



**THE GREATER HORN HORIZON FORUM
(GHHF)**

**Activities of the Forum of the Intellectuals
of the Horn of Africa (GHHF)
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From it's very beginning, November 2007 until 2014.



This forum, inaugurated officially by the president of the Republic of Djibouti Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh has seen the light in Djibouti. The main objective of this forum is “*to build peace in the spirit of Men*” in order to view in a different issues of social transformations, sustainable development and above all *to bring peace in the region*. Many actors such as the UNESCO, the A-U and The Intergovernmental-Authority for the Development IGAD have contributed also to the birth of this forum.

The President Ismail Omar Guelleh has emphasized the importance of this initiative and the positive impact that it will come-up with in order to give solutions to many issues in this particular region of Africa. Since the creation of this forum, seminars, conferences and the like have been organized.

I. From the early settlement of the forum, November 2007.

During its inauguration, there have been many scenarios. The originality of this forum (GHHF) is to focus on future-oriented studies and articulate anticipatory approach and scenario-building methodologies in the analysis of regional issues. It will encourage exchanges that will go beyond the usual analysis of the past and current situations and explore the different possible future scenarios for regional integration and sustainable peace for the next decade.

The GHHF launching conference was attended by some 80 scholars and intellectuals of the Horn of Africa Region, coming from the region and Diaspora, as well as representatives from UNESCO and IGAD. Among them were two eminent scholars; Mr. Ali Mazrui, a renowned pan-africanist scholar from Kenya and Mr. Nuruddin Farah, an awarded writer from Somalia.

II. The Horn of Africa: “View on the published work and the plannifications for further researches”, 2008.

A first workshop entitled “The Greater Horn of Africa: Review of Available Literature and planning Future Research” was held in Djibouti in May 2008, around the presentation and discussion of a review of a literature prepared by Professor Mohammed Salih from the University of Leiden, the Netherland.

III. Dialogue between the Grand Horn of Africa's intellectuals and the Business communities in the region, November 07, 2009.



A policy dialogue between the GHHF and the Business Community took place on November 07, 2009 to explore proposed avenues for future cooperation.

IV. Somalia: Perspectives for getting out of the Crisis and the Construction of a States: The Roles of Regional and International Organizations, November 08, 2009.

A high-level Round Table on Somalia Perspectives for getting out of the crisis and building the State: the roles of the regional and international organizations' took place on November 8, 2009 in Djibouti with the collaboration of the Organizations of the United Nation for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO).



V. Seminar: Identity, Citizenship and Regional integration of the Horn of Africa, November 08-09, 2009.



A conference on “Identity, Citizenship and Regional Integration in the Horn of Africa” took place on November 08-09 In Djibouti. The main paper, prepared by Professor Kidane Mengisteab, from Pennsylvania States University, United States, was presented and discussed, together with a series of additional papers prepared by experts and researchers from the region and the diaspora.

This conference was attended by over 50 scholars and business people of the region.



VII. Youth in the Horn of Africa and the Intellectuals of the Greater Horn Horizon Forum, Mai 02, 2010.

The GHHF had made research setting their priorities on youth policies in the regions, and a dialogue between intellectuals and youth had been established in order to create a youth policy.



VIII. Policy dialogue between the Medias of the Horn of Africa and the Greater Horn Horizon (GHHF), May 02, 2010.

This Meeting highlighted avenues for the future cooperation between the intellectuals and the media of the regions. The aim of this was to invite journalists and Medias associations of the regions in order for them to join the forum.

IX. Dialogue between the Medias, Youth and the NGO's of the Horn of Africa, May 03, 2010.



This seminary was about establishing a policy paper on strengthening IGAD-AU peace and security agenda in the Horn of Africa.

The two meetings were attending by around 45 scholars, journalists, the media associations and the youth of the region.

X. Workshop on the Youth of Horn of Africa, December 2010.

The aim of this workshop was to create discussions and reflexion on research priorities on Youth Policy in the Horn African Countries.

This workshop was attended by over 70 scholars, participants and the Youth of the region.



XI. Joint Seminar on the Economic Dimension of the conflicts and the regionals Cooperation : Can the economic Track Help to transform the endemic conflict in the Horn of Africa, June 2011.



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IGAD representatives.

