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Report of the URI workshop in Somalia



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URI Convened a Workshop for Civic Engagement of the Youth and the Peace Promotion in Somalia

The United Religions Initiative Horn of Africa Region (URIHOA) thrilled to accommodate Somalia peace transformation forums through its community common sense capacity building and paved the way a new way to eliminate the prolonged conflicts among them.

On August 24, 2017 the United Religions Initiative Horn of Africa Region (URIHOA) organized a workshop in which was critically analyzed the Horn of Africa Regional Youth Strategy for Preventing and countering violent extremism as well as the civic engagement of the youth and peace promotion that relate to the establishment of the IGAD Youth network for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

The eradication of the violent extremism and understanding the deep meaning of traditional extremism was the core theme discussion among the participants in whom from different Somali community organizations with different regional aim policies while the current national institution matter is Federal Republic of Somalia.

Somalia has had a prolonged civil war mostly caused by religiously motivated plans since 1990 while efforts to reopen community dialogues are still going on but the national and the global interfaith community movements is absent since the collapse of the military rule in 1990.

That is way Somalis are still putting in place the continuation of the violent extremism process and supporting shabab and other violent groups due to lack of knowledge and concrete meaning for the traditional extremism.

It was invited 40 people from men and women with different educational backgrounds to discuss the topics provided by the workshop organizers including; Promoting the peace participation of young people, the creation of a more attractive youth dialogue forums and the multiplication of meetings between young people and the institutions.

The workshop was opened by the United Religions Initiative Horn of Africa Region (URIHOA) Regional coordinator Mr. Mohamoud Ahmed Sougueh presented URI and the vision and mission of the organization to the participants. It was a great tie for him to met the Somalia cc's and spook about the way forward to support the cc's in their work on the ground. The day before the conference the regional coordinator has visited the SOWEC (Somali Women Encouragement center).

The United Religions Initiative Horn of Africa Region (URIHOA) invited talented guest speakers whom from the civil society movement practitioners and the Federal institutions including Mr. Abdullahi Mohamed Shirwa who is one of the senior and respected civil society leader in Somalia, Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Farah-Director of Public

Affairs and Awareness Ministry of National Security and Mr. Eng. Abdirahman Omar Osman Minister of Information and Public awareness as well as CVE Country Expert.

There was imperative violent extremism knowledge presentation made by Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Farah-Director of Public Affairs and Awareness Ministry of National Security and Quebec discussions over the topic through a roundtable discussion.

Mr. Abdullahi Mohamed Shirwa made a tremendous peace contribution and youth engagement comments while he was asked questions by the participants and said “Peace can only be achieved if people live with understanding each other differences, forgo racism, respect each other beliefs and not make ridiculous interferences so let me build your capacity in mind and try to make you up. “As youth, you need to leave such my age furthers and mothers trouble efforts and disregard due to achieve a tangible peace transformation in Somalia if possible next seasons ahead”.

The country coordinator in Somalia of the United Religions Initiative (URI) Mr. Daud Abdi Daud who was acted as peace transformative messenger made a peace voice trendy speech and asked the youth to spread the peace participation recovery hope through their linkages and societies.

Mr. Daud' remarks was perfect and timely informative and educative comments in which can be the cause of peace transformation while it expressed about the deep meaning of traditional extremism and how can foreigners return Somalia and maintain living and working.

Optimistically, URI Somalia CC's members anticipated to do a lot of activities to restore the ongoing peace energies On 2016 the SOMESHA Golden Green Journalism Award was presented by the Mogadishu and Nairobi based radio station director of Star FM Mr. Ismail Sheikh Khalifa and he was awarded during the Somali Youth Workshop for Peace event at Afrik hotel in Mogadishu by the Horn of Africa regional coordinator of the United Religions Initiative (URI) Mr. Mohamoud Ahmed Sougueh on August 24, 2017.

URIHOA proposes to honor its first horn of Africa peace award and other gifts to the Federal Republic of Somalia through it's Prime Minister H. E. Mr. Hassan Ali Khaire and that has been received by the Prime Minister deputy Mr Mahadi Mohamed Guled at villa Somalia the URI delegation has been introduce to the Prime Minister offices by the Minister of Information and the Public awareness H. E. Eng. Abdirahman Omar Osman who was also closed the youth workshop and made the government remarks on the occasion.







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- Minister of information and the Public awareness of the federal republic, H.E Mr Eng Abdourhman Omar
- Director of Public Affairs and Awareness Ministry of National Security Mr Abdullah yusuf Farah
- Senior and respect leader of the somali civil society: Abdullahi Mohamed Shirwa
- Ms Fardoun Ahmed head of the SOWEC organization
- Mr Daud Abdi the Master of the program
- The young participants
- The journalists