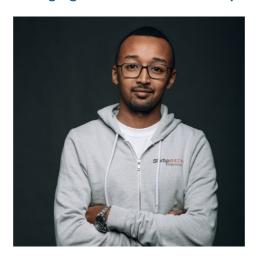


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Ahmed Elmurtada is a cybersecurity engineer with over eight years of experience in technology and startups.

He is Managing Partner & Co Founder of 249Startups, a social enterprise that fosters and supports bright and passionate entrepreneurs. Established in April 2018, with the mission of developing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that supports the growth and development of new startups in Sudan through training, mentorship, and access to networks and investments. With passion for bringing change through Technology, he founded along with friends some emerging technology start-ups in Sudan.

Ahmed has been promoting entrepreneurial activities among Sudanese youth since 2013 working in business & development sectors, community building, entrepreneurship and building global networks with leading ecosystems from Singapore to Silicon Valley. With a bachelor's degree in Electrical & Electronics Engineering from the University of Khartoum. Ahmed was appointed as Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regional director of Startup Grind, a global startup community powered by Google for entrepreneurs, and was selected as one of top 10 social entrepreneurs honored by the MBC Group (HOPE) – Shabab2030 in Arab Region. A 2019 Obama foundation Africa program leader & 2018 A Mandela Washington Fellow the flagship program of YALI powered by the United States Dept of State.