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Events from 2004 to 2023

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, Horn of Africa conferences, 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.

2003 - 2007, SIRC food security 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, Project had been implemented by SIRC local partner Baniadam Relief and Development Organisation (BRDO) in Mogadishu, **Somalia** as shown page 113.

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.

From 2011-2022, 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. .

SIRC had capacity building training project 2016-2022 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 Transitional Government and Lund University in 2002. This MOU still stands and SIRC hopeful that agreement will implemented.

November 2019 Somali Federal Government delegation led by Somali Minister of Education Abdillahi Qodax Barre with Prof. Jimale rector of Somali National University and head of Faculty of Education Dr. Fowsia Warsame had been invited by Lund University to Lund, Sweden to **discuss the implementation of 2002 memorandum of understanding between the two sides**. The Somali delegation had been warmly welcomed by the rector of Lund University and heads of Lund University faculties and had two days long meeting of how Lund University could support Somali National University academically. When Somali delegation went back to Somali everything, the Somali showed no interest and **Lund University closed the case!**

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 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**

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 2023

GALLERY FROM PEACE-BUILDING EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJETS

Peace and development international Horn of Africa conferences in Lund, Sweden

In 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 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 govnmnts 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 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 for the Horn of Africa Conferences



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. Gandi from
Pretoria University, Mesanco University 2004



Dr. Martin Hill
Amnesty International 2004



Dr. Salax Al Bander
Oxford University 2004



Somali delegation led by Parliament Speaker Sharif Hassan



Lars Ronnäs, 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



Workshop 2 of the conference 2005 led Prof. Maxi Shoeman

Workshop 4 of the conference 2005 led Prof. Ole Elgström, Lund University



Workshop 1 of the conference 2005



Workshop 3 of the conference 2005 led Prof. Janis Grobbelaar



Lund University Dr. Christian Webersik, Columbia University, USA presents research paper

Prof. Bertram Ramcharam, Former UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, 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



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 Ibbi, 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 Restaurant 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, Enjineer Ishael Sironey, Cochairing Conference 2007

From right Prof. Janis Grobelaar 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 Furrn 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





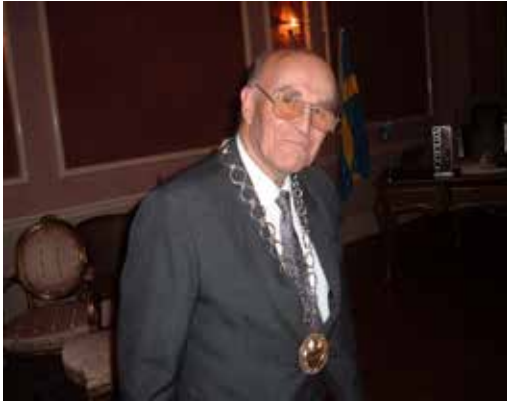
Ambassador Marika UD, Mr. Jeremy EU & other guests



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

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

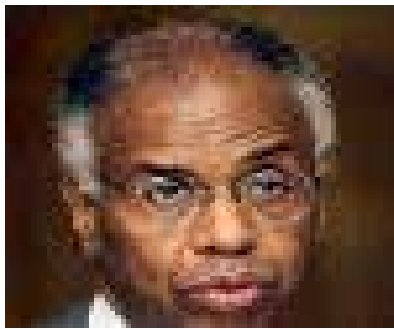


International community representatives led by H.E. Ambassador Jöran. Conference participants from left Ahmed Abdisalam, Abdillahi Jama & businessman Mr Deylaf. CRD/Interpeace civil society Mombasa conference December 2009

