

Impact of closer links between the Gulf and the Horn

5 December 2018

Sheraton Hotel, Simien Salon, Addis

AGENDA

Opening

Time	Item	Chairs and discussion leaders
08:30	Registration and arrival of participants	
09:00	Welcoming Remarks	<i>Roba D Sharamo, Director, Addis Ababa Office</i>
09:15	Opening Remarks	<i>Ambassador Frederic Gateretse-Ngoga, Head of the Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Division, African Union</i>
09:30	Opening Remarks	<i>Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director, IGAD Security Sector Program</i>
09:45	Keynote Address	<i>Dr Markos Tekle, State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia</i>
10:00	Group photo & coffee break	

Session One: Shifting Political and Security Dynamics

Moderator: Ambassador Salah Hammad, Head of the African Governance Architecture Secretariat and Senior Human Rights Experts, African Union

10:30	The Political Rift in the Gulf Cooperation Council	<i>Dr Hamdy Hassan, Professor, Zayed University</i>
10:45	Saudi Foreign Policy and the Role of the Horn	<i>Umer Karim, PhD candidate, University of Birmingham</i>
11:00	Geopolitical Shifts and Implications for the Horn	<i>Mehari Taddele Maru, IGAD and AU Expert</i>
11:15	Discussion	

Session Two: Gulf Interventions in the Horn and Beyond

Moderator: Elizabeth Choge, Expert on Regional Mechanisms, Peace and Security Department, AU Commission

12:00	The War in Yemen and Regional Dynamics	<i>Elana DeLozier, Research Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy</i>
12:15	The Impact of Gulf Involvement on Conflict Fault Lines in the Horn	<i>Omar S Mahmood, Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies</i>
12:30	Discussion	
13:00	Lunch	

Session Three: Areas of Cooperation – Maritime and Mediation

Moderator: Farah Abdulsamed, Regional Analyst

14:00	Gulf Involvement in Maritime Security and Ports in the Horn of Africa	<i>Ahmed Hersi, Maritime Expert, Intergovernmental Authority on Development</i>
14:15	The Role of Gulf Actors in Mediation in the Horn of Africa	<i>Abdul Mohamed, High Implementation Panel Chief of Staff, African Union</i>
14:30	Discussion	
15:00	Tea & coffee break	

Session Four: Developing a New Strategic Partnership between the Gulf and the Horn of Africa

Ambassador Abdulakdir Risku, Former Deputy Head of Policy and Research Analysis Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia

15:30	Challenges to Cooperation between the Gulf and the Horn of Africa	<i>Haile Menkerios, former Head of United Nations Office to the African Union</i>
15:45	The Role of IGAD	<i>Abdul Mohamed, High Implementation Panel Chief of Staff, African Union</i>
16:00	The Role of the African Union	<i>Ambassador Frederic Gateretse-Ngoga, Head of the Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Division, African Union</i>
16:15	Discussion	

Closing

17:00	Closing Remarks	<i>George Orina, Minister, Kenya Embassy to Ethiopia</i>
17:15	Closing Remarks	<i>Roba D Sharamo, Director, Addis Ababa Office</i>
17:30	End of seminar	