



# ***Institute for Horn of Africa Studies and Affairs (IHASA)***

## **Call for Presentations and Papers for IHASA 2013 Conference (co-convened with University of Minnesota, Human Rights Center)**

**Conference Title:** *Somalia: Post-transition Plight & Progress*

**Conference Date:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Conference Location:** University of Minnesota, Law Center

### **Conference Theme:**

For the past 5 years, the Institute for Horn of Africa Studies and Affairs (IHASA) has devoted its annual academic conference themes looking at the Socio-economic and political issues through the lenses of regional perspectives. This year, given the intricacies of the Somalia dilemma and its implication for the entire Horn of Africa region, IHASA will devote this year's conference to Somalia, its state-building challenges and opportunities, its relationship with its neighbors and the international community. Specifically, this year's conference will explore in details these issues:

- Challenges to Rebuilding and transitioning the Somali State from a Unitary to a Federal State
- Coping with and/or healing from mass violence, particularly addressing Transitional Justice, and Reconciliation mechanisms in the context of Somalia
- Regional Security and Anti-Corruption Challenges and issues
- Role of Women and youth in the Somali Society.

### **Guidelines for Paper:**

Below are the guidelines in submitting paper/presentation.

- Papers should reflect the conference's theme.

- Abstracts for paper and proposals for presentation, and roundtables need to be submitted for approval by **August 25, 2013**
- Speakers whose papers and/or presentations are approved would be required to send the full text of their papers/presentations including abstracts to IHASA **by September 30, 2013**
- Papers should be single-spaced, 12 point font size, Times New Roman. They should be submitted as a Word document.
- A conference paper proposal or abstracts should consist of:
  - Title of the paper
  - Name(s) of speaker(s), their Institution, city and country
  - Abstract of approximately 200 words, summarizing the presentation

Once the proposals and/or abstracts are approved by the conference committee, the approved papers, presentations and roundtables should adhere to these guidelines.

- The minimum length [short paper] is 4 pages and the maximum length [full paper] is 10 pages (double-spaced).
- If you are preparing a Power Point Presentation with the paper, it should be integrated into ONE single Word document.
- Power Point Presentation, without accompanying speaking texts, will not be accepted as papers.
- Papers may be written and presented in English.
- Please avoid using unexplained acronyms, sets of initials, jargon and phrases which a diverse audience may not understand.
- The full text of the paper with abstract must be submitted at [info@ihasa.org](mailto:info@ihasa.org) no later than September 30, 2013. Earlier submission would be appreciated.
- IHASA has first publication rights to papers presented at the conference.

The quality of our conference as a whole largely depends on the relevance and quality of the papers. Therefore, IHASA would like to encourage presenters to submit high quality papers which are relevant to our conference theme.

**Overview of Institute for Horn of Africa Studies and Affairs (IHASA):**

Founded in 2008, IHASA's mission is to help end or minimize conflicts in the Horn of Africa (HOA) region, publish and disseminate accurate information on the political and socio-economic issues affecting the people in the region as well as the Diaspora communities. In the organization's implementation strategy, we employ a three-pronged implementation strategy to achieve a comprehensive Horn of Africa regional peace, security and economic integration. IHASA strongly believes that the people of the Horn of Africa, given the opportunities necessary, are productive and the region is very dynamic and resourceful. IHASA believes that the necessary opportunities can be attained through peace, justice, and mutual development as a way of life.

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