

SOMALIA AT CROSSROADS:

Foreign Intervention, Humanitarian Crisis
and Aspirations for Statehood

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**January 27-28, 2012, 9:00AM-
5:00PM**

This two-day conference will bring together some of the brightest minds in Somali affairs with the aim of deepening public discourse and understanding of the complex situation in Somalia and developing strong, pragmatic, and principled policy recommendations for, post-transition political development in Somalia. Issues discussed include the national roadmap, piracy, humanitarian crisis, frontline state military interventions, Diaspora remittance challenges and community development issues. Key presentations include:

Foreign Intervention, Humanitarian Crisis and the Quest for Political Stability in Somalia

U.S. Engagement in Somalia: Dual Track Policy Aims and Implications

Debunking the Roadmap: A Tool for Statehood or Death-knell for Disintegration?

Natural vs. Man-made: The Politics of Famine in the Horn

Post TFG Somalia: Political Parties and National Grassroots Movements as Clan Alternatives: Planting the Seeds for Sustainable Social and Political Institutions, and more.

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Speakers

Invited-Ambassador Johnnie Carson Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, U.S. Department of State

Professor Ahmed I. Samatar, James Wallace Professor of International Studies, Macalester College

Professor Michael Weinstein, Somalia Analyst, Purdue University

Dr. Abdinur Sheikh Mohamed, Former Somalia Minister of Education

Mr. Abukar Arman, Somalia's Special Envoy to the United States

Mr. Abdikarim Gole, Somali Language Lecturer, Ohio State University

Ms. Khadra Mohamed, Center for Somali Women's Advancement

Invited Guest Speakers:

Elected State and Local Public Officials

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