

CALL FOR PAPERS

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF PEACE IN THE HORN
ADVANCING CONCILIATION AND SOCIAL COHESION AMONG SOMALIS

Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 October 2023
Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 20 October 2023
Full Paper Submission Deadline: 20 November 2023
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AFI2023 Conference Dates: 18-20 December 2023

The Heritage Institute for Policy Studies (HIPS) is pleased to extend an invitation for paper submissions for its Annual Forum for Ideas (AFI2023). The Annual Forum for Ideas is a deliberative platform, inviting scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to contribute to an insightful discourse. This year's theme aims to explore the importance of and the need to fostering a culture of peace and pioneering conciliation initiatives among Somali communities in the Horn of Africa.

Objectives of AFI2023:

- Delve into the historical origins and modern dynamics of conflict within Somali communities.
- Scrutinize and appraise various initiatives and strategies instrumental in promoting peace, fostering conciliation, and resolving conflicts effectively.
- Develop a comprehensive roadmap for peace and conciliation amongst Somalis, incorporating grassroots and policy-level interventions.

Areas of Research Focus:

Within the framework of the conference's overarching theme, AFI2023 is soliciting papers addressing the following domains:

- An analysis of lessons derived from successful and unsuccessful conciliation endeavours among Somalis over the past three decades.
- Strategies to attain lasting conciliation within the Somali community.
- Pathways to finding a durable political conciliation among the elite.
- The role and significance of conciliation within Somali culture and Islam.
- A comparative study of political versus social conciliation.
- Pioneering conciliation initiatives among Somalis.
- The pivotal roles played by youth and women in the conciliation processes.
- The role of Somali media in conciliation
- The role of the private sector in conciliation

Submission Guidelines:

Abstract: Submit an abstract between 300-500 words, encapsulating the main argument, research methodology, and crucial recommendations.

Paper Length: Submissions should range from 3,000 to 5,000 words, references included.

Formatting: Utilize Times New Roman font, size 12, double-spacing, and one-inch margins.

Language: Acceptable submission languages are Somali and English; however, those submitted in Somali must be accompanied by an English abstract.

Originality: Ensure originality in your work with proper citations. Plagiarized submissions will face immediate disqualification. Previously published paper will not be accepted.

Abstracts by researchers with masters and PhD degrees and with at least one previously published works will be considered.

Biography: Include a concise bio (max. 150 words) outlining your academic and professional experience.

Review Process: Each paper will be subjected to a meticulous peer review process, with selections made based on academic merit and alignment with the objectives and themes of AFI2023.

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Submission Process: Send your abstracts and subsequent full papers to forum@heritageinstitute.org with the subject line "AFI2023 Paper Submission: [Your Name]".

Additional Information: Selected contributors will have the opportunity to present their papers at AFI2023 to a distinguished audience comprised of policymakers, academics, and members of the international community. Furthermore, there will be opportunities for publication through HIPS and engagement with a broad network of experts and professionals. Selected participants will be provided with round-trip tickets and three nights of hotel accommodations in Djibouti.

Inquiries: For questions regarding the AFI2023 call for papers, please contact: forum@heritageinstitute.org