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**Events from 2004 to 2020**

# ABOUT SIRC

## SIRC

Somali International Rehabilitation Centre, SIRC, is a non-profit organization focusing on development and peace projects in the Horn of Africa.

SIRC's mission is to undertake research, trainings and actions focused on participating facilitating the reconstruction and rehabilitation of vital institutions in Somaliland/Somalia to improve the standard of living of the Somali people as well as promoting peace, democratic governance, rule of law, respect for human rights, gender equality, empowerment of women, youth and minority groups, civil society organisations, protection of environment, regional cooperation and development in the Horn of Africa region.

SIRC uses the Logical Framework Approach (LFA) method as an instrument to improve project planning and project reviews for activities that respond to the needs of the ground.

From 2011, SIRC has been implementing series of training workshops (capacity building) with different important themes for civil society organizations in Somaliland, Puntland and South- Central Somalia through its local partners based in Hargeisa and Mogadishu in order to strengthen their capacity in promoting peace, security, democratic governance and respect for human rights, gender equality and development for the communities in which they operate in. These projects have been funded by Forum Syd/Sida and Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden as well as also contributed to these projects by United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) and UNDP. .

It has also implemented food security projects for small scale farmers from 2003-2007 in Shabelle region as well as a food security project for marginalized fishing communities in Shabelle region in 2015 implemented by SIRC local partner Baniadam Relief and Development Organization (BRDO) in Mogadishu, Somalia and funded by Forum Syd/Sida.

**SIRC had capacity building training project 2016-2020 for marginalized groups in six regions of Somaliland** implementing by SIRC local partner Center for Dialogue, Civic Education and Human Rights (CDCH) in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

Because of SIRC initiative of promoting rebuilding Somali National University in Mogadishu, Somalia, Somali Transitional Government of Somalia headed by President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan and University of Lund signed in 2002 **Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) related to rebuilding academic system of Somali National University** which had 12 faculties, more than 800 teachers, provision of free education for almost 5000 students per year before the collapse of Somali State in 1991: President Abdiqasim expressed how he was profoundly thankful to Lund University of Sweden for its willingness to support Somalia after signing Memorandum of Understanding between Somali Transitional Government and Lund University in 2002.. This MOU still stands and SIRC is hopeful that agreement will be implemented for the interest of young generations of Somalia.

From 2002-2013, SIRC very strongly promoted a greater understanding among the peoples in the Horn of Africa countries through annual international conferences, seminars, panel debates, workshops on peace-building, promotion of peace and reconciliation, democratic governance, rule of law, human rights, empowerment of women and gender equality, as well as protection of environment and economic development and cooperation in the region funded by Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Folke Bernadotte Academy and Forum Syd/Sida, University of Lund, City of Lund, ABF, Folkuniversitetet, Olof Palm International Center, UNDP/Somalia, and EU, at University of Lund, Sweden.

SIRC strategic plan, is to further these efforts in near future and in the long run that is to carry out peace building Horn of Africa conferences, food security and capacity building training projects for marginalized Somali civil society in Somaliland/Somalia, . The Horn of A. **Horn of Africa conferences reports printed by Lund Universality can be found from this website: [www.sirclund.se](http://www.sirclund.se)**

SIRC role is to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technology between the international community and Horn of Africa region. We work closely with local stakeholders and relevant experts in the fields of peace-building, democratic governance, rule of law, human rights, empowerment of women, gender equality, youth, minority groups, CSOs and, as well as protection of environment and economic development cooperation in the region. Together we identify the needs and objectives, design a project plan, and raise funds.

## **SIRC Projects' Gallery activities updated for 2020**

### **GALLERY FROM PEACE-BUILDING EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROEJCTS**

In 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, SIRC and its partners strictly guided by the principles of neutrality arranged 12 successful Horn of Africa peace conferences in Lund. The conferences offered a dialogue among international scholars, practitioners, Horn of Africa governments representatives, representatives from UN, EU, IGAD, and CSOs on development of peace & reconciliation, post-conflict peace building, regional cooperation instead of wars & destruction, culture of peace, good governance, democracy, human rights, and on Faith, Citizenship, Democracy and Peace, Role of environment in peace, The Role of Democratic governance VS Sectarian Politics in Somalia, Role of Women in Promoting Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa region, Horn of Africa Peace and security, conflict for resources in the Horn of Africa . The conferences also addressed the deep-rooted causes that often underlie the immediate symptoms of the regional conflicts. in every occasion, The conferences brought together a great number of participants among others scholars from Africa, Europe, United States, as well as from international NGOs, government representatives, politicians, journalists, United Nations agencies, European Commission, European Parliament, Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), African Union, Horn of Africa governments and university students. The conferences reinforce their role as a neutral forum for various participants to discuss hot issues in the Horn of Africa. Here is SIRC gallery showing pictures of Horn of Africa conferences available the events from 2004, as well as pictures from food security projects and capacity training workshops from 2003:

**From 2004 Horn Africa peace conference funded among others by Swedish Foreign Ministry, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Forum Syd/Sida, City of Lund, Lund University**



**Late Mayor of Lund Hon. Larry Andow delivering speech 2004**



**Abdillahi Jama, SIRC projects and Conferences Coordinator**



**Late Larry Andow, Mayor City of Lund, making opening remarks**



**Ambassador Count Pietersen, Chairman**



**Inger Björk, Forum Syd General Secretary addressing the conference 2004 & Nicklas Svensson, Chairing conference**



**Prof. Abdi Ismail Samatar  
Minnesota University 2004**



**Prof. Janis Grobbelaar & Prof. Gandhi from  
Pretoria University, Mesancho University 2004**



**Dr. Martin Hill  
Amnesty International 2004**



**Dr. Salax Al Bander  
Oxford University 2004**



**Somali delegation led by Parliament Speaker Sharif Hassan**



**Lars Ronnås, Africa Department Director UD, Sweden**





**Dr. Wuyi Omitoogun, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) at 2005 Horn of Africa conference in Lund**



**H. E. Sharif Hassan Shiekh Aden, Somali Transitional Federal Parliament Speaker, Horn of Africa conference in Lund Sweden**



