

About DAD

The East Africa Association for Research and Development (DAD) is a research and development organization committed to addressing the diverse challenges facing the East African region. Launched in 2017, DAD was founded by a distinguished group of Somali intellectuals dedicated to developing the region's human capital and producing cutting-edge, evidence-based knowledge and analyses. Through rigorous research, strategic partnerships, and impactful dissemination, we strive to catalyze sustainable solutions that contribute to the safety, prosperity, and well-being of communities across the region.



MISSION

To promote peace and development in East Africa through in-depth research on regional challenges, creating a knowledge base to inform policymakers, civil society, businesses, and youth.



VISION

Pioneer in research and development to enhance the quality of life in East Africa.

Why DAD

We are dedicated to fostering integration and collaboration among countries and societies within the region, as well as strengthening the ties between the region and the Republic of Turkey. Our mission is to alleviate poverty and deprivation, promote peace, and encourage good governance. We achieve this through a multidisciplinary research approach and by mobilizing various sectors of society. By working together, we strive to create positive change, enhance cooperation, and improve the overall well-being of communities in the region.

DAD Research Centre

DAD Research Centre engages in extensive research endeavors, seeking to provide solutions to the social, environmental, economic, and political challenges faced in East Africa. Our primary focus is promoting safety, security, health, and prosperity in communities across the region. With a strong emphasis on producing timely and precise knowledge and analyses, the center aims to enlighten and inform policymakers, civil society organizations, businesses, and the general public about the region's evolving political, economic, social, and cultural landscape. By doing so, the center strives to contribute to the well-being and advancement of the region.



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DAD Youth

East Africa boasts a vibrant and youthful population, accounting for over 60% of its total inhabitants. This remarkable demographic presents a tremendous opportunity for driving positive change and generating innovative solutions to the region's challenges. Despite their immense potential, the role of young people often remains underutilized and unengaged. It is crucial to empower and transform their role within society.

DAD firmly believes in the pivotal role those young individuals should play in the development, stability, and advancement of the region. We advocate for the creation of a knowledgeable, skilled, and socially aware youth elite who actively contribute to their communities. Recognizing their willingness and exceptional capabilities, we believe that young people have the potential to become the guardians of a stronger and more inclusive region—one that fully embraces and integrates all demographic groups.

By harnessing the energy, ideas, and aspirations of the youth, we can foster a dynamic and progressive East Africa. Through our efforts, we aim to provide opportunities, support, and platforms for young individuals to thrive, lead, and shape a brighter future for their region.

DAD Business Consultancy

DAD Business Consultancy Center serves as a valuable platform for businesses and entrepreneurs seeking expert advice and guidance. With a team of qualified business analysts and industry experts, we offer comprehensive counsel in various aspects of business operations. Our primary focus is to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in successfully launching their ventures and equipping them with the tools to thrive in the market. We understand the challenges faced by SMEs and their vital role in driving the economic development of the region.

Through our consultancy services, we provide tailored support to ensure their business ventures are well-prepared and positioned for success. We aim to assist these enterprises in navigating the complexities of the market, enhancing their competitiveness, and contributing to the overall growth of the region's economy. By leveraging our expertise and experience, we strive to empower businesses and entrepreneurs, enabling them to make informed decisions and seize opportunities for sustainable growth. At the DAD Business Consultancy Center, we are dedicated to fostering a thriving business environment and fostering the economic prosperity of the region.

East Africa Development Forum

The East Africa Development Forum is an annual gathering hosted by the East Africa Association for Research and Development. This forum serves as a collaborative platform, bringing together multiple stakeholders to engage in discussions, debates, and the formulation of concrete strategies and policies for the development of countries within the region.

With a primary focus on showcasing the present and future challenges and opportunities, the forum aims to explore effective and sustainable utilization of the abundant natural resources within the region. It also provides valuable policy recommendations for strengthening institutions, promoting good governance, empowering the youth, and reducing poverty.

The East Africa Development Forum serves as a magnet, attracting a diverse array of participants who are directly or indirectly involved in development matters. This includes Heads of State and Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, United Nations Agencies, and regional partners. By bringing together these key actors, the forum fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the development of partnerships to drive positive change and advancement in East Africa.



DAD Partners

At the core of our values lies the principle of collaborating with others to achieve sustainable development. Guided by this principle, we actively seek and embrace partnerships with remarkable organizations that share our vision and goals. To solidify these collaborations, we have taken the initiative to sign memoranda of understanding and agreements with these outstanding organizations.

Through these formal agreements, we establish a framework for cooperation, coordination, and joint action. By leveraging the strengths, expertise, and resources of our respective organizations, we strive to enhance our collective impact and drive meaningful change in pursuit of sustainable development.

These partnerships enable us to pool our knowledge, experiences, and innovative approaches to address the complex challenges facing our region. By working together, we expand our reach, effectiveness, and influence, ultimately bringing us closer to achieving our shared vision of a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future.

Through our commitment to collaboration and the establishment of these agreements, we demonstrate our dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships that can drive positive change and create a lasting impact on the development of the region.

