next one to come in the autumn. He called this meeting as a brainstorming rather than a forum. What name to give this gathering, forum, conference, meeting was also discussed.	
	Many topics on the oppotunities and risks for investment were discussed. Many from the scandinavian side asked about availability and capacity of banks and other financial institutions as essential for foreign investors to execute their projects.	
	What kind of banks exist today and what regulations they follow was told by some participants from the Sudan.	
	Establishing a Steering Committee which can make concrete proposals was discussed at length.	
	The conference was told that The Vice President of Sudan, Mr.	

<p>Al Hajj Baba</p>	<p>Osman Ali Taha was briefed by ambassador Mohamed Elton and some of the Sudanese enterprenors about the forum. He has given his blessings and promised to followup its activities.</p> <p>Al Hajj a Baba made a suggestion to the Norwegian particpantes to read the JAM report saying that it holds the assesment of the group on what Sudan needs.</p> <p>The former Finance Minister mentioned Timber, fishery, hotels (tourism) and river transport as branches that can be focused for investment in the southern Sudan.</p> <p>After discussing the importance of having a steering committee and its mandate, nomination for its members were presented. Actually 6 from the Scandinavian side were suggested but it was agreed to bring them down to 3. The Sudanese side is also to nominate 3 members.</p> <p>Towards the end of the conference day it was suggested and accepted that for the second day the Scandinavian side and the Sudanese side would meet separately before the start of the meeting in order to finalize the list of nominees and discuss their view separately.</p>	<p>Fatima and Emnetu to Copy and distribute</p> <p>Scandinavian group leader Sudanese group leader</p>
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E-mail addresses of some forum participants

Hei Fatima. I have listed in word the email addresses that we got last time. I believe some of them are correct, because they were readable or I have copied them from their business cards. But some others are copied from the list and the hand writings were not all readable. I would suggest to you to send a test mail to all of them and check if they find their way to the receipiants. As you know email address is very sensitive. One small mistake blocks the mail from reaching its destination. So it is important that we verify that what we have is correctly written addresses.

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Successful donor conference for Sudan in Oslo

12/05/2008 // Donor countries pledged a total of USD 4.8 billion for assistance to Sudan during the Sudan Consortium in Oslo from 5 to 7 May.

“The donor conference was a great success, primarily because it demonstrated that there is strong political will behind the efforts to promote peace and development in Sudan,” said Minister of the Environment and International Development Erik Solheim.

The Sudan Consortium brought together participants from 45 countries and international organisations. This is the broadest participation ever at a donor conference for Sudan.

The donors pledged a total of USD 4.8 billion (nearly NOK 25 billion) for assistance during the period 2008–2011. Norway pledged USD 500 million (about NOK 2.5 billion) for the period. The funds will be used for emergency relief and aid for reconstruction and development, and will be provided through a number of different channels.

“Large parts of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the north and the south have already been implemented, but critical points still remain. We expect the parties to increase their efforts to fully implement the peace agreement in the time ahead. It is also essential that the parties reach political agreement on Darfur, where the humanitarian situation is still critical,” Mr Solheim underlined.

Full implementation of the peace agreement between the north and the south is necessary to achieve lasting peace in the whole of Sudan. At the conference, Norway emphasised that both the parties and the international community must give priority to programmes and projects that promote peace and development in areas where the peace is particularly fragile. Norway also underlined the importance of strengthening democratic institutions and public administration, actively including civil society, and increasing focus on women’s rights and gender equality.

“During the conference, discussions on the challenges that still remain in Sudan have been open and frank, including on the situation in Darfur. There is agreement on the necessity of formulating a broad strategy to resolve the Darfur conflict on the basis of the peace agreement, which enjoys wide support, and of improving security for the population and ensuring unhindered access for emergency relief,” Mr Solheim concluded.

A proposal to organize a forum on:

Investment And Business Opportunities in Sudan

The Proposal:

It is proposed to organize a business forum focusing on the economic effects of the peace treaties on Sudan, emphasizing the business opportunities and the investment environment in the country.

Rationale:

While the international community is showing growing concern in regard to the need of Sudan for a helping hand in reconstructing the south and implementing development programs in the whole country, the fact that the new situation after peace opens the door wide open for foreign investment is rarely talked about. This forum is to

focus primarily on the investment opportunities and the role to be played by the private sector in donor countries, and in Sudan, in the economic and social development of the country.