**Johanna Leander, Programme Officer, Olof Palme International Center 2005 Conference in Lund**



**Prof. Maxi Schoeman, Pretoria University, South Africa 2005**



**Prof. Christopher Clapham, Cambridge University 2005**



**H. E. Morgan Johansson, Minister for Public Health & Social Services  
At 2005 Conference in Lund**



**H. E. Dr Al Sadig Al Mahdi, former Prime Minister of Sudan &  
President of Umma Party at 2005 Conference in Lund**



**Prof. Janis Grobbelaar, Pretoria University, South Africa, 2005**



**Prof. Abdi Ismail Samatar, Minnesota University USA 2005**



**H. E. Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden & delegation at 2005 Conference in Lund**







**Dr. Omar Alasow, University of Essex, UK**

**Saif Omar, Horn of Africa Programme Officer, Forum Syd, 2005**



**Reporters of the workshops from left PhD Candidate Abdullahi Elmi, Dr. Kontie Moussa, Conference Chairman Ambassador Count Pietersen, Prof. Maxi Shoeman, Dr. Diya Awadi, and last person in the row Co-chair of the conference Bethlehan Araya**



**Prof. Ole Elgström, Lund University, making closing remarks of the Horn of Africa Conference 2005 in Lund, Sweden**





Eritrean Youth culture from Oslo evening show 2005 Conference of Africa conference 2005 in Lund, Sweden



Swedish Folkdance Group from Lund, evening show at the Horn of Africa conference 2005 in Lund, Sweden



Eritrean Youth Culture group from Norway, 2005



Djibouti Culture Exhibition in Lund 2005



Djibouti Culture Exhibition 2005



Sudanese Culture Exhibition 2005



Somali Culture Exhibition 2005 in Lund

**Horn of Africa peace conference 2005 conference, funded ForumSyd/Sida, Folke Bernadotte Academy**



Late Mayor City of Lund Larry Andow welcoming guests to reception From left Somali delegation led by Parliament Speaker Sharif Hassan

with Major Larry Andow and Prof. Christopher Clapham at 2005 conference in Lund, Sweden





**From left Dr. Omar Alasow, late Dr. Martin Hill, late Mayor Larry Andow, Sharif Hassan, late Dr. Sadig Al mahdi, Minister Abdirahman Ibhi, Member of Parliament Abdi'assis, Member of Parliament Abdifatah at the reception.**



**From left Prof. Ferrow Embaie & Eritrean Counsellor Yonas Mana Ambassador Count with the late Mayor Hon. Larry Andow**



**Somali delegation led H. E. Sharif Hassan**

**H. E. Sharif Hassan with other conference guests**





Dinner for guests by SIRC Restuarant Kulturen  
2005



Prof. Benny Carlsson, Lund University 2006

## Horn of Africa peace conference 2007 funded by Forum Syd/Sida and Folke Bernadotte academy



Mr. Nicklas Svensson, Introduction



Mayor City Lund Annika Anneby Jansson, opening remarks



Ambassador Marika Fahlen, Especial Envoy for Horn of Africa, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, opening session , 2007



Dr. Jeremy Lester, EU Commission Representative



Conference participants 2007



Conference participants 2007

Dr. Jonas Alberoth , Acting General Director Folke Bernadotte Academy 2007



From left, EU Representative Dr. Jeremy Lester, Ambassador Marika Fahlem, UD, Dr. Jonas, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Engineer Ishael Sironey, Cochairing Conference 2007

From right Prof. Janis Grobbelaar presenting her paper with chairing committee Ishael, Count, Bethlehem, Hannan, 2007



Conference workshop participated among others by Kenyan Ambassador  
H. E. Ms Purity W. Muhindi, 2007



Conference workshop 2007



**Workshop participants among others Mr. Dina Mufti, Ethiopian Ambassador and Mr Moses M. Akol, Sudanese Ambassador 2007**

Conference workshop 2007





Conference participants 2007



Conference participants 2007



Sudanese lunch for conference participants 2007



Question time to the speakers, 2007



- Panel debate on current Horn of Africa issues participated by Sudanese Ambassador, Ethiopian Ambassador H. E. Dina Mufti, Kenyan Ambassador H. E. Moses M. Akol, Kenyan Ambassador H. E. Ms Purity W. Muhindi, Eritrean Charge di Affairs Mr. Yonas

Manna , Dr. Abdullahi Osman El-Tom National University of Ireland , Dr. Zakaria Mohamud Abdi Somali Opposition Alliance in Asmara, Mr. Abdi-Asis Mohamud Mohamed, Presidential Envoy, Somali Transitional Federal Government. The panel debate was moderated Prof. Ole Elgström Department of Political Science, Lund University. 2007



Audience of the conference debate participants 2007



Audience of the conference debate participants 2007



Conference debate 2007



Conference debate 2007





**Dinner for the guests 2007**



**Dinner for the guests 2007**



**Dinner for the guests 2007**



**Dinner for the guests with Mayor city of Minnesota USA 2007**



**Dinner for the conference guests 2007**

**Dinner for the conference guests 2007**



**17-19 October 2008 Horn of Africa Conference in Lund, funded Furm Syd/Sida and Folke Berbadotte Academy**



Left, **Ambassador Marika Fahlen**, Special Envoy for Horn of Africa Swedish ministry for Foreign Affairs, 2008      **Ambassador David Shinn**, Professor George Washington University, USA 2008



Horn Africa Conference October 2008

Horn of Africa Conference October 2008



**Mr. Jeremy Lester**, EU Head of the Regions of the Horn of Africa,      **Mr. Magnus**, Head Sida Country Team for Somalia & Sudan Eastern Africa and Indian Ocean Department, Brussels, Belgium, 2008 Horn conference in Lund



**Dr. Abdullahi El-Tom**, Senior lecturer, National University of Ireland    **Prof. Janis Grobbelaar**, Head Department of Sociology Pretoria University, South Africa  
2 008 Horn conference



**Mrs Fowsia Abdulkadir**, Human Rights Activist, Canada  
2008

**Dr. Sheikh Abdirahman Mohamud Farah Janaqow**,  
ARS Central Committee Secretary Genral, 2008



**Debate on the Horn of Africa, participated by scholars and diplomats, 2008**



**Dr. Bjørn Møller**, Danish Institute for International Studies, Moderator of debate & H. E. Ahmed Abdisalam Somali Deputy Prime Minister, 2008



