CALL FOR PAPERS

The 11th Annual International Horn of Africa Conference in Lund, Sweden

Focus On

Peace and Security – Key to stability & Sustainable Development in the Horn of Africa Region

Date: 8-10 June 2012
Place: City Hall, Lund, SWEDEN

The Horn of Africa is a region where violent conflicts and war have ravaged families, communities and nations. The need for peace and security is both urgent and overwhelming. Families and societies need to be rehabilitated and reconstructed.

The Horn of Africa conferences in Lund have from the beginning focused on issues related to peace-building, democratic governance, rule of law, respect of human rights, environment and development. So far, none of the conferences has yet had an explicit focus on the linkages between peace, security as cornerstone for sustainable development. This time the focus of the conference is set on these linkages.

The opportunity the conference gives politicians, academics, regional national authorities’ representatives and NGOs from the Horn of Africa to meet and discuss with prominent scholars, international organizations (AU, IGAD, EU, USA, Arab League, UN, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Swedish NGOs and government representatives (UD) is unique.

The overall objective of the conference is to bring together key stakeholders engaged in peace and security issues for the Horn of Africa, by bringing attention to the EU public, international key stakeholders and Horn of Africa scholars about the agonizing and violent situation in the Horn of Africa, to support local track II and III peace processes.
The objective of the conference is to enhance the knowledge and understanding of critical issues to the conflicts in the Horn of Africa amongst EU public and stakeholders, as well as Horn of African stakeholders to become engaged and committed to actively support local peace processes at track II and III level in the Horn of Africa.

Papers:
The conference calls for inter-disciplinary papers within the following areas:

Below follows proposed topics:

Topics A
- Understanding community peace process
- Understanding mediation local peace processes
- What does local peace agreements mean?
- What does political representation mean at the local and community level?

Topic B
- How can women play a greater role in conflict resolution?
- Understanding women’s role in mediation and local peace processes

Topic C
- How can international community actors support national owned peace processes?
- How can international community support local security and stabilization efforts?
- How can the international Community’s programmes support parallel peace processes and regional security?
- The role of peace and security for sustainable development

Topic D
- How can community peace process support state-building?
- Understanding the role of religion in state-building

Topic E
- The role of the media in peace making VS and conflict making

Scholars, researchers, practitioners, non-governmental organizations, politicians and governmental officials in foreign-, security- and development cooperation policy; journalists, Horn of African civil society actors and international non-governmental organizations, international organizations in foreign-, security- and development cooperation are invited.

You are invited to send a one page abstract which should include a working title, the author’s discipline and field, address, institutional affiliation and e-mail address to either of the conference coordinators written below before 15th February 2012. Deadline for the complete paper is 30th April 2012. Papers are expected to be of high quality and follow the time limitations. All guest speakers are
requested to take an inter-sectional approach to their papers. We look forward to receiving your abstract.

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