

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme

State Building in Somalia: Civic Engagement and Public Services



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The East Africa Association for Research and Development (DAD) invites researchers, policymakers, academics, civil society representatives, and practitioners to submit papers for the Third East Africa Development Forum, taking place in Mogadishu, Somalia, on July 23–24, 2025. Themed "State Building in Somalia: Civic Participation and Public Services," the forum will highlight the critical role of civic participation, transparency, accountability, and equitable public service delivery in Somalia's state-building process.

We welcome contributions addressing the challenges and opportunities in encouraging citizen engagement, promoting good governance, enhancing public services, and strengthening government-society relations in Somalia. Papers should aim to provide actionable policy recommendations and innovative approaches to support sustainable state-building efforts.

Objectives

The forum aims to:

- 01 **Facilitate Dialogue:** Provide a platform for government officials, civil society organizations, youth groups, and international partners to share experiences, best practices, and strategies for state-building, civic participation, and public service delivery.
- 02 **Enhance Civic Participation:** Develop mechanisms to ensure citizens' involvement in decision-making at federal and state levels, fostering trust between the government and the people.
- 03 **Promote Transparency and Accountability:** Explore strategies to enhance government transparency and accountability, ensuring that policies and development projects build trust in state institutions.
- 04 **Improve Public Service Delivery:** Analyze and address challenges in service delivery while proposing solutions to enhance effectiveness and equitable resource distribution.



Areas of Research

Papers may focus on the following thematic areas but are not limited to them.

- **Historical Context of State Building in Somalia:** The evolution of state-society relations and the role of community participation in state-building processes.
- **Civic Participation in State Building:** Evaluating civic engagement efforts at federal and regional levels and their impact on state-building.
- **Level of Public Service Delivery:** Analyzing the current state of public services, identifying challenges, and exploring opportunities for improvement.
- **Role of Federalism:** Examining how federalism can enhance civic participation and improve public service delivery in Somalia.
- **Civic Education and Awareness:** Understanding the role of media, civic education, and awareness campaigns in promoting good governance, transparency, and accountability.
- **Social Contract:** Strengthening state-society relations through improved public services and fostering trust and cooperation.
- **Empowering Youth and Women:** Exploring the roles of youth and women in advancing peace, social cohesion, and active civic participation.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts

- Length: 250–450 words.
- Content: Summarize the main argument, research methodology, and key recommendations.

Full Papers

- Length: Minimum 5,000 – 10,000 words (including references).
- Formatting: Times New Roman, font size 12, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Languages: Papers may be submitted in Somali, English, or Arabic.
- Originality: Submissions must be original. Papers with a plagiarism rate exceeding 15% will not be accepted. Proper citations must follow an appropriate style guide (e.g., APA).

Biography

- Include a brief biography (maximum 150 words) summarizing your academic and professional background.



Milestone →	Date
Abstract Submission Deadline	Feb 28, 2025
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Full Paper Submission Deadline	May 20, 2025
Notification of Paper Acceptance	June 23, 2025

Submission Process

Please send your abstracts and full papers to info@eastafricas.org.

Why Participate?

Contribute to the discourse on Somalia's state-building process.

Share innovative ideas and actionable recommendations for civic participation and public service delivery.

Engage with policymakers, researchers, and civil society leaders.

Advance collaborative solutions to Somalia's governance and development challenges.

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