**Honourable Tranje Danielsson**, Vice Mayor City of Lund, 2008



**Horn of Africa conference 2008 discussion chaired by Ambassador Count Pietersen**



**Horn of Africa conference 2008**



**Horn of Africa conference 2008**





Horn of Africa conference 2008



**Horn of Africa conference 2008**



**Mr. Walid Muse, Deputy Head UN Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) making speech at Horn of Africa Conference in Lund, Sweden October 2008**



**Horn of Africa conference 2008**







Ambassador Marika UD, Mr. Jeremy EU & other guests



Reception made by Mayor City of Lund, for the conference guests, 2008



Social gathering at the conference Liban, Dr. Hodan Isse, Fousiya Abdulkadir 2008





**Hon. Tranje Danielsson Vice Mayor City of Lund**



**Late Prof. Håkan Wiberg, University of Copenhagen, Demark 2008**



**2008 reception conference participant**



**Prof. Janes Grobbelar, Liban, Prof. Maxi Schuman, Jama 2008**



**Conference staff, Ayaan, Fadumo and Suado 2008**



## **SIRC 2009 Horn of Africa conference**

**Funded by Forum Syd/Sida/ and Folke Bernadotte Academy**



**Conference Coordinators 2009 Jama & Count Pietersen 2009**

**EU Jeremy Lester 2009**

**Late Minister Buri TFG 2009**



**Nikolaj Bock EEA**

**Lund Vice Mayor**

**H. E. Marika**

**Joe Frans**

**H. E. Mufti**

**H. E. Akol**

**H. E. Manna**



**Dr. Barron 2009 SEI**

**Dr. Markus IDEA**

**Mr. Johan Sida**

**Siriam UNDP**

**Prof. Vestal, USA**



**2009 conference**

**2009 conference**



**Prof. Gairm Kibreab**

**Minister Burci TFG**

**Director Fatima Jibril**

**Dr. Zoltan UN**

**Prof. Ardeberg Lars Lund University**

### **SIRC 2009 Horn of Africa conference**



**Jama with Dr. Valaria, Dr. Lilla & others**



**Jama with Puntland Minister of Environment Abdigani**



**Jama with Mayor of Lund Larry Andow**



**Liban with Sudanese Ambassador Muses Akol**







**Social gathering at the conference dinner**



**Abdillahi Jama with UNDP Somalia participants at the conference**



7-9 August 2009 Horn of Africa conference in Lund, Sweden

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First Greater Horn Horizon Forum general meeting November 2007 in Djibouti, Djibouti Republic sponsored by UNESCO, Paris.



2007 Greater Horn Horizon Forum meeting participants in Djibouti

2007 in Djibouti





Greater Horn Horizon Forum 2nd general meeting November 2009 in Djibouti, Djibouti Republic



Greater Horn Horizon Forum November 2009 general meeting in Djibouti by UNESCO

Civil society conference in Mombassa organized Interpeace



Interpeace/CRD civil society conference December 2009 in Mombasa

Swedish Ambassador H. E. Jöran with participants



**Ambassador Jöran also made statement at 9th Horn of Africa conference focus on Somalia in Lund, Sweden**



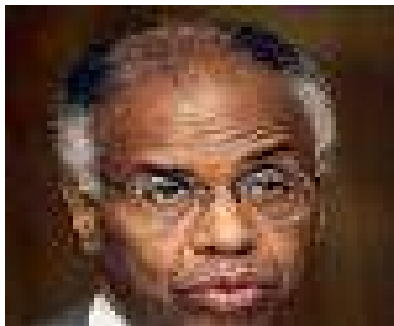
**International community representatives led by H.E. Ambassador Jöran. Conference participants from left Ahmed Abdisalam, Abdillahi Jama & businessman Mr Deylaf. CRD/Interpeace civil society Mombasa conference December 2009**

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## **9th Annual Horn of Africa Conference 2010 in Lund, Sweden funded by Forum Syd/Sida, Folke Bernadotte Academy**



2010 Lund Horn conference on Somalia, Swedish Ambassador H. E. Jöran for Somalia as participant



**UN Special Envoy for Somalia**

**H. E. Walad Abdallah 2010**



**IGAD General Secretary**

**H. E. Mahboub Maalaim 2010**



**Djibouti Minister of Culture & Communication**

**H. E. Ali Abdi Farah , 2010 Lund**



**Sweden's special Envoyr for Horn of Africa**

**H. E. Ambassador Marika Fahlen, 2010**



**Finland Special Envoy for Horn of Africa**

**H. E. Pekka Haavisto, 2010 Lund**



**UNDP Country Director for Somalia**

**Alvaro Rodriguez 2010 Lund**



**EU Horn of Africa Department,**

**Mr. Jeremy Lester, 2010 Lund**



**IDEA Stockholm,**

**Dr. Markus, 2010 Lund**



**UN Envoy**

**H.E. Ahmadoue Q. Abdalla**



**Somali foreign Minister**

**Ali A. Jama Jamgali**



**Lund Unversity Rector, 2010 conference**

**Prof. Per Eriksson**



**Gerorge Washinton University**

**Ambassador David Shinn, 2010**



**2010 Horn Conference on Somalia**

**Lund, Sweden**





**H. E. Ambassador Moses Akol, H. E. Mohamed S. Duale, Prof. Mohamed Abdi Gandi, Former President Jama Ali Jama**

**Sudan Ambassador to Sweden Djibouti Ambassador to HC Human Rights, Geneva, TFG Minister of Transport, Former Puntland President**



