



Political Settlement in Somaliland: A Gendered Perspective



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Succeeding Ms Abdi's presentation, Mrs Amina-Bahja Ekman from UCL gave a presentation of key concepts and words to be used in the research, both Somali and English.

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It was also discussed whether the Somali word ‘Dejinta’ was the best word to use when defining and translating a local understanding of ‘Settlement’ into the research. Although most of the participant seemed to have a clear understanding of the meaning of ‘Political Settlement’, however some of the participants said that the Somali word ‘Dejinta’ is used locally when talking about settlement in regards to people settling in various locations.

It was instead suggested that the word ‘Xal u helida’, meaning resolution, was more fitting when talking about settlement in regards to politics. From this discussion it was then agreed by the majority of the workshop participant that the research team should use the word ‘Xal-u-helida’ instead of ‘Dejinta’ for ‘Settlement’ in local interviews and focus group discussions.

When it came to the definitions of the other key words it was agreed, after long and intense discussions, to keep “Lamaanaha” for ‘Gender’ as the word is already in use. It was also noted that coming up with new words in Somali for ‘Gender would just add to the misunderstanding and confusions that already exist around the word and its meaning. The same conc2 3T.5 eq 0.24 0 0 0 (

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Constitution, International Human Rights Law and implementation:

- Whoever was involved in writing the constitution were clearly thinking that a woman's place is in the home.

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ANNEX B:

Workshop Invite

4th of August 2015, Hargeysa

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We would like to invite you to join us for a workshop on Political Settlement in Somaliland: A Gender perspective. During the workshop the research team will present a short overview of the 18-month, ESRC/DFID funded research project and seek inputs from workshop participants to refine research objectives, questions and methods. Participants in the workshop will include government officials, donors, CSO representatives and community leaders.

The workshop will also discuss the extent to which more gender-balanced participation in Somaliland's political settlement can facilitate much needed policies for more effective and equitable development.

Your input and feedback is critical to the success of both the workshop and the research project to ensure it is relevant, useful and reflective of the Somaliland context and its people. We would greatly appreciate your participation.

Date and time: Sunday 9th of August between 8.00 am - 3.00 pm
at Gulaid Park Hotel, Hargeysa.

Please respond by the 6th of August to aminabahja.ekman@gmail.com

This is the first of two workshop sessions in Hargeysa on Political Settlement in Somaliland: A gendered perspective, -gan 0.24 72 249.36 cm BT 47 0 0 0 47 0 0 Tm /TT7 1

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