

Piracy in Somalia: the rich versus the Poor

The 2nd Annual Somali Conference 2014

Friday 9th May 2014 (4:15PM –7:00PM)

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**Place: Bergen Resource Center for International Development
Auditorium, Jekteviksbakken 31, 5892 Bergen**

Registration is open until 2nd May 2014. Entry free of charge & lunch served

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Official Letter of Invitation

Dear Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Prof. / The honorable,

On Behalf of the Global Relief Somali Foundation (organizing committee), it is our great honor and pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the 2nd Annual Somali Conference in Bergen 2014.

This year, the theme of the conference is “Piracy in Somalia: The rich versus the Poor” and the conference will be held on Friday 9th May, 2014 at 16.15pm, at the Bergen Resource Center for International Development, Auditorium Jekteviksbakken 31, 5892 Bergen.

The Global Relief Somali Foundation is a non-profit organization, non-religious and non-political organization. It was registered in Norway, on June 5th, 2010.

We are proud to offer a very exciting programme with focus on discussing the issues and challenges, in our local community and the political situation and piracy in Somalia.

For you information, Prof. Abdi Ismail Samatar is a Professor and Chair of Department of Geography, Environment and Society at the University of Minnesota and a Research fellow at the University of Pretoria. Prof. Abdi Samatar will be the Keynote Speaker 2014.

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. The provisional title of the presentation is “Piracy in Somalia; The rich versus the Poor”.

We expect attendance this year to be the highest ever; in the area of 50 delegates and 4 speakers.

I hope you are able to accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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PROGRAMME

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16:15-16:25	Registration and Coffee (Entrance Hall)
16:30-16:35	Welcome and Introduction: Mr. Sam Yssen
16:35-16:50	Opening Presentation: Mr. Ibrahim Farah Hassan, the leader of Global Relief Somali Foundation. Title: Somali youth crime is now a global issue. The pirates of Somalia and the world's most extremely dangerous place. (Watching Video from Somali Pirates).
	<p>16: 40-17:00: Speakers of the conference:</p> <p>1-Mr. Johan Helland: (5mins) Senior Research Fellow, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)</p> <p>2- Cathrine Waaler Halstensen: (5mins) Leader: Batteriet Western-Norway</p> <p>17:00: Guest speaker Dr. Abdi Ismail Samatar Welcome Professor Abdi Ismail Samatar, Somali-American living in USA.</p> <p>Break time: 17:50 (10mins)</p> <p>18:00: Questions: Questions & Debates: English & Somali (40mins). Professor Abdi Ismail Samatar welcomes questions from the audience.</p> <p>19:00: Conclusion and Appreciation: Mr. Sam Yssen, The end of the programme.</p> <p>Prof. Abdi Ismail Samatar</p> 

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