



## **Provisional Programme**

### **Somalia: Building stability, accepting reality**

Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 February 2010 | WP1078

The international community needs to work with Somalis to build stability in their country and deny space to those who cause harm. The security threats posed to Somalis, the region, and the international community are serious and growing. Security symptoms will not be solved without addressing the cause, in particular chronic and endemic instability. The aim of the conference, hosted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is to agree on the international activity needed to deliver long-term political change in Somalia. Discussion will focus on the key policy issues and strategic choices, agreeing what is needed to help Somalia move forward, and how. We will learn lessons from elsewhere on counter-insurgency and state-building operations. The resulting action plan will help build a coherent international approach and maximise the impact of our collective effort.

#### Objectives:

- To secure agreement on the long-term policy solutions and the framework required to effect real change in Somalia;
- To identify helpful and unhelpful forms of international intervention and therefore to agree how the international community can best provide assistance;
- To develop an action plan to implement the above, including strategic choices and means/methods of implementation.
- To help Somalia move from a 'country in crisis' towards normalisation of the Somali 'space'.

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**In association with**  
**The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London**

(Speakers invited and themes proposed \* denotes to be confirmed)

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### **Monday 7 February**

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**1300-1430**

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

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1500-1530

## Welcome and introduction to Wilton Park

### **Camilla Fenning**

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

### \* **Henry Bellingham**

Minister for Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

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1530-1630

## 1. Somalia: A scene setter

- Why have we failed consistently over two decades?
- What approaches have worked or been promising in that time?
- What is the 'perfect storm' of factors that have made Somalia the most fragile state?

### \* **Sally Healy**

Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House, London

### \* **Mark Bowden**

United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA-Somalia), Nairobi

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1630-1715

Conference photograph and tea

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1715-1815

## 2. The current state of play

- Security: where do militias help and where do they hinder? What role for AMISOM and TFG forces?
- Economic: What challenges does the international community face when providing assistance? Which economic levers can be used to contribute towards peace and stability in Somalia? What role for the private sector and diaspora?
- International: Is there a consistent and coherent approach? Are Somalia's neighbours' views properly incorporated?
- Political: what motivates political actors? What incentives are there to work in Somalia's national/longer term interests?

### \* **Augustine Mahiga**

United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General for Somalia, New York

\* Minister of Foreign Affairs, Transitional Federal Government of Somalia

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1815-1930

## 3. Concluding the transition

- What do we envisage Somalia to look like in 2015 – what is our vision and that of Somalis?
- What should happen after August 2011? What would the international community be unable to support?
- How could the Transitional Federal Institutions be held to account for the delivery of the transitional tasks by the international community and the Somali people?
- How can the progress made in developing the Transitional Federal Institutions be protected beyond the transition?

### \* **Ken Menkhaus**

Associate Professor, Political Science, Davidson College, North Carolina

### \* **Andre LeSage**

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defence University, Washington

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Drinks reception followed by dinner

After dinner speaker: lessons on stabilisation from other conflict areas

\* **Speaker to be announced**

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## Tuesday 8 February

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0800-0900

Breakfast

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0915-1045

### **Somalia in the long-term**

#### **4. Effective Counter-Insurgency: what works?**

- What are the security, political and economic levers needed?
- What role for strategic communications?
- What works and what does not?

\* **Jeremy Brickhill**

Independent Consultant and Advisor

\* **Susana Malcorra**

Head of the UN Department of Field Support, New York

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1045-1115

Coffee

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1115-1245

#### **5. Working groups with presentations in plenary**

##### **Peace building top down. How to support a national reconciliation process?**

- How to ensure broad political participation in Somalia's future?
- What incentives and security can be offered to bring neutrals, clan leaders and warlords into the peace process?
- How to weaken the influence of insurgent groups, including Al Shabaab? How to encourage and sustain defections? What does DDR mean in a Somali context?
- Should insurgent groups be engaged with? If so who and by whom?

\* **Kirsti Samuels**

Writer and policy analyst on state-building and peace-building

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1245-1500

Lunch

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1500-1630

#### **6. Working groups with presentations in plenary**

##### **Building peace from the bottom up: Areas of stability: Lessons to learn and opportunities to support Somalia to move forward**

- What lessons can we learn from areas of relative stability, in particular about peace building in Somaliland, Puntland and Galmudug?
- How can the international community support areas of stability to allow them to develop and grow?
- What are the risks and constraints to working bottom-up and how do we overcome them?
- What role can the Somali diaspora play in supporting peace from the bottom up?
- How can the international community use them as influencers?

\* **Pat Johnson**

Senior Program Officer, Interpeace Somalia

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1630-1700	Tea/coffee
1700-1800	<b>Report back from working groups</b>
1900	Drinks Reception followed by Conference Dinner
<b>Wednesday 9 February</b>	
0800-0900	Breakfast
0915-1045	<p><b>8. Working groups with presentations in plenary</b></p> <p><b>Governance and the Constitution: the roles and responsibilities of the different levels of government in a territorially integral Somalia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does government look like at national, regional, and district/local level? Who delivers which services?</li> <li>• What happens to the funds and resources made available to Somalia?</li> <li>• How to ensure that the process of agreeing a Somali Constitution brings Somalis behind the peace process and brings in those not currently part of the TFIs?</li> </ul> <p>* <b>Kofi Annan</b> (to speak on Kenya's national dialogue and reconciliation process) President, Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva</p>
1045-1115	Coffee/tea
1115-1145	<b>Report back from working groups</b>
1145-1230	<p><b>9. Agreeing an action plan</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jonathan Allen</b> Head of Department, East Africa and Great Lakes, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London</p>
1230-1300	<p><b>10. Concluding remarks and next steps</b></p> <p>* <b>Augustine Mahiga</b> UN Special Representative for Somalia, New York</p>
1300	Lunch
1430	Participants depart

**This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.**

**This conference is by invitation only.**

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