**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 Jangali



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**



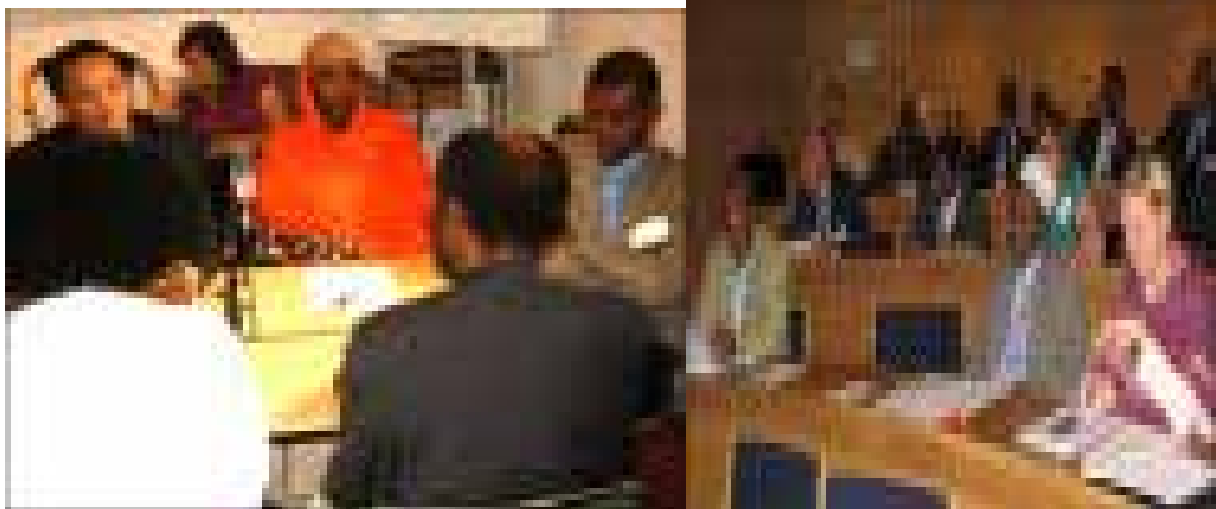
Chairman Horn Conferences

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, Somalis 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 School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Honourable Pekka Haavista, 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 Ambassador 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 polities are, the stronger Al-Shabab is"



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

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

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

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 Nur, IOM



2012 Horn of Africa conference in Lund, Sweden





2012 conference

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 , Jama with Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of
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



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Lund Univeristy

Dr. Jacob Granit
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Swedish Foreign Ministry

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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

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**
8th December - 10th 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.