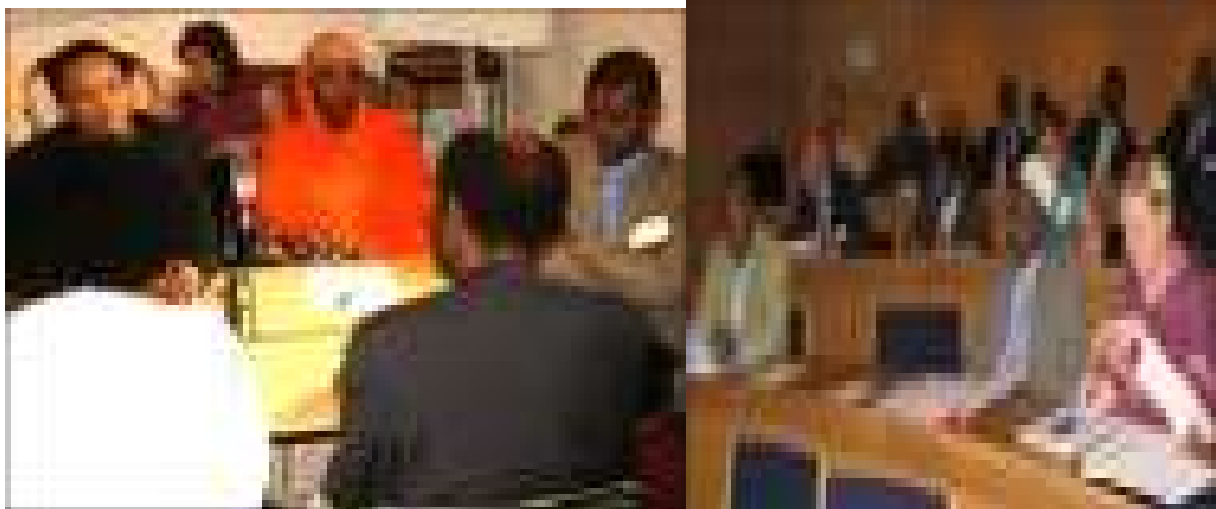
**Chairman Horn Conferences**

**Conferences Coordinator**

**2010 Horn conference in Lund**

**H. E. Ambassador Count Pietersen**

**Abdillahi Jama**



**2010 debate on Somalia by scholars in Lund**

**2010 Horn conference on Somalia**

**BBC Abdirahman Koronto**

**Galmudug President Mr. Calim among participants**



3 day summit that began Friday morning in Lund, Sweden heard speeches by Somali intellectuals and scholars from institutions the world over; representatives from the UN, EU and AMISOM; as well as government ministers from past and present. The participants represented an even wider array of professions from doctors and lawyers to prominent businessmen and reporters from the diaspora as well inside Somalia. With so many people representing all ends of the socio, economic and political spectrum differences in ideologies as well as solutions to resolve the issues plaguing Somalia were bound to happen. This conference created the forum for meaningful dialogue and constructive criticism that is considered necessary to tackle the complicated crisis in Somalia. Speaking to Hiiraan Online, Professor Abdi Ismail Samatar said that this conference is unique in that it is the only open forum where participants can trade ideas about issues concerning the Horn of Africa. Furthermore, it is a conference managed by a Somali that invites Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti to engage in a democratic forum; in this sense, Somali's act as peacemakers as well.



Some of the keynote speakers were: Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, UN Secretary General Special Representative for the Somalia United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS); H.E Ali Ahmed Jama Jangali, Somali Foreign Minister, Transitional Federal Government (TFG); Ambassador David Shinn, Professor at the School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Honourable Pekka Haavisto, Member of Finnish Parliament, Finnish Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa & Sudan; H.E Jama Ali Jama, former President of Puntland; H.E Ambassador Nur Hassan Hussien, Former Prime Minister of TFG and former head of missions of the Somali Republic at European Communities & Ambassador of Somali Republic to Italy; and Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, UNDP, Somalia Country Director.



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As the politicization of Islam in Somalia is sweeping over the nation, the militant groups Al-Shabab and Hizbul Islam came up frequently both formally at the conference and in private conversation during lunch and dinner between the participants. Abdirahman Aynte one of the researchers who focused on Al-Shabab noted that “there is an inverse relationship between a weak and disorganized local polities and clans and Al-Shabab; the weaker the local polities are, the stronger Al-Shabab is”





**2010 Horn of Africa conference in Lund, Sweden, Tea break**

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the conference concluded, one of the participants said that the conference was "one of the most comprehensive and educational conference in recent years". Another said that he hopes that the major participants involved and their organizations listen to what was discussed and implement it in their policies in Somalia so that the next time the conference rolls around we can be moving forward and discuss new issues on development and reconciliation.

**10th Annual Horn of Africa Conference 2011 in Lund, Sweden: Role of Promoting Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa region, funded by Forum Syd/Sida, Folke Bernadotte Academy**



**10th Horn of Africa conference participants 2011: Role of Women in Promoting Peace & Development in the Horn of Africa**



*Ambassador Marika Fahlen, Special Envoy Horn of Africa, Swedish Foreign Ministry, Chairing the conference,*

*Mayor City of Lund Hon. Annika Annerby welcoming and opening remarks of the Horn of Africa conference 2011*



**Mayor City of Lund hon. Ms Annika opens the 2011 Horn of Africa conference and welcomes participants**





**From Ielf Christian UNPOS, Jeremy EU, Ambassador Marika UD, Ilhan Minister Somaliland. Bodil Forum Syd Chairperson**



**2011 Horn of Africa conference participants in Lund, Sweden**



**2011 Horn Africa conference participants in Lund, Sweden**

**2011 Horn Africa conference participants in Lund, Sweden**



**Brandi James, Political Officer US Embassy Nairobi Kenya. Chantal Ekambi Gender Affairs Officer UNPOS**



**2011 Horn of Africa conference in Lund ,Sweden**



**2011 Horn Africa conference participants in Lund, Sweden**





From left: Minister Ilhan Somaliland, a participant, TFG Minister mariam, Puntland Minister Asha. Hibo Speaking at conference



2011 conference Amal Dirie

Lund University Master student

2011 conference Saud Mohamed, PhD Candidate

Lund University

## **SIRC training workshop1 for Somali civil society organizations**

**27 October – 2nd November 2011 Training workshop for Strengthening Somalia/Somaliland Civil Society Organizations to Promote a Holistic and Inclusive Approach to Democracy and Human Rights that are Key to Peace and Development, in Hargeisa Somaliland, funded by Forum Syd/Sida**





SIRC Chairman making introduction about the second training workshop in Hargeisa, Somaliland October 2011



**H. E. Ilhan Mohamed Jama, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Somaliland** opened the training workshop. From left: General Secretary of Somaliland Council of Elders Abdillahi Ibrahim Habane, General Director Ministry of Planning & Cooperation Rashid Ahmed Guled, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ilhan Mohamed Jama standing.



