Program

Day 1

**Thursday, 06 October 2011**

 Global Relief Somali Foundation

**Conference to fund a 40’ container project to somalians in need in Africa**

**Conference’s agenda:**

**The implications of the catastrophe in Somalia on the people of the Horn of Africa and Norway!**

**Place: Chr. Michelsen Institute Auditorium,** Jekteviksbakken 31, Bergen, Norway

**Date:** 06.10.2011, Bergen

**Time:** 11:00 – 15:00

**Registration, Snacks / Somali tea : 11:00 - 11:20**

Guests are welcome to register themselves as they wait for the actual even to start.

**Introduction: 11:20 - 11:25**

Welcoming speech by Qasim

**Short talk about the A humanitarian project plan: 11:25 - 11:50**

Mr Ibrahim Farah Hassan**.** A talk by the leader of Global Relief Somali Foundation

**Short talk:** 1- Mr Kisimi Kayleemasa 11:50-11:55

2- The Director of CMI.Chr Michelsen: Dr Ottar Mæstad 11:55- 12:00

3- The leader of Batterier in Bergen: Cathrine Waaler Halstensen: 12:00 - 12:05

**Guest speaker Professor Ahmed Samatar: 12:05-14:30**

A talk by Professor Ahmed Ismail Samatar, a somalian living in USA.

**Question time:** 14:30 – 15.00

Professor Ahmed welcomes questions from the audience.

**The end of the program: 15:00**

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Day 2

**Friday, 07 October 2011**

**Place: Chr. Michelsen Institute, CMI**

**Time: 11:00 - 11:30 (30min)**

**This program is only for the Professors to CMI (Specially meeting): Only for Norwegian**

**Discussions:**

**A short special meeting with the Professors at the Chr. Michelsen Institute, CMI**

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Day 3

**Saturday, 08 October 2011**

**Place: Chr. Michelsen Institute Auditorium,** Jekteviksbakken 31, Bergen, Norway

**Date:** 08.10.2011, Bergen

**Time:** 16:00 – 19:00

**Large Meeting:**

A meeting for only the Somali Community in Bergen.

**The End:** 19:00

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| The purpose of the meeting is to enhance the capacity of stakeholders, including civil society, in the Horn of Africa with knowledge and exchange of idea and skills related to evaluation and social integration progressively and effectively in what civil society needs.  A conference of this magnitude does not happen without the hard work of many individuals. This one is no exception. I have been most fortunate to collaborate with a Batteriet Vest-Norge, Bergen. I am deeply appreciative of the countless hours, tireless effort, and energy that they have dedicated to all aspects of this Conference. I especially want to acknowledge my best friend Kisimi kayleemasa, Dr Anne Bang, Mr Stefano Gardone, the University Bergen and Norwegian Hull Club, and Somali Community in Bergen. But you can’t build a conference unless there are people interested in and willing to co-construct it. To all of you my deep thanks for contributing to what I hope will be a very successful conference that attests to the presence and impact of the learning sciences community. |

***We thank you all in advance for your support. Your support, no matter***

***how small, will help to save the life of a somalian child.***

**“Be the change you want to see in the world” Gandhi.**

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Letter of Invitation:

Dear Guest,

We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the first Global Relief Somali Foundation (GRSF) conference to be held in Bergen on October 06, 2011, 11:00 am.The Conference is sponsored by Batteriet. GRSF's conference offers a forum for the professional exchange of knowledge and skills related to evaluation and social integration.

The Global Relief Somali Foundation is a non-profit organisation which aims to provide aid and support to the Somalian refugees of the Dadaab Refugee Camp. We are committed to improving conditions for the refugees in these refugee camps.

We have invited Dr Ahmed Ismail Samatar who is a James Wallace Professor and Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalster College to speak about this topic at our event. Dr Samatar’s expertise is in the areas of global political economy, political and social thought, and African development.

I am confident that your participation will both benefit from and contribute to the Conference. Somalia is at the heart of one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world today. If we do not get international support, the humanitarian crises may spread throughout the region and Africa.

As you know, we have organized an appeal campaign to raise fund for our society for helping the needy people to fulfil their basic needs.

Twenty-one years of conflict and waves of drought have uprooted a quarter of the country's 7.5 million people. As the region faces its most severe drought in 60 years, the Somali exodus is growing fast.

Would you be so kind as to let me know if you are interested in participating in this programme? If you have any questions or concerns, or if I may be of assistance in any way, so please do join us in this exciting event and do not hesitate to contact me.

Awaiting for your early response.

Thanks & Regards,

Ibrahim Hassan

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