



ARDA Annual Conference – “You can buy a House but not a Home”

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Program Outline: July 3 – 5, 2009

	Convention Chairs	Ibrahim A. Absiye, Mohamud A. Iman & Mohamed A. Omer	Secretariat	Hassan Abtidon Ubah Ismail Nur Suleman Abdi Duksiye																		
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	Time	Topic																				
Friday July 3, 2009 Venue: 1000 Brookfield Road: http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&q=1000%20brookfield%20Ottawa%20ontario&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl																						
1	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Registration																				
2	4:00 – 7:00 pm	Board and Chapter Representatives meeting/capacity building																				
3	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Official Business Meeting																				
4	9:00 pm	Closing																				
Saturday July 4, 2009 Venue: 1264 Walkley Road: http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&q=1264%20walkley%20Ottawa%20Ontario&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl																						
5	8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast: Opening & Welcome by Mohamed Dahir Aden & Sheikh Mustafe Ahmed Nur																				
6	9:00 – 9:45 am	<p>Opening Plenary: “You can buy a House but not a Home!”</p> <p>The opening plenary will address why and how it is important that the community in the diaspora should not lose connection with “home”. Models for historical unity, leadership, community development and projects/support networks will be presented. The session will strongly advocate and recommend a process of building and maintaining strong/supportive diaspora network.</p> <p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Hashi Abib</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Abdirahman Aw Elmi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Omar Abdi</td> <td>Mohamed H. Bahal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adan Amin</td> <td>Omar Abdillahi Hande</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ali Warsame</td> <td>Abdisalam A. Nur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mohamed H. Farid</td> <td>Ugas A/Rashid U. Dodi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mohamud Duksiye</td> <td>Abdulqadir Sh. Ibrahim</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mohamed A. Farah</td> <td>Dr. Mohamed N. Ali</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abdikarim E. Guled</td> <td>Musa Elmi (Joome)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ibrahim M. Aye</td> <td>Mohamed H. Hadi</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moderators: Ibrahim Absiye & Mohamed Abdillahi (Shiine)</p>			Hashi Abib	Abdirahman Aw Elmi	Omar Abdi	Mohamed H. Bahal	Adan Amin	Omar Abdillahi Hande	Ali Warsame	Abdisalam A. Nur	Mohamed H. Farid	Ugas A/Rashid U. Dodi	Mohamud Duksiye	Abdulqadir Sh. Ibrahim	Mohamed A. Farah	Dr. Mohamed N. Ali	Abdikarim E. Guled	Musa Elmi (Joome)	Ibrahim M. Aye	Mohamed H. Hadi
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7	9:45 – 10:00 am	<p>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Mohamed Alabari, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA Mr. Mohamed Alabari, former President of ARDAA, will re-emphasize the conference theme of “buy a House but not a Home”. Mohamed will recommend viable solutions and suggestions to the diaspora efforts to organize themselves.</p> <p>Moderator: Mohamed Abdillahi (Shiine)</p>
8	10:00 – 10:45 am	<p>ARDAA Journey: A group from the community got together in Washington DC and articulated the need for a development-focused organization owned and operated by the Awdal diaspora in the North America. A year later, Association of Awdal Community of North America (AACNA) was officially established at a convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. What have we achieved since then, and what is next?</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ibrahim Ahmed Absiye 2. Khadra Muhumed Barkhadle 3. Idiris Abdillahi Farah <p>Moderator: Ali Abdi Hore</p>
9	10:45 – 11:15 am	<p>Health Care: The medical industry is still very primitive and unreliable. Young doctors who have graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at Amoud University do not have the tools to deal with epidemics as well as pandemics. Areas outside the city of Borama have chronic shortages of any sort of health care facilities. This session will present recommendations for supporting the basic needs and infrastructure of the health care systems across the regions</p> <p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Nimo Sh. Abubakar 2. Dr. Abdishakur Dr. Jowhar <p>Moderator: Nuh A. Arre</p>
10	11:15 – 12:00 noon	<p>Non-Profit Organizations (NGOs): A number of NGOs are involved in very important projects and making differences in the lives of many people back home, including children, youth, women and disabled. Support for these agencies is critical and deserve sustainability and recognition. This workshop will report the efforts of these organizations and the challenges and opportunities they face regularly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amoud Foundation: Abdi Dahir Aye 2. IQRA: Saeed Hassan 3. Awdal Charity: Safiya Abdillahi Ismail 4. Gurmad: Muhyadiin Warsame <p>Moderator: Abubakar Hamud Jibril</p>
11	12:00 – 12:45 pm	<p>Infrastructure (Roads/Ports): Awdal & Salal regions were cut-off from the rest of the Somali Republic since independence and now from Somaliland. There are no roads, airports and seaports. Capital and human mobility, which are the basis and pre-requisite for economic development do not exist. Local business and entrepreneurship are discouraged by the crippling network of impassable roads. This session will build upon the discussion at Minneapolis in 2007 on the need for a road network system in the region. It is expected that focus will be on the roles and responsibilities of the public and private sectors as well as the diaspora community.</p>