General Director Ministry of Planning & Cooperation Rashid Ahmed Guled making opening remarks

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## 27 October to 2nd November 2011 training workshop in Hargeisa, Somaliland



Training workshop in Hargeisa, Somaliland October 2011, Nicklas Svensson expert from STHLM Policy Group, Sweden and participants



Dr. Abdillahi Elmi Mohamed expert from Sweden

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## 11th Annual Horn of Africa Conference 8-10 June 2012 in Lund, Sweden: Peace and Security – Key to Stability and Sustainable Development in the Horn of Africa region, funded by Forum Syd/Sida, Folke Bernadotte Academy



Vice Mayor of Lund Honourable Mr. Jörgen Forsberg, (Ambassador Marika Fahlen, Special Envoy Horn of Africa, SIRC Chairing conference opening remarks of the conference Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairing panel sessions)

June 2012

June 2012





9 June 2012 different conference workshops



Speakers left: Saif Forum Syd, Dr Valeria, Dr. Shukria, Ambassador Count, Ing. Ishael, Prof. Abdullahi



Left: Dr. Yakoub, Rowan UNPOS, Jeremy EU, Djibouti Minister Hassan Darar Houffaneh, Jonas Mana Eritrea Charge di Affaires



Left: Martin Plaut BBC, Dr.Markus, Dr. Elhagi Mahamed, Prof. Arne Ardeberg, Abdillahi Elmi PhD Candidate, Prof. Sisay Assefa



Left: Prof. Abdi Samatar, Dr. Kontie Musse, Liban Wehlie SIRC Co-coordinator, Dr. Ismail Wais, Mr. Ashraf El Nour, IOM



2012 Horn of Africa conference in Lund, Sweden







2012 conference

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**SIRC capacity building training workshop on Peace and Security training workshop for Somaliland/Somalia civil society organizations in Hargeisa, Somaliland, 9-15 December 2012, funded by Folke Bernadotte Academy**



**Hassan Suudi from CDCH in Hargeisa and Ahmed Ali from BRDO in Mogadishu making introductory remarks of the training**





**Abdillahi Jama SIRC, objectives of the training**



**Somaliland Minister of Labor and Social Affairs H.E. Mohamud Ahmed Barre (Garad), opening remarks**



**Minister of Agriculture of Somaliland H.E. Prof. Farah Elmi Gedole, opening remarks, training 2012**



**Abdullahi Elmi, training 2012**



**Training 2012**



**Group work**



**group work**



Group work



group work



**Dr. Ulf Johansson Dahre, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Lund University, trainer, 2012, Hargeisa., on peace and security workshop.**



Training workshop



Training workshop





2012 workshop participants group work



Workshop participants 2012 ,  
Somaliland and Secretary General of Somaliland Upper House of Parliament after the closing of the training workshop in Hargeisa 15

## 12th Annual Horn of Africa Conference 23-24 August 2013 in Lund, Sweden: Resources, Conflict and Peace in the Horn of Africa region, funded Furm Syd/Sida, Folke Bernadotte Academy



One of workshops 2013

Conference 2013





Chairing Committee Inj. Ishael, Dr. Hodan Isse, Ambassador Count Pietersen, conference



Prof. Arne Ardeberg  
Lund Univeristy

Dr. Jacob Granit  
Director SEI

Gustaf Ödquist  
President Life & Peace Institute

Mrs Sawsan Abdelmagied Abdelraheem  
Counsellor Sudanese Ambassador to Sweden



Amb. Per Lindgärd  
Head Africa Department  
Swedish Foreign Ministry

Prof. Sisay Asefa  
West Michigan University

Prof. Abdi Samatar  
Minnesota university

Dr. Amira Osman  
Bradford Univesity

Dr. Hodan Isse  
Buffalo University



Prof. Abdullahi Eltom  
Ireland National University

Abdullahi Elmi  
PhD Candidate  
Stockholm University

Prof. Kidane Mingisteab  
Penn State University

Panel debate



Eritrean Horn of Africa lunch at the conference hall

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## **SIRC Capacity building for Somali civil society organization**

### **Resources, Conflict and Peace Training Workshop**

**For Somaliland/Somalia Civil Society Organizations, Traditional Leaders and Decision Makers**

**8<sup>th</sup> December - 10<sup>th</sup> December. 2014, Mogadishu, Somalia**

**Place: Hotel Palace Jazeera**

**Implemented by SIRC and facilitated by SIRC local partners in Somaliland/Somalia namely Centre for Dialogue, Civic Education and Human Rights (CDCH) in Hargeisa and Baniadam Relief & Development Organisation (BRDO) in Mogadishu.**

**Funded by Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden**



Liban Wehlie  
SIRC Chairperson

Abdisayid Hassan  
CDCH Representative

H.E. Abdullahi Qodax Bare  
Minister of Interior Somali Federal Government

In Opening remarks, H.E Abdillahi Qodax Bare Minister of Interior, Somali Federal Government, expressed his appreciation of the participants, SIRC Organizer of the training workshop, SIRC local partners in Mogadishu, and Hargeisa for the implementation of this important Training Workshop. The Minister also thanked Folke Bernadotte Academy for sponsoring the training.

In his speech, Minister stated “Somali People need Peace and Security and Development and this is Somali Federal Government’s hope”. He explained the benefits of the workshop on Natural Resource Conflict and Peace Building Process in a Somali Context for workshop participants and for Somali public through mass media. The Minister of Interior said that security situation in Mogadishu has been improving and it is minds of all inhabitants of Mogadishu to work hard for peace and security of the country.

“Societies always make progress if they Improve Three Factors: Human Resource Development, Land Management and Appropriate Use of Financial Resources” the Minister said.

The Minister explained the Concept of Federalism and explained that autonomous regions of Somali Federal Government are meant to share national Resources properly, build strong state institutions and Mitigate Conflict in the society. The Minister stressed that an Independent Federal Commission will evaluate all regional administrations about how to share the resources of the country in the interest of the Somali people and will establish Criteria for this.



Workshop participants



Late Abdi Jama







## Conclusion:

The first Somalia International Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC) training workshop in Mogadishu, Somalia on resources, conflict and peace was considered a success. We have successfully familiarized the key stakeholders of the training with the context theory and practice of conflict analysis and conflict sensibility, linkage between natural resources, peace and state building in the process in the Somali context, natural resources as conflict drivers at local level, natural resource as connectors at the community level in Somalia, and natural resources as regional strategic opportunity for Horn of Africa countries. Stakeholders were shown why this training workshop was relevant to them. Civil society organizations and traditional leaders have demonstrated a strong interest in learning how the workshop can help them in understanding how to solve conflicts for resources among Somali communities which in turn can help to promote to peace and security development in Somalia.