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

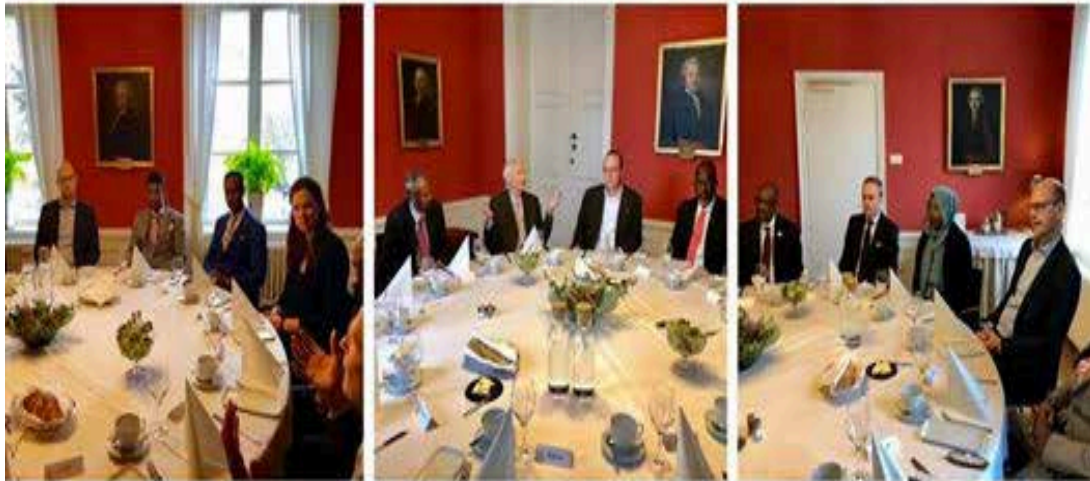
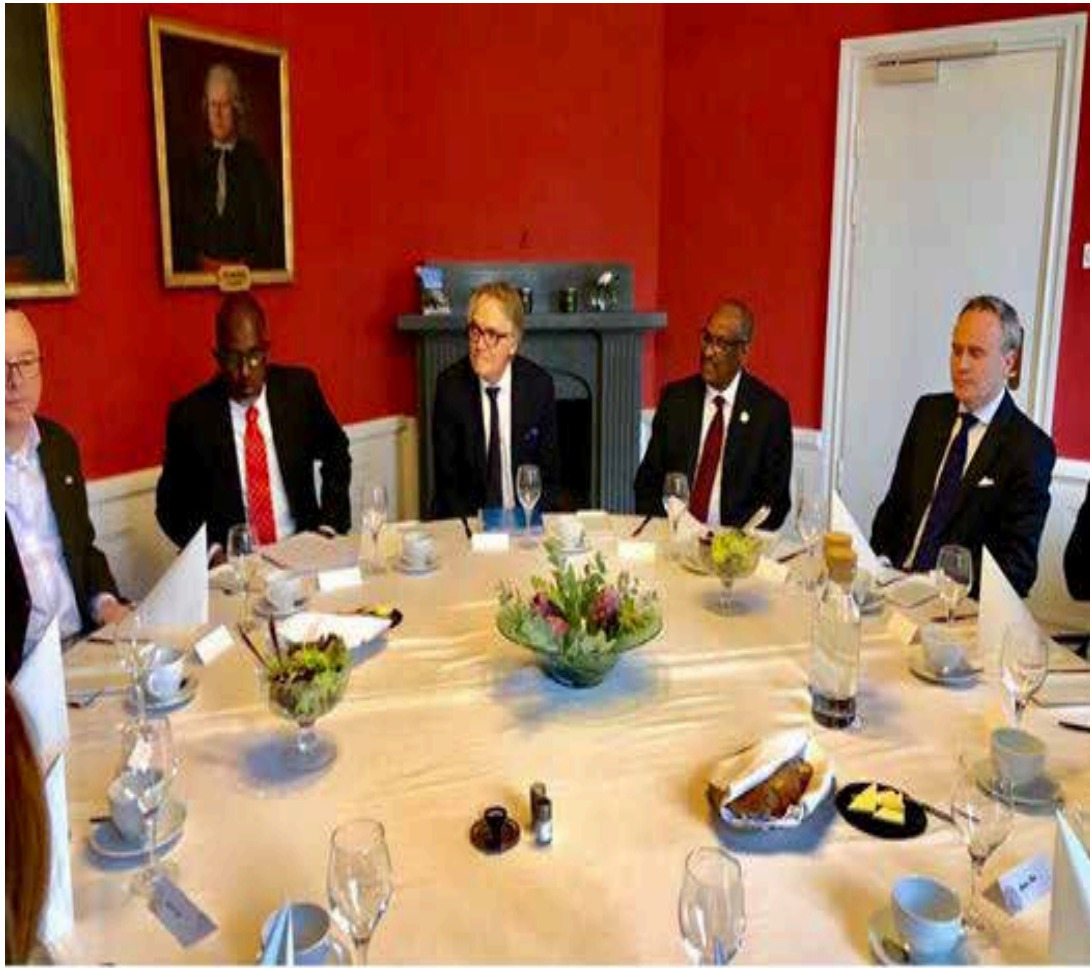




Prof. Ulf moderating discussion on marginalized groups, Dec 2017, Hargeisa, Somaliland

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. Abdillahi 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

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. Abdullahi 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



Updated SIRC gellary 2021

Photoes taken from Capacity building training human rights workshops 2020 in six regions of Somalia

Baidao workshop August 2020







12-13 September 2020 Mogadishu workshop pictures







Kismayo workshop 2020



Two days human rights konsultacy and advocacy gathering Mogadishu 2020



Human Rights Cadaado workshop 2020



Human Rights workshop Garoowe 2020

Garowe workshop participants





Garowe participants 2020



Garowe workshop discussions 2020

Human Rights worksgiop Beletweyn 2020



Beletweyn workshoo discussions 2020

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

Berbera peace-building Workshop 2020:



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

Borama Workshop 2021



Dr. Ulf Johansson, from department of sociology Lund University delivered lecture to the participants, opened by Hassan Soud CDCH.



Borama workshop

Hargeissa workshop 2021



Berbera Workshop 2022



Vice Governor of Berbera





Hargeisa 2022





Borakma 2022



Dr. Ulf has participated and delivered lecture on peace building in relation to human rights. Borama workshop. 2022

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







Bani'Adam/SIRC

Female contact farmer



**SIRC/Bani'Adam
Food security project 2007**

Market shelter in Ay butey



**SIRC/Bani'Adam
Food security project 2007**

Box culverts 02 completed



**SIRC/Bani'Adam
Food security project 2007**

Box culvert completed



Small farmers

Market shelter for farmers to sell their products 2007

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