



Somalia South Central Non – State Actors (SOSCENSA)

POSITION PAPER ON PROMOTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY FOR SOMALIA

SOSCENSA held a one day consultation meeting on promotion of peace and security, 13th August 2013, participated by 25 members from different segments of civil society organization and central government security institutions, in City Palace Hotel Mogadishu. The purpose of the meeting was to contribute promotion of peace and security of the country

The civil society strategic goal of this meeting was to actively engage in policy dialogue with Somali authorities and key members of the international community on issues relating to peace building and state building. This activity was also part of SOSCENSA's regular consultation meetings on promotion of peace and security in order to develop platform policy positions on its priority issues.

SOSCENSA would like to share with its partners for peace and security the following existing challenges on this issues;

a) Challenges facing on current Peace and Security;

- Lack of capacity and facilities of government security instantiations.
- Low living standards of security forces.
- Less government supervision on its security institutions.
- High level corruption and tribalism culture.
- Inadequate collaborations among government Security Institutions
- Lack of collaborations between the public and the security institutions.
- Mistrust among the public and security institutions.

Solutions/Recommendations:

a. Towards government;

- The government should put in place credible and transparent recruitment procedures for its Security forces by setting up new criteria that include the knowledge and

personnel responsibility of applicants before recruitment and enhance living conditions of security institutions

- The government should provide trainings to its security institutions on human rights and public security safety protection.
- The government should organize regular meetings between organized community sectors and security institutions.
- The government should facilitate two ways flow of communication channels that facilitate information sharing public and government institutions.
- The government should establish anti-corruption special police unit that will be responsible corruption among security institutions

b. Towards civil society role in peace and security;

- Civil Society activists should increase their level of peace and security engagement by organizes public debates on peace and security and capacity building for both public and security institutions.
- Advocate for improving relations between public and Security Institution through meetings to enhance collaborate between them.
- Conduct research on peace and security and provide recommendations to the concerned institutions.
- Act as public watchful eye to prevent corruption and other mismanagement
- Conduct civic education programs to create the sense of corporate responsibility.
- Engage media houses and professionals to enhance their level of corporate responsibility and following media ethics in order to positively contribute promotion of peace and security.

Finally SOSSENSA is determined to continue promoting consultation meetings on peace and security issues for its constituencies in order to influence the policy formulation of the country.