



# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL EAST AFRICA DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2025

## THEME

# State Building in Somalia: Civic Engagement & Public Services



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## Introduction

The East Africa Development Forum is an annual multi-stakeholder platform hosted by the East Africa Association for Research and Development (DAD). This forum serves as a critical space for debating, discussing, and initiating actionable strategies and policies aimed at advancing the development of East African nations. Its primary goal is to address current and future challenges, explore emerging opportunities, and propose innovative ways to effectively harness the region's vast resources for sustainable development.

In July 2025, the 3rd East Africa Development Forum will take place in Mogadishu, focusing on the theme of state-building in Somalia through civic engagement and public service delivery. This year's forum builds on previous discussions, emphasizing the integration of citizen participation as the government implements new taxes, such as sales tax, raising public expectations for governance and essential services like healthcare, education, and sanitation.

The forum aims to address the changing dynamics between the state and society, advocating for increased public participation and improved service delivery to strengthen trust and foster civic engagement. It will gather key stakeholders, including government officials, civil society representatives, academics, and youth, to explore innovative solutions and best practices for an inclusive and responsive state-building process. By fostering these discussions, the forum seeks to contribute significantly to the development and governance landscape in East Africa.





## Areas of Research:



Historical Context of State-Building in Somalia



Civic Education and Awareness



Civic Participation in State-Building



The Social Contract in Improving Public Services



Level of Public Service Delivery



Empowering Youth and Women in Advancing Peace, Social Cohesion, and Active Civic Participation



Role of Federalism in Civic Participation and Public Service Delivery in Somalia

## Anticipated Outcomes →

- Strengthened State
- Improved Governance
- Enhanced Public Services
- Empowered Communities
- Policy Recommendations



## Participants

The forum will bring together approximately 300 participants, including:

- ↘ Government officials.
- ↘ Civil society representatives.
- ↘ Academics and researchers.
- ↘ Private sector leaders.
- ↘ Youth and women's groups.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual East Africa Development Forum Hosting Universities.



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