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PRESS RELEASE

Khartoum - The Italian Embassy in Sudan, in cooperation with the Italian Cooperation Development Agency (AICS) Khartoum will promote the Second edition of the Week of the Italian Cuisine in the World from December 1<sup>st</sup> up to December 7<sup>th</sup> with the aim of fostering culinary traditions as distinctive signs of Italian identity and culture linking Italian dishes with Sudanese gastronomic habits.

Celebrations will start with a number of Italian Street Food stalls in Khartoum organised together with the AICS and through the sponsorship of DAL Group – DAL Food & Nobo. The Street Food present will give people on the streets to experience the typical Italian genuine and healthy pasta cooked with beans, lentils and chickpeas. All meals will be distributed for free in several locations of the city: University of Khartoum and Afhad University, in the morning, and Greenyard, Nile Street and Afra Mall in the afternoon.

The Italian dishes combine the protein and fibre content of the legumes with complex carbohydrates of pasta: a balanced mix which is crucial for health balanced nutrition. All the more so since affordable products for all pockets (pasta, legumes) are proposed.

Flagships of the week will be a conference and a workshop that will be held respectively on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5-6<sup>th</sup> of December aiming at introducing the concept of social entrepreneurship in the agro-food sector, a crucial area for the Sudanese economic development, and on agro-business for sustainable development through a two days of theoretical and practical master classes held by Prof. Fabio Petroni from E4IMPACT, Catholic University of Milan.

The celebration of the Italian Cuisine Week will emphasize the lifestyle and healthy eating habits and will boost – as recalled by the Ambassador of Italy Fabrizio Lobasso – “the role played by Italy as Donor Convener in the Scaling Up Nutrition UN Initiative in Sudan, aimed at improving the nutritional and food security status through nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programmes, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal # 2 Zero Hunger by 2030”.