



**Promoting Dialogue and Peace in Somalia:  
Building Capacity and Strengthening  
the Somali Civil Society**

**An International Conference  
of the Somali Civil Society Organizations,  
Italian and European NGOs**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

**INTERNAL SESSION – PART 1**

**(SOMALI CIVIL SOCIETY AND DIASPORA SCHOLARS WITH SOME SELECTED INTERNATIONAL NGOs ONLY)**

**THE SOMALI CIVIL SOCIETY AND ITS POSSIBLE ROLE TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE AND PEACE**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**INTERNAL SESSION – PART 2**

**(WITH SOME SELECTED INTERNATIONAL NGOs AND SCHOLARS)**

**Promoting Dialogue and Peace in Somalia**

**The State of Civil Society in Somalia and the Current Humanitarian and Civil Crisis:  
challenges and perspectives**

## **THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**PUBLIC SESSION - CONFERENCE ROOM, UNICEF - VIA PALESTRO 68**

### **DEBATE AMONG SOMALI AND ITALIAN-EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETIES**

08:45 **Registration**

11:30 Coffee Break

13:30 Lunch Break

9:00 **Discuss Somali civil society's evolution and experiences, shared vision and common strategies with Italian and European NGOs and interested actors**

- Somali civil society's evolution and experiences
- Somali civil society's shared vision
- Somali civil society's common strategies

Hawa Aden Mohamed  
Mohamed Ahmed Jama  
Giorgio Zucchello  
Hélène Barroy  
Moderator: Osmad Mohamed Gaal

12:00 – 17:00 **Developing partnerships and co-operation among Somali Civil Society, Italian-European NGOs and private sector**

- Discuss the current cooperation and identify its weaknesses and strengths
- Strategize ways of strengthening cooperation with the European and international NGOs' to foster dialogue and Peace-building and to respond to the present humanitarian, social and political crisis
- Identify the priorities to present to EU, Italian and European Institutions and International Community in order to realize common immediate actions.

Maryam Yusuf Sheikh  
Abdi Ali Raghe  
Mohamed Aden Sheikh  
Paolo Dieci  
Willem Johann De Regt  
Abdi Isamil Samatar  
Moderator: Nino Sergi

Mainardo Benardelli, Head of Humanitarian Aid Unit, MFA - Italian Cooperation  
Sergio Marelli, President of Italian NGOs Association

## FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

**PUBLIC SESSION - CNEL, SALA PARLAMENTINO - VIALE DAVID LUBIN 2, ROMA (ZONA VILLA BORGHESE)**

08:45            **Registration (I. D. cards required)**  
11:00            Coffee Break  
13:30            Lunch Break

### **THE PROSPECT FOR RECONCILIATION IN SOMALIA AND THE ROAD TO DURABLE PEACE**

9:00            Introduction and Welcome. Nino Sergi, Chair  
Greetings by Antonio Marzano, CNEL President, National Economic and Labor Council

#### **I.     The role of the Civil Society**

Osman Jama  
Hodan Cisse  
Mohamed Aden Sheikh  
Buri Hamza  
Hawa Adan Mohamed  
Mohamed Ali Ahmed 'Kalay'  
Discussant: Mario Raffaelli, Italy's Special Envoy to Somalia – The role of Somali Civil Society seen from an external prospective  
Moderator: Shukria Dini

#### **II.    The role of the international Community in strengthening Somali Civil Society in promoting dialogue and peace**

Patrizia Sentinelli, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy  
Stefano Manservigi, Director General, DG Development, EC  
Miriam Ghalmi, UNPOS, designated by the UN SRSG for Somalia Ahmedou Ould Abdallah  
Jean-Christophe Belliard, EU Council, Personal Envoy of Javier Solana for Somalia  
Italian and European NGOs  
Moderator: Armando Sanguini, Sub-Saharan Africa DG and Prime Minister's Special Counsellor

#### **III.   The "Rome Statement of the Somali Civil Society"**

Khadija O. Ali

17:00            **Closing Session:**     Nino Sergi, Abdullahi Shirwa, Abdinur Sh. Mohamed