



2nd Summer Dialogues Summit

Call for papers

Theme: Sustainable Social Reconciliation for a Conflict-Free Somalia

Date of event: July 2019

The Somali Institute for Development Research Analysis (SIDRA) owns and manages an academic research journal known as 'Somali Journal of Social Science (SJSS)'. Its major aim is to promote academic research in Somalia and to nurture young researchers through strengthening academic research writing in the country. The journal plans to have its first edition published in July 2019. Thus, SIDRA invites researchers, policy makers, academics and other stakeholders to submit research papers to be presented at the 2nd Summer Dialogues Summit in Garowe-Somalia. The conference will focus on practical home-made and relevant strategies to achieve social reconciliation in Somalia in order to build a conflict-free nation. Research and clear evidence has shown that the security situation in Somalia has been and is still alarming due to the prolonged civil wars and the absence of functional laws and policies which have left many devastated. This thus necessitates focus on social reconciliation by ensuring that the local people live in peace without such issues like clan conflicts, conflicts over land and above all, this harmony should be everlasting.

It has been noted that, the prolonged fights between clans and sub clans fueled by warlords could be one of the aspects that have worsened the conflicts and deaths. The recurrent prolonged fights between clans and sub clans especially in Sool, Bari, Mudug, Lower Shabelle, Hiraan, Lower Jubba, Gedo, Galgaduud, Banadir and other regions which have counted lives of thousands and continue to result into frequent brutal murder cases for instance the current Tukaraq tension over territorial land between Puntland and Somaliland all of which stem from clan conflicts. For South West, it is well known as a war zone since 1991 and hence many people have fled to other countries especially Kenya and Yemen. It was noted that, there are still serious political tensions between the various Federal Member States of Somalia as a result of the desire to expand their territorial boundaries. An example of Puntland and Galmudug fights in Galkayo. These states have tried to have joint security forces and community policing but have not yielded maximum social harmony. Trials have been made to make peace building dialogues slightly intensifying since late 2017 and early 2018 especially by local leaders in order to put these on a halt through ceasefire but this has registered minimum success.

Due to such, the Federal Government of Somalia developed a National Reconciliation Framework (NFR) linked to its National Development Plan (NDP). The framework addresses reconciliation which is the first of the eight benchmarks of the NDP aimed at achieving a secure environment, more open politics and

reconciliation. It was developed with the overall objective of laying a ground for genuine and comprehensive national reconciliation for the Somali people so as to restore trust among themselves, confidence in government and its institutions in order to achieve peace, co-existence and the reconstruction of human relationships. Captured in this reconciliation framework, are the national genuine consultations with the Somali people from different parts of the country. This is exactly what the 2nd Summer Dialogues Summit geared at achieving sustainable social reconciliation for a conflict-free Somalia will address. The summit will thus seek opinions and recommendations from various stakeholders so as to have a self-formulated solution to the prolonged Somali conflicts. It is with that background that conference papers will be based on Somali-led social reconciliation strategies aimed at achieving home-made solutions to the prolonged social conflicts and hence achieve sustainable peace, brotherhood and unity among Somalis. The topics to be covered include;

1. Analysis of the major causes of the prolonged social conflicts in Somalia
2. Mediation Approaches for Social Reconciliation in Somalia
3. Overcoming clannism in Somalia
4. Inclusion of marginalized groups in peace building and social reconciliation processes in Somalia
5. Reshaping Somalia's education system to nurture the culture of peace in the Young generation
6. Rejuvenating patriotism and brotherhood among Somalis
7. Overcoming social conflicts in Somalia: A perspective of regional efforts
8. National and State structural reforms towards Social Reconciliation in Somalia

The conference requires high quality evidence-based research papers on the above mentioned topics with a clear balance between theory and practice, and policy relevance of the research findings. Practitioners especially policy makers, researchers, academics and Local Civil Society organizations are encouraged to submit papers.

Requirements

1. Interested candidates should submit a research paper written in English to SIDRA. All papers should be aligned to the conference theme.
2. Each paper should not be more than 10 pages and should include;
 - Title
 - Abstract (250 words maximum)
 - A brief personal biography of the author(s) including qualifications and research experience (this should not be more than 150 words).
 - The research can focus on any of the themes above or bring out multi-linkages within those themes.

Important dates

31 st April 2019	Deadline for submission of proposals
4 th June 2019	Successful of authors selected proposals receive notifications
30 th June 2019	Full research papers completed by authors and submitted to SIDRA
23 rd -25 th July 2019	2 nd Summer Dialogues Summit

For submission of papers;

Researchers wishing to respond to this call can submit their proposals by email;

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To: The Conference Management Committee, Somali Institute for Development Research and Analysis (SIDRA)

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