This seminar which have been organized by the Forum of the Intellectuals of the Horn Africa (GHHF) with the collaboration of the Chatham House british Intitute of internationales Affairs have gathered some 45 intellectuals, researchers and Afrique” of Chatham House and

XII. Partnership Reunion Between GHHF, IGAD et KAS (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung), May 2013.



The Executive Committee Members of the Forum of the Scholars of the Horn of Africa (GHHF) have signed a Partnership Agreement with IGAD et KAS. During this meeting, the Forum, have renewed the agreement with the Djibutian government. The meeting was attended by 18 people including the E.C. Members of the GHHF, the Representative of the Government of Djibouti, the Executive Secretary of IGAD, two representatives of KAS.



XIII. Conference on Institution Building and Migration in the Horn of Africa, January 2014.



As long as conflicts, famine, poverty, etc, persist in the continent and specially in the Horn of Africa, people will continue to flee, that is why the topic of the last conference was entitled **“Migration and Population in the the Horn of Africa”**. This conference was organized by GHHF with the partners IGAD and KAS. Series of papers prepared by experts and researchers from the region and the diaspora were presented and discussed in the two day conference. In attendance were 50 scholars and participants of the region and also by the representatives of KAS.



XIV. The Executive Committee Members (EC Members) of the GHHF meeting with IGAD and UNESCO representatives in Nairobi, May 2015.



In addition to their regular bi-annual Executive Committee meeting, the EC members of the GHHF had a meeting with the GHHF's partners, IGAD, KAS (Konrad Adnauer Stiftung) and UNESCO for fund raising.

In that meeting, the Amb. Mahboub Maalim, the Executive Secretary of IGAD promised that IGAD will support at least one of the GHHF's project in the short term.

Dr. Lamin from the UNESCO Regional office in Nairobi has also promised to do his best to reconnect the GHHF with UNESCO and support a workshop on Youth in the short term.

Dr. Arne Wulff promise to support a workshop with the GHHF's project on 'Alternative Approaches to Democratization in the Greater Horn'.

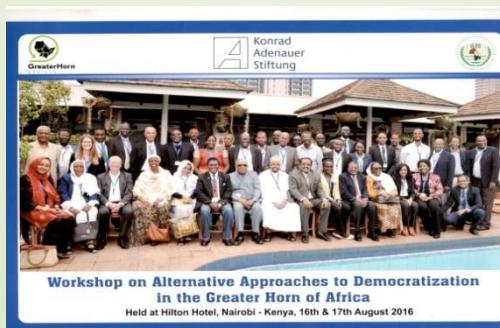
XV. The workshop on Youth and Migration in the Horn of Africa, Khartoum, Sudan, November 2015.



A workshop on Youth and Migration in the Horn of Africa was organized by the GHHF in collaboration with UNESCO and with the University of Khartoum on November 7th and 8 2015. There were Four presentations based on field studies on issues surrounding youth migration with the aim to deepen understanding of the factors for the migration and the implications of migration on the migrants as well as on the countries they leave behind. The studies also attempt to propose possible solutions for many of the challenges surrounding youth migration in the region.

The workshop was attended by over 40 participants, including the E.C. Members of the GHHF, presenters, professors and students of the University of Khartoum and civil Society.

XVI . The workshop on Alternative Approaches to Democratization in the Greater Horn of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, August 2016.



A sizable literature has analyzed the problems of democratization in the African continent. Yet, a coherent theory on how the structural obstacles of democratization in transitional societies, with fragmented economic and institutional systems that can be addressed remains elusive. This workshop was aimed at examining the key structural obstacles to democratization in the Greater Horn of Africa. It was also aimed at exploring democratization approaches that would address the most important structural obstacles to a sustainable process of democratization in transitional societies; and thereby to contribute in bridging the theoretical gap on democratization in transitional societies.

The workshop was organised by the GHHF with the collaboration of its partners, IGAD and KAS in Nairobi on August 16th and 17th 2016.

In attendance were 47 participants; including the E.C of the GHHF, other scholars of the region, and the representatives of KAS,

XVII . A Search for a Region-Wide Security Arrangement in the Horn of Africa, Djibouti April 2018



The GHHF in collaboration with the E.U and the UNDP has organized a conference on the Drivers of the Region's Conflicts; Women's Participation in Peace and Security Activities; Environmental Crisis and Communal Conflicts; and Framing a Region-wide security Arrangement.

The conference was attended by over 55 participants and presenters; the E.C Members of the GHHF and the representatives of the EU and the UNDP.

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