Ministry of Agriculture H. E. Abdi Ahmed Mohamed second person from left, in the left picture, made closing marks of the training workshop and distributed certificates to the training workshop participants. He acknowledged SIRC's devotion in holding this valuable training workshop in Mogadishu and encouraged SIRC to continue training workshops for civil society organizations, traditional and for Somali civil servants. The Minister of Agriculture also warmly welcomed Recommendations from the workshop and told participants to fully utilize knowledge they have learned from the training and spread it among their organizations and communities in which they operate.

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### **Capacity building training for civil society organizations 2015 project in Somaliland funded by Forum Syd/Sida**

#### **Successful implementation**

#### **Training Workshops for marginalized groups in six regions of Somaliland 2015 from basic principles of human rights, democratic governance and decision making in local, regional and national levels**

Training workshop in Borama, Awal Region 2015:





From right, SIRC projects coordinator, Governor of Awal region, Mayor of Borama, and 45 participants as well as Dr. Ulf Johansson from Lund University, Sweden.

Training workshop in Burco, Togdheer Region 2015:



Regional Secretary of Burco region



45 participants



Participants



Participants

Training workshop in Berbera, Saaxil region Region 2015, opened by regional leaders, 45 participants



Training workshop in Hargeisa, Maroodijeer region 2015



Participants of the capacity building training



Experts for training: Nicklas Svensson, STHLM Policy Group & Ulf Johansson Lund University from Sweden. Somaliland State Minister of Education and closed by Somaliland Minister of Education. 2015



Participants

Dr. Ulf Johansson







From right Hassan Aden Chairperson Law Commission of Somaliland, Abdillahi Jama SIRC projects Coordinator, Somaliland State Minister of Education, Nicklas Svensson Senior Consultant STHLM Policy Group, Dr. Ulf Johansson Dahre, Associate Professor Lund University.



Photo some of the workshop Participants who wanted to have photo Nicklas and Ulf 2015

## Training workshop in Oog, Lascaanood region 2015



Participants 45, opened by the Mayor.







**Somaliland Minister of Education, State Minister of Education, Chairman Law Commission of Somaliland, Swedish experts, and SIRC members at Hargeisa workshop 2015**



**Associate Prof Ulf Johansson Dahre, Lund University lecturing 2015 Hargeisa Workshop**



Nicklas Svensson , Stockholm Policy Group lecturing at Hargeisa workshop 2016



2016 workshop participants in Hargeisa, Nicklas offering lecture. CDCH gave traditional Somali gifts to Prof. Ulf 2015

## **Training workshops for marginalized group in six regions of Somaliland 2016**

### **Photos shows Hargeisa workshop as example**



ToT for local trainers by Prof. Ulf Johansson Dahre



Abdillahi Habe, Somaliland Minister of Education



Participants and Prof. Johansson Dahre, from Lund University, 2016





**Training workshops participants 2016**



**Somaliland Minister of Education**  
**H. E. Abdillahi Habane**



**Liban Wehlie SIRC Chairperson 2016**  
**Objectives of the tranings**



**Hassan Suudi CDCH Director**  
**Making introduction & welcoming**

**Training workshops for marginalized group in six regions of Somaliland 2017**  
**Taking as example Consultancy and Advocacy gathering.**



**Photo showing part of the participants advocacy gathering for marginalized groups Dec 2017 in Hargeisa, Somaliland**



**Advocacy gathering Participants 2017, hotel Moonsoor**





Picture: from left Minister of Education Abdillahi Habane who opened advocacy gathering, Director Nicklas Svensson STKHLM Policy Group, Niima Abdi University student SIRC, Hassan Aden CDCH, Associate Prof. Ulf Johansson Dahre Lund University, Abdillahi Jama, SIRC, Dr. Suado Mohamed SIRC, Hargeisa Dec. 2017





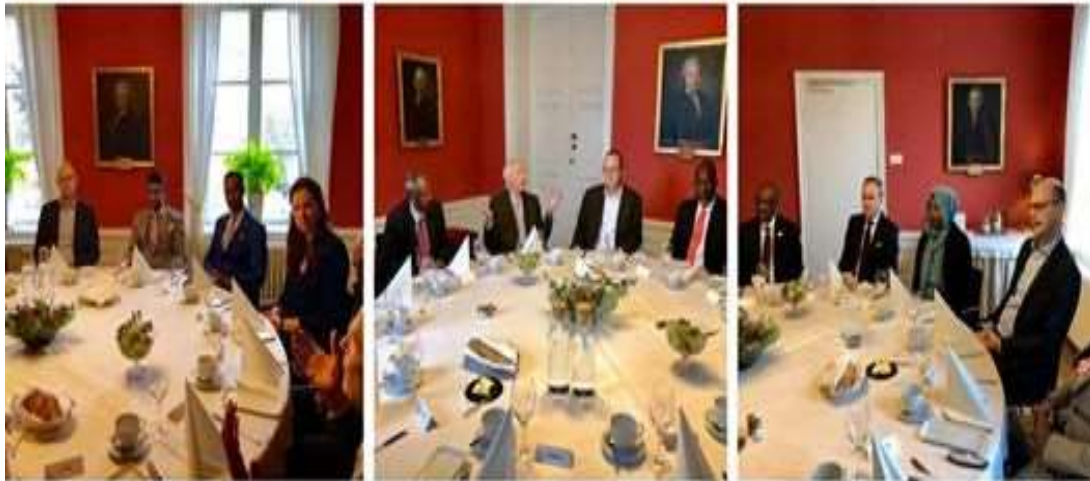
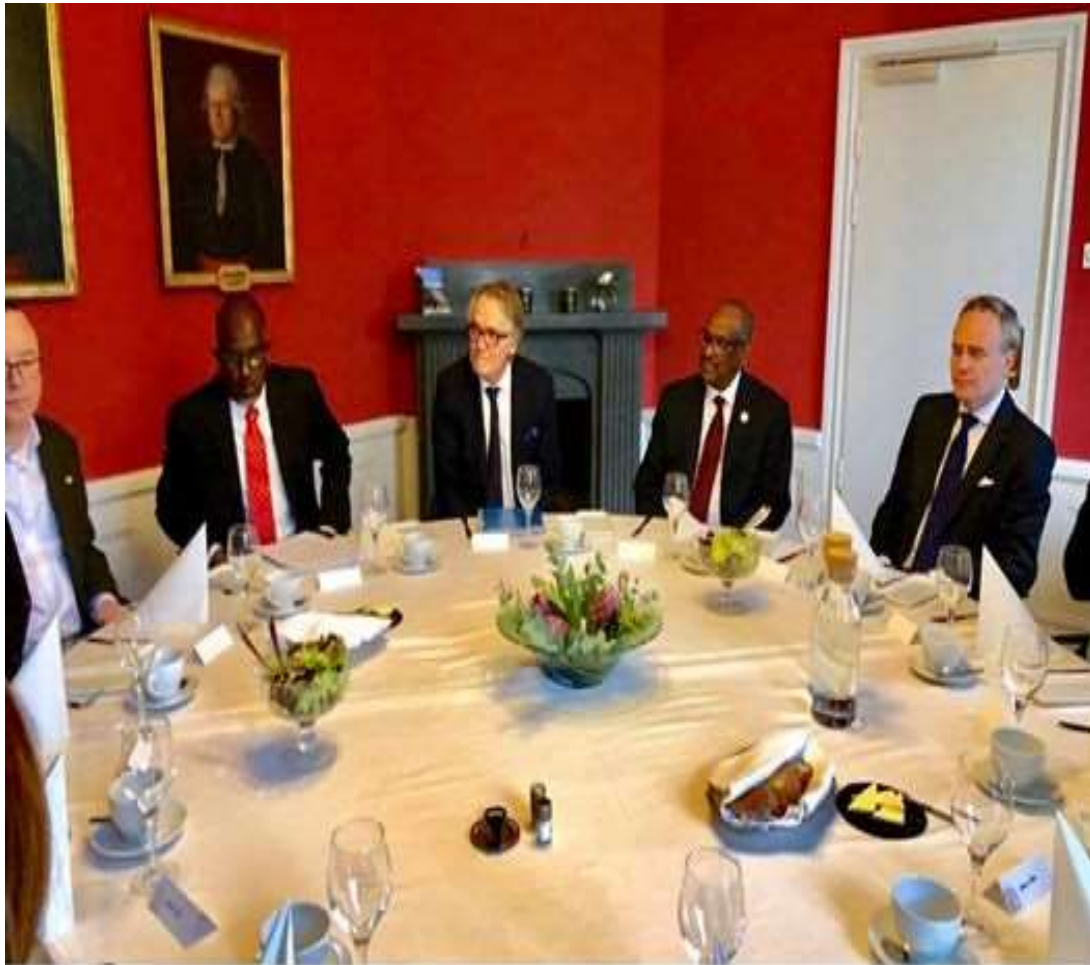