		<p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hamud A. Mansheeye 2. Mohamed Dahir Aden 3. Dr.Abdikarim Hassan Mattan 4. Fawzi I. Rijal <p>Moderator: Hussein Jama Abdillahi</p>
12	12:45 – 1:30 pm	<p>Education, Employment, Libraries/Archives: It is often mentioned that the education system in the Adal regions is relatively advanced. Schooling systems from kindergarten to university are in place. Libraries & archives systems are beginning to show signs of improvement. However, the fruits of these hard-earned academic skills are never reaped due to lack of employment opportunities. So what is the use of education, one might ask? Should the focus change to vocational training and development of certain skills that have marketable job opportunities? The panel will recommend solutions to these challenges and other barriers relating to poverty reduction/elimination.</p> <p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saad I. Samatar 2. Ibrahim M. Aye 3. Ahmed M. Gedi <p>Moderator: Idiris Farah, Gaas</p>
13	1:30 – 2:30 pm	Prayer and lunch
14	2:30 – 3:30 pm	<p>Leadership & Economic Development: Socioeconomic developments in the Third World are featured by strong will in leadership and business ventures. Both elements are pre-requisites for sustainable development in our society. This distinguished panel will focus on these topics with emphasis on applicable models of bottom-up development. They will also discuss the importance of law and empowerment to economic development.</p> <p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Ahmed Ismail Samatar 2. Prof. Hussein Ahmed Warsame <p>Moderator: Dr. Fawzia A. Abrar</p>
15	3:30 – 4:15 pm	<p>Special program – reality check: Members of the Advisory Council and other elders/leaders of the community will challenge the conference participants on a reality check topic!</p> <p>Leaders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sheikh M. H. Hadi 2. Sheikh M.H. Farid <p>Moderator: Sheikh Mustafe A. Nur</p>
16	4:15 – 5:00pm	<p>Adal Women & Community Development; The roles of leadership and community development were traditionally dominated by the male elders of the community. Recently trends clearly indicate the tremendous shift of this responsibility to the female leaders and activists. This workshop will focus on the enhancement of this role reversal and the participation of women, particularly young girls growing up in North America, in the community engagement and development process.</p>

		<p>Resources/Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ebado Gelle 2. Shamis Hudhun 3. Roda Mizan <p>Moderator: Khadra Barkhadle</p>
17	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Questions/Answers/general comments
18	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Prayer and break/stretch
19	7:00 – 8:30 pm	<p>The Acme of literary Achievement: Memorializing Hassan Sheikh Mumin. Literary production is a critical endowment of most societies. For the Somali people, such an endeavor has been at the heart of its artistic imagination. More precisely, no other aspect of Somali culture is at once as challenging and captures most acutely the creativity, internal mores, standards, and aspirations of Somalis as the works of their most celebrated composers. The name and the brilliant compositions of the late Hassan Sheikh Mumin stand out in a gallery brimming with super stars. This panel discussion will offer brief meditations (followed by comments and questions) on the role of the poetic arts in society, and Mumin's legacy to the annals of the Somali literary tradition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maryan Omer Ali 2. Prof. Ahmed Ismail Samatar 3. Quman Sheikh Mumin <p>Moderator: Mohamed Farah, Saqiuro</p>
20	8:30 – 9:30	Prayer & Dinner
21	9:30 – 12:00 midnight	<p>Awdal Night in Ottawa – featuring cultural celebration and showcase of our youth talents.</p> <p>Event Leader: Rashid Abdi Bakal</p>

Sunday, July 5, 2009
Venue: Carlton University, Department of History,
A Public Lecture Theatre,
102 Azreili Theatre,
Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA

22 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

A Lecture on Muslims and the West: What Future? By Prof. Ahmed I. Samatar

While Muslims and the West have had centuries of intimate encounters, the present age could be best identified as one dominated by severe misunderstandings and flammable suspicions. Out of this context arise two questions -- one is being asked by many in the West (Why are they so angry, if not hate us?); the other is being posed by numerous Muslims (What has happened to us?). This lecture suggests that to respond effectively to the first requires an exploration of the second question. At the center of the presentation is this thesis: Despite impressive earlier civilizational glories, contemporary Muslim peoples are confronted by the powerful confluence of three humiliations. To fully comprehend this phenomenon is to open up the possibility of new constructive conversations between the peoples of the West and Muslim Umma.

Introduction by Prof. Mohamed Nuh Ali