Objectives:

- (1) To disseminate knowledge and facts about Sudan as a country with good potential for foreign investors, emphasizing on the country's natural resources, location in the heart of Africa, and potential to play an active economic and business role in the region.
- (2) To shade light on the fact that Sudan is expected to witness an economic boom as a result of the oil emerging as a major revenue generator and causing an expansion in almost all sectors of the country's economy. This economic growth is expected to be boosted by a stable political situation after enforcing the peace accord.
- (3) To focus on the favorable investment and business climate created by new promotional policies, especially the liberalization of economy and the switching to market economy, in addition to some other measures taken by the authorities to foster private business activities and attracts foreign investment.
- (4) To encourage the Scandinavian and other international business community, especially in the donor countries to consider the business opportunities created by the economic assistance provided by their countries, and look for Sudanese business partners in this regards with special emphasis at this stage in oil, energy, river transport and fishery sectors.

Other objectives to be to be cited by respected members of the steering committee.

Format:

Suggested forum format is:

1. The main forum activity is a seminar or workshop on the topics serving above objectives.
2. A number of speeches on different topics can be accommodated.
3. Life (multimedia) presentations on investment opportunities and proposed projects profiles.
4. A parallel exhibition reflecting the potentials of Sudan as an emerging economic force in Africa and the Middle East.

Organizers:

The forum is to be organized by:

- (1) The embassy of Sudan in Oslo.
- (2) A group of Sudanese entrepreneurs representing Northern and Southern parts of the country.
- (3) A group of Norwegian Business entities interested in promoting business with Sudan. .

The Preparatory Committee Meeting:

A group of the forum initiators will meet in Oslo on the occasion of the Donors Conference taking place in Oslo on April 11th.

This meeting is to formalize a steering committee to follow up on the arrangements for the forum which is expected to be held in few months after this meeting.

The Embassy of Sudan welcomed the initiative and will patron this preparatory meeting which is proposed to be held on April 13 -14, immediately after the Donors Conference.

Hei Ottar

Takk for sist. Jeg har kom tilbake til Stavanger og det var en fantastisk opplevelse i Oslo sist uke. Det var veldig mange folk fra alle kontinenter som var i Plaza hotell. Sentral politisk ledelse, økonomer, fag folk i mange bransjer og journalister var med. Det var statsministeren som åpent conferansen, ågso var det høy plasert representanter blant annet FN, Verdens Bank, EU, Arab League, Afrikansk Union, Øst europere, Australia, og Brazil blant de Sør Amerikaner. For Næringslive og investorer det var 13. og 14. april. Vi var ca. 12 fra den skandinavisk siden (3 fra sverige og to fra danmark). Politikere fra bege nord og sur hadde klart uttalelse at Norsk investorer er spesielt velkommen på grunn av at norge hadde aktiv roll i fredsprossesen. Sel om denne forumen var bare forbredelse til å danne en steering komitte som skal fungerer som bru mellom utviklingen behov i sudan og investorer i de skandinavisk lander, det var sin at noen store aktorer i norsk olje industry var ikke representert. Jeg provt flere ganger til å komme i kontakt med Kai Nielsen og Kama hultestrand uten å lykkes. Jeg tror de må ha vært bort reise. Kama svart når jeg var i Oslo men hun trode det var lit for sent. I all fal Norge var representert av DNV, SINTEF, NORFUND, DNO, NORSCAN, ENERGY EQUITY RESOURCES. Penger som er løvet for igjen bygning landet er mer en hva FN ventet. Det er VB som skal styrre hele finans. Olje som kan generer inntekt til landet er veldig mye fokusert og prioritert. Man kommer med intrykk at det hoved utfordning for investorer er til å identifisere behover i sudan og finner partner, ellers pengeren er tilgjenglig. Jeg sender til deg noen vedlegg og webadresser som du kan se på.

Hvordan var det i Svalbard? Ok hilsen, Emnetu

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Hei Emnetu,

Takk for flott oppsummering og hyggelig hilsen. Det var hyggelig å høre at møtet i Olso gikk bra. Det har jo blitt beskrevet i pressen og media i Norge som en suksess. Jeg skal se på det du har sendt over av matereiale.

Ellers var Svalbard veldig spesielt - kaldt, men nydelig. Kjørte på snøscooter og med hundespenn for første gang i mitt liv. Det var kjempespennende!

Hils din kone!

Vi snakkes.

Vennlig hilsen

Ottar