Prof. Ulf modering discussion on marginalized groups, Dec 2017, Hargeisa, Somaliland

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### **Somali Delegation to Lund, Sweden – Rebuilding Somali National University**

H.E. DR. Abdullahi Godah Barre, Minister of Education, in a meeting with President of Lund University, Prof. Torbjörn von Schantz in Lund, Sweden today. The meeting was successful in starting a collaboration process between Somali National University (SNU). The Minister together with the Rector of SNU, Professor Mohamed A. Jimale, and the Dean of Faculty of Education came to develop cooperation with Lund University. The Somali Delegation was accompanied by a Somali team from SIRC in Lund, led by former lecturer of Somali National University Abdillahi M. Jama, who facilitated the 22-23 November 2018 meeting in Lund Sweden and initiated the collaboration agreement between Lund University and Ministry of Higher Education of Somali Interim Government of President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan in 2002 for rebuilding Somali National University destroyed by Somali civil war in 1991.



Important meetings between Lund University and Somali National University delegation



Somali delegation with the Rector of Lund University Prof. Torbjörn von Schantz in the middle between Somali Minister of Education Abdullahi Qodah Barre from right, Prof. Fouzia Warsame dean faculty of education and Rector of Somali National University Prof. Ahmed Jimale from left with a number of deans of the University, having two days meetings 22-24 November 2018



From left: Abdillahi Jama SIRC, Prof. Arne Ardeberg Lund University, Prof. Fouzia Warsame Dean Faculty of Education, Mats Helmfrid Major of Lund, , Abdullahi Qodah Barre Somali Minister of Education, Prof. Ahmed Mohamed Jimale Rector of Somali National University, Abukar Boss SIRC, Dr. Abdullahi Elmi SIRC



The Mayor City of Lund made warm reception for the delegation. From left Abdillahi Jama SIRC, Prof. Arne Ardeberg Lund University, Dr. Fouzia Warsame dean Faculty of Education Somali National University, Mayor City of Lund, Abdullahi Qodah Barre Somali Minister of Education, Culture and Higher Studies Somali Federal Government, Prof. Ahmed Mohamed Jimale Rector of Somali National University, Abukar Boss SIRC, Dr. Abdullahi Elmi Mohamed SIRC

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### **SIRC Capacity building workshops 2018**

**Training Workshops for marginalized groups in six regions of Somalia on basic principles of human rights, democratic governance and decision making in local, regional and national levels, funded by ForumSyd/Sida**

#### **Beletweyn workshop 2018**



Dr. Abdulllahi Elmi giving certificates, Beletweyn workshop 2018

### Cadaado workshop 2018



### Kisamayo workshop 2018







## **Mogadishu workshop 2018**

SIRC Projects Coordinator Abdillahi Jama objectives of the workshop



**Workshop participants**



Workshop groups work



SIRC Chairperson giving workshop certificate to participants and workshop was opened by Dini Ahmed Dini Chairperson Somali civil society paraply organization in Mogadishu

## **Baidowa workshop 2018**



**Baidowa workshop participants**



**Baidowa workshop participants**



## Garowe workshop 2018



Baidam Relief and Development Organisation Chairperson making introduction objectives of the workshop



Chairman Office of Human Rights Defender with the Vice Minister of Education on the opening ceremony



One of the local trainers of the workshop



Workshop participants

## 2019 workshops in Somaliland/Somalia

### Workshops in six regions on strengthening peace-building in Somaliland



Vice Chairperson Upper House of Somaliland making opening remarks Hargeisa peace building workshop 2019,

Prof. Ulf Dahre, Lund University

**Human rights and peace interlinked. If there is no human rights there can be no peace visversa if there is no peace, there can be no human rights.**

**Summary some Workshops Recommendations from six Regional cities of Somaliland: Hargeisa, Berbera, Borama, Ceerigabo, Burao, Lasanood carried out by 12 local professionals and international experts**

