

Investing in tomorrow, fast forwarding Puntland State of Somalia to 2012

Conference for Social Development

To commemorate Puntland's 12th Anniversary, we would like to invite you to take part in the process of envisioning and shaping the Puntland agenda, to set the questions, and to start the debates. Do not miss the opportunity to be part of tomorrow's Puntland State of Somalia.

Saturday 7th Aug

Time: 18: 00 pm – 22: 00 pm

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Aims:

The aim of the conference is to empower the Puntland Diaspora by raising their awareness of their role as agents for social change.

Objectives:

- 1- Information/ knowledge exchange through reflections on real life experiences and on community development in action.
- 2- To discuss Somali identity destruction and reconstruction through language.
- 3- Share information about creating partners in transforming society – e.g. between Puntland authority, institutions, and citizens and Puntland and the world to create people centred sustainable social / human development.
- 4- Sharing knowledge about marrying economical and social reform - "Governance" and "Public Accountability" – making monitoring, scientific and independent evaluation and impact assessments as integral in our directions for change.
- 5- Raising awareness of our global inter connectedness and the need to join the global movements designed to overcome poverty and global warming.
- 6- To create learning opportunities as well as forums to expand the dialogue to find new solutions for puntland's relations to North, west and the South Somali regions .

The conference will be divided into two main sections, speakers and workshops

Speakers and & topics:

- 1- **Introduction by the chair – Introduction (Puntland yesterday, today and tomorrow)**
TBC

2- Grass root building – Strengthening community initiatives

Abdirisq Shirwa
BSc in Media Studies & Project Management
Project Manager
Private Sector – UK

3- The role of the individual in transforming the society

Speaker - Warsan Cismaan Saalax
BA Media Studies, BSc Psychology, PG Cert, MSc, Doctorate C. Psychology
in progress at London Metropolitan University. Special interest in
transculturalism.
Employed by the NHS

4- Multi agency working and creating partners in development

Abdi Yassin Musse
BSc in Social Work, legal and public services
MSc in Multi agency Building, Brunel University
A social Worker for Tower Hamlets Social Services

5- Sustainable Economical development – Puntland economy from decline to growth

Ali Osman
MBA in Economical Development
Mulsim Aid

6- Somali identity and language

Mohamed Hassan “Alto”
Lecturer in Somali Language
School of Oriental and African Studies

Break 20 mins

Snacks and networking

Workshops x 3 real issues on the ground

Workshop 1 – Economical Development
Facilitator – TBC

Workshop 2 – Security – extremism and piracy - the role of the individual &
community
Facilitator – Sakariya Mohamed

Workshop 3- Re thinking Puntland’s relationship with Somaliland, Somalia, the
frontiers/ Kililka 5aad
Facilitator – Bashir Mursal

Concluding remarks: 1hr

- 1- Feedback from workshops
- 2- Q&A
- 3- Concluding remarks from each panellist

Please be on time for a prompt start!

Total hrs = Speakers 2hrs, workshops 30 mins, break 20 mins, concluding remarks 1
hrs = 3hrs and 50 mins

Organised by the Puntland Diaspora activists in the UK, Supported by SOS Somalia,
an organisation that worked in Puntland from 1992 to 1998; delivering Food Aid,
Seeds, Fishing Gear and Books to all the peaceful regions..

*“When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen,
those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened”*

John M.Richardson

