



# Institute for Horn of Africa Studies And Affairs (IHASA)

## Looking Back & Looking Forward: The Somali Region (The Ogaden) in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



**The Nexus between Conflict, Peace, Human Rights  
and Development in the Somali Region (The  
Ogaden)**

**Appropriate Conflict Resolution Mechanisms for  
This Region**

**Building Broader-Based Conversations among the  
People of the Somali Region**

IHASA 2010 Conference

**June 18-20, 2010**

**University Of Minnesota**

**Human Rights Center**

**Mondale Hall, Room 25 (Law School)**

**229 19<sup>th</sup> Street S, MPLS, MN**

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 9:30pm**

**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10am to 9pm**

## Program

DAY AND TIME	THEME AND FACILITATOR	TOPIC	SPEAKER
FRIAY JUNE 18,2010			
02:30 – 04:30	<b>Formal opening</b> <b>R.T. Rybak</b> <b>Mayor of Minneapolis</b>  Moderator Dr. Samantha Hurst, UCSD	Welcoming Remarks by Co-Sponsoring organizations, University of MN, Human Rights Center and Institute for Horn of Africa Studies and Affairs (IHASA)	Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, Director of UMN, HRC Mohamed Yarow, Board Chair, IHASA
		Opening Remarks and Introducing IHASA	Mr. Hamse Warfa, Executive Director, IHASA
		Context Setting & a note about this conference	Ms. Fowsia Abdulkadir Research Director, IHASA
		A Note on this conference (Somali Language)	Mr.Horsed Nooh Vice-Chair Ogaden Voice for Peace (OVP)
4:30 – 5:30	<b>Panel - I:</b> <b>Conflict Resolution Perspectives: Analysing Various Dimensions of this Conflict,</b> Mr. Mohamed Sheikh Mohamud	1. The Nexus between peace building and development: a blue print for successful conflict resolution for the Ogaden Region	Dr. Charles Dambach, Presiden & CEO Alliance for Peacebuilding
		2. Outing Partners in The Ogaden Conflict: A Case Study of the Role of Science in Conflict Resolution”	Dr. Abdirizak Mohamed, Professor Metro State University
		3. Democracy vs. Interests: The U.S. Policy towards Ethiopia	Mr. Sadiq Abdirahman MA/PhD Candidate Vice –Chair, Horn Institute of Peace and Social Justice (HIPSJ) &IHASA Board member
5:30 – 6:00	<b>Break</b>		





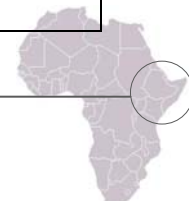
6:00 – 6:30	<p><b>Awards:</b>  <b>IHASA Awards recognizing contributions to and the promotion/protection of Human Rights &amp; Social Justice for the Horn of Africa</b></p>	1. Academic/Research Contributions to the promotion & protection of Human Rights & Social Justice	Presenter: Fowsia Abdulkadir, Research Director, IHASA
		2. Community Mobilization for the promotion & protection of Human Rights & Social Justice	Presenter: Mr. Mohamed Sheikh Mohamud, Independent Researcher
		3. Journalism with a Commitment to the promotion & protection of Human Rights & social justice	Presenter: Mr. Hamse Warfa, Executive Director, IHASA
		4. Commitment & dedicated efforts the promotion & protection of Human Rights & Social Justice	Presenter: Mohamed Yarow, Board Chair, IHASA
6:30 – 7:00	<p><b>Keynote Address:</b>                  Mr. Hamse Warfa</p>	Honourable Anna Gomes , MP, EU Parliament Congressman Donald Payne*	Honourable Anna Gomes Congressman Donald Payne*
7:00 – 7:15	Mr. Hamse Warfa	Critical Assessment of the past two Ethiopian elections.	Dr. Edmond J. Keller Professor/Departmental Chair, UCLA
7:15 – 8:15	<p><b>Panel - II:</b>  <b>Ethiopia’s Human Rights Record &amp; the plight of Somalis in Ethiopia</b>                  Ms. Fowsia Abdulkadir</p>	1. Comparing Sudan’s Darfur to the Somali Region in Ethiopia	Dr. Greg Stanton President, Genocide Watch
		2. Ethiopia’s Human Rights Record in the Ogaden	Ms. Leslie Lefkow, Senior Researcher and Team Leader, Horn of Africa, Human Rights Watch
		3. Challenges to Assisting Somali Populations in the Horn and Beyond: A field-based from a humanitarian organization	David Michalski, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010	THEME AND FACILITATOR	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30- 11:30am	<u>Round Table – I:</u> <b>Youth Perspective on the issues facing Somalis in the Ogaden</b> Khadra Abdi	1. Origins of the Ethiopian-Ogaden Conflict	Mr. Abas Noor Macalester College
		2. The Cries of Injustice, The Plea for Peace	Ms Nimo Warfa Author/Activist
		3. Stories of the Silence: The Case of Ogaden Refugees in the U.S.A	Ms. Kristine Kostuck, MN. State Univeristy
11:30-12:30	<u>Panel - III:</u> <b>Ethiopia's Contested Politics</b> Dr. Abdirizak Mohamed	1. Unity and the Ethiopian Political Ethos	Dr. Asfaw Beyene, Professor, SDSU
		2. The Irony of a Rich Land and its Poor People: The Case of Somalis in the Ogaden	Dr. Mahamud Ugas OHRC, Canada
		3. The Ethiopian Political Landscape: Why Ethiopia cannot have a viable political opposition?"	Mr. Yassin Kassim, Founder & Chairman, East African Human Rights Coalition
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Lunch Break &amp; Networking ( lunch on site)</b>		
1:30 – 2:30	<u>Round Table - II:</u> <b>Reflections on the 2010 Ethiopian Elections</b> Sadiq Abdirahman	1. Ethnic-Federalism Perspective & the current election	Ms. Fowsia Abdulkadir, Research Director, IHASA
		2. Somali Perspective on the current	Mr. Ahmed Hussein
		3. Regional Perspective on the election	Mr. Faisal Roble City Planner, City of Los Angeles
2:30 – 3:30	<u>Panel - V:</u> <b>Memory &amp; Narratives Making Political Contributions</b> Dr. Lidwien Kapteijn	1. The Plight of Somali Refugees from the Ogaden Region	Hamse Warfa, Executive Director, IHASA
		2. How Somali Songs have endeared the cause of the Somali Region (Ogaden)	Mr. Ahmed Ismail Yusuf University of Minnesota
		3. The Meaning of Place for the displaced: The Case of Somalis in Ethiopia	Ms. Fowsia Abdulkadir, Research Director, IHASA
3:30 – 4:30	<u>Panel - IV:</u> <b>The Nexus between conflict &amp; Democracy</b> Ms. Stephanie Cain	1. Making the Case for a Coherent Ogaden Policy	Mr. Mohamed O. Hassan, Executive Director Canadian Center for Ogaden Research and Advocacy
		2. Conflict and Human Rights in the Somali Region: the EPRDF and Governance in the Ogaden	Dr. Theodore Vestal, Professor, Oklahoma State University
		3. Toward Resolving Conflict in the Somali Region in the Context of	Jawar Mohammed,