- Empowering human rights commission to monitor the human rights issues and concerns;
- The commission to act according to the its mandate with respect to human rights;
- Hold law enforcement officials accountable for any human rights abuses
- Formulate independent public committee to oversee complains against police brutality
- Permit civil courts to trail complaints against police officials
- Recognize the role of traditional authorities as a supplementary to contribute its fair share in peace building
- Conflict sensitive programming should be integral part in all state policies and plans
- Invest researches on clan social behaviors, strengths and weaknesses
- Facilitate conferences to harmonize sub-customary rules to produce uniform common customary rules for peace building
- The country is in need to explore its resources for its development, but any attempt should not compromise the national security and should leave any group behind
- Responsive frameworks and mechanisms to manage intended resources should be formulated ahead of any exploitations. The objective should be proper governance and avoiding conflicts
- Lessons of natural resource enriched countries who failed to bring prosperity, but conflicts for their people should be considered
- Any attempt to exploit natural resources should not be an attempt to quickly benefit but a long-term plan in which difficulties managed through dialogue and sharing wealth agreed in advance
- Any resource exploitation should carefully address any negative impact on the environment and in case feasibility studies shows potential impact, mitigation plans and resources should be allocated
- Raising awareness among marginalized communities as well as other communities
- Access to education
- Encouraging marginalized communities to send their children to schools
- Inter marriage among marginalized communities and other communities
- Raising the religious concept of marginalizing people and how it is not related to religion.
- Increasing the employment of marginalized communities
- Increasing social responsibility toward marginalized groups
- Equal employment opportune among all groups
- Excepting and welcoming marginalized communities



- To allow women to participate peace-building processes
  - To allow to be part of policy makings
  - To allow them to participate in conflict resolutions
  - To create songs and poetry encouraging the women's involvement in peace-building process
  - To educate women so they can be valuable member of the society
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**Continuation of 2018-2020 human rights capacity building workshops for  
Marginalized Groups in Somalia**

**2019 Cadado human rights Workshop carried out by two local professional facilitators:**



## **2019 Baidoa human rights workshop**



Participants with two local professional vacillators

## **2019 Mogadishu human rights workshop**



Carried out by two local professional Facilitators Fatima and Abdinasir supported by Dr. Ahmed Ali Khayre PhD international Law





Workshop participants, Abdillahi Jama SIRC



Dr. Ahmed Ali Khayre, PhD international law



## **2019 Kismayo human rights workshop**







Carried out by Two local professional facilitators giving workshop certificate to participants

### **2019 Beletweyn Human Rights Workshop**

2019 Beletweyn human rights workshop could not be implemented by SIRC local partner Baniadam Relief and Development Organization (BRDO) because of displacement of the population of the city by disastrous Shabelle River flooding.

## **2019 Garowe human rights workshop**



Two local professional facilitators supported by Dr. Abdullahi Elmi, PhD in resource management and environment



## **Photoes taken 2020 some workshops collected for 2021 gallery updating**

### **Baidao workshop August 2020**









## 12-13 September 2020 Mogadishu workshop pictures











## Kismayo workshop 2020



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## Two days human rights consultancy and advocacy gathering Mogadishu 2020







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### **Human Rights Cadaado workshop 2020**





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## **Human Rights workshop Garoowe 2020**

### **Garowe workshop participants**



### **Garowe participants 2020**



Garowe workshop discussions 2020

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## Human Rights worksgiop Beletweyn 2020



Beletweyn workshop

## **Strengthening peace-building workshops in six regions of Somaliland, 2020**

### **Borama peace-building Workshop 2020:**



### **Buco peace-building workshop 2020:**







## Hargeisa workshop 2020



**Hargeisa workshop was opened by Former Minister of Education and high official of the ruling party Kulmiye Abdillahi Habane from left of the picture. One of the local facilitators lecturing.**



**Prof. Ulf Dahre from Lund University giving lecture to workshop participants on strengthening peace building in Somaliland**



Group discussion

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## **Berbera peace-building Workshop 2020:**



Participants Berbera workshop having group discussion on peace-building with two facilitators and Prof. Ulf Lund University.

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**We miss 2020 Egrigao and Oog workshops pictures that will be updated later.**

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## **SIRC FOOD SECURITY PROEJCTS 2003-2007, 2015**

Fishing project for marginalized groups in Shabelle region 2015 funded by Forum Syd/Sida







Distribution of Fishing kits equipment and training among participants of the project 2015 in Shabelle region, Somalia



BRDO food security engineers in Mogadishu with SIRC members 2015

**2003 - 2007, SIRC projects rehabilitating irrigation canals (sluice gates, culver box, modern farming technics for small scale farmers, building market shelters) in Shabelle Region of Somalia funded by Forum Syd/Sida**

A SIRC team visited Somalia to conduct monitoring on projects implemented by SIRC local partner Bani'Adam Relief and Development Organization.



**2002 SIRC office Mogadishu, Somalia.** In 2002 SIRC with its local partner BRDO in Mogadishu, Somalia met Gunnar Kraft from Forum Syd, Henrik from Sida. 2002, has been turning point for Somali-Swedish diaspora NGOs to carry out development projects in South-Central Somalia.



**River Shabelle if fully utilized can produce enough food for Somalia**      **Number of sluice gates constructed in 2003-2005 by SIRC-BRDO**



**Sluice gate constructed**

**Number of culvert boxes constructed in 2003-2005 by SIRC-Baniadam**



**Culvert Box constructed**

**Culvert box needed to be constructed**



**Farmers benefiting from sluice gates & culvert boxes constructed**

**Market shelter to sell products from farms 2005**





**Picture of farmers of one of four villages of the 2003-2005 projects**



**Meeting with farmers 2005**



**Meeting with farmers 2005 shabelle Region**



**Culvert box constructed 2005**



**Farmers benefiting from agriculture structures**













Small farmers

Market shelter for farmers to sell their products 2007

### **Appeal For Support**

With support of the international community, peace-building, food security, education, environmental sustainability, good governance & rule of law, human rights, gender equality in the form of **international Horn of Africa peace development projects** have been carried out from 2002-2020 by SIRC. Your donations can yield big results! By supporting SIRC efforts in promoting peace-building and development projects in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, to help people to take control of their lives. As a donor, you will see concrete results from your assistance. Abdillahi Jama, SIRC Projects Coordinator

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