



Programme for Virtual Conference on

Current Developments, Peace and Stability in the Horn of Africa

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) and Somali International Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC)
Uppsala and Lund, Sweden

8-9 September 2021

Please observe; all times are provided in CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Programme overview:

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Day One, Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021

9:00-09:50 – Opening Session

Chair: Prof. Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher at NAI and Associate Professor

10:30-12:20 – Session One, Clan and ethnic federalism

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12:20-13:30 – Lunch Break

13:30-15:45 – Session Two, Nile and GERD

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Day Two, Thursday, Sept 9, 2021

9:00-11:15 – Session Three, Border Dispute

Chair: Prof. Ulf Johansson Dahre, Senior Lecturer at Social Anthropology, Lund University and PhD, Docent, University College Stockholm

11:15-12:15 – Lunch

12:15-14:30 – Session Four, Border Dispute (cont.)

Chair: Prof. Ulf Johansson Dahre, Senior Lecturer at Social Anthropology, Lund University and PhD, Docent, University College Stockholm

15:00-16:50 – Session Five, Election Related Conflicts

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16:50-17:00 – Closing Remarks

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- 9:00-9:05 Opening of Conference with brief technical review, *Ms. Camilla Leetmaa, Event and Communications Administrator at NAI.*
- 9:05-9:15 Brief Presentation of the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), *Dr. Therése Sjömander Magnusson, Director of NAI.*
- 9:15-9:30 Brief Presentation of the Somali International Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC), *Mr. Abdillahi Jama, Co-coordinator Horn of Africa Conference.*
- 9:30-09:50 Brief Background Presentation, *Prof. Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher at NAI and Associate Professor.*

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- 10:30-10:50 Post-2018 Political changes and the Future of Ethiopian Federalism: Implications for stability, peace and development, *Prof. Asnake Kefale, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University.*
- 10:50-11:10 The Impacts of Clan Federalism on Women's Political Participation and Representation in Political Processes, *Dr. Shukria Dini, Somali Women Centre, Mary's University, Halifax – Nova Scotia; PhD Women's Studies, York University Toronto.*
- 11:10-11:20 Break
- 11:20-12:20 Discussion, chaired by *Prof. Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher at NAI and Associate Professor.*

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- 13:30-13:50 The role of the Egyptian and Ethiopian positions in preventing to come to an agreement in the Renaissance Dam conflict, *Prof. Salaheldin Abedellrahman Eldoma, Director of the Institute of Strategic Studies and International Relations (Omdurman Islamic University) – Sudan.*
- 13:50-14:10 A Test of Tripartite Diplomacy on Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, *Prof. Yacob Arsano, Associate Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.*
- 14:10-14:30 Eritrea-Ethiopia border Conflict: Heterodox versus Orthodox State-building in the Horn of Africa, *Dr. Temesgen Tesfamariam, Senior Researcher Research and Documentation Center, Asmara, Eritrea, Lecturer, Department of History, College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS) Adi-Keih, Eritrea.*
- 14:30-14:45 Break
- 14:45-15:45 Discussion, chaired by *Prof. Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher at NAI and Associate Professor.*

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- 9:00-9:20 Border Disputes in the Horn of Africa: Sudan and Ethiopia Case, *Prof. Faiz Omar Mohammad Jamie, Associate Professor of Political Science. Former Director, Centre for Peace and Development Studies, University of Bahri. Chairholder of UNESCO Chair of Peace in Sudan.*
- 9:20-9:40 Eritrea-Djibouti Border Dispute of 2008 and Its Impact on their Bilateral Relations: A View from Eritrea, *Dr. Biyan Ghebreyesus, Department of History, Cultural Heritage and International Studies, University of Cagliari.*
- 9:40-10:00 Resolving the Ethiopia-Sudan Boundary Dispute: Options, Realities and Implications, *Dr. Belete Belachew, Foreign Policy Expert, Horn Affairs Analyst, Diplomatic Historian, Researcher, Consultant, Author.*

10:00-10:15 Break

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12:15-12:35 Kenya-Somali Maritime Border dispute- Genesis, Prospects and Challenges, *Dr. Linnet Hamasi, Department of International Relations Conflict Strategic Studies, Kenyatta University, Kenya.*

12:35-12:55 Unneighbourly Relations: The Border Dispute between Somalia and Kenya, *Prof. Abdinur Sheikh Mohamed, Independent Consultant and Researcher.*

12:55-13:15 The Conflict Between Eritrea and Djibouti in the Doumeira Border Area: A border Crisis with Extra territorial Roots? *Dr. Mohamed Omar Youssouf, Associate researcher at IEPES (CERD-Djibouti).*

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15:00-15:20 The 2021 Ethiopian Elections: Implications for the Post-2018 Transition, *Prof. Kassahun Berhanu, Professor of Political Science & International relations, Addis Ababa University.*

15:20-15:40 Somalia election dispute, *Ass. Prof. Hodan S. Isse, Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance Emeritus.*

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