		Multinational Democracy	Independent Researcher Washington, DC
4:30 – 5:30	<u>Panel - VI:</u> <b>Global, Regional &amp; Sub-Regional Perspectives on the Somali region</b> Mr. Ahmed Hussein Haile	1. Leaning on a Mountain: The Fate of the Ogaden in the Age of Globalization	Dr. Bereket Selassie Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill
		2. Historic & Contemporary Sources of Conflict in the Ogaden Region of Ethiopia	Dr. Edmond Keller Professor/Departmental Chair, UCLA
		3. Questions of Conquest: Identifying the Real Stakeholders and the need for Conflict Resolution	Mr. Faisal Roble City Planner, City of Los Angeles
6:00 – 7:00	<u>Panel - VII:</u> <b>Perspectives on Citizenship, opposition &amp; Political Claim-making in Ethiopia</b> Dr. Bereket Selassie	1. Citizenship and Political Participation in the Face of Ongoing Violence: Somali Contexts	Dr. Lidwien Kapteijn, Kendall/Hodder Professor of History at Wellesley College
		2. Political Crisis in Somalia: Its impact on the Somali Region (Ogaden)	Dr. Ali Khalif Glaydh, Former Prime Minister of Somalia
7:00 – 8:00	<u>Roundtable – III:</u> <b>Building Bridges &amp; Networking Discussion</b> Horsed Nooh	1. Alliances & Networks in the Somali Diaspora	Horsed Nooh Vice-Chair, OVP.
		2. Approaches to Networking among Somalis in North America	Mahamud Ugas Muhumad, OHRC, Canada
		3. Building Bridges & Networking among the Somalis of the Region	Faisal Abdi Roble City Planner, City of Los Angeles
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010</b>	<b>THEME AND FACILITATOR</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
10:30 – 12:30	<u>Round Table -IV:</u> <b>Private session with community leaders/intellectuals</b> Noor Ali	Private Session (by invitation only) with Community Leaders and Intellectuals	
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Lunch Break &amp; Networking</b>		
1:30 – 3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections on the conference, what worked, what can be improved, and how to sustain this initiative?</li> <li>• And the location of the Second IHASA Academic Conference</li> <li>• Closing the conference &amp; announcing the venue for next year conference</li> </ul>	Hamse Warfa Executive Director, IHASA	



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IHASA strongly believes that the people of the Horn of Africa, given the opportunities necessary, are productive and the region is very dynamic and resourceful. IHASA believes that the necessary opportunities can be attained through peace, justice, and mutual development as a way of life.

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