

Topic: The Role of Religious Scholars in the Process of Reconciliation and Maintaining Peace



THE THIRD ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

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On Maqasid Sharia Prespective

THE DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

Tuesday -- Thursday 24-26 October 2023

MOGADISHU-SOMALIA



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In light of the increasing disputes and the growing political tensions in the Horn of Africa Region and the circumstances which are surrounding some nation-states such as: Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan, where civil wars broke out recently, all share a common factor which is instability because of lack of political stability and communal peace that result in problems like poverty and lack of opportunities and management of the natural resources which they are blessed with by God.

Also, they are infamous for constant displacements. Somalia is in a state of recovery from a chronic civil war and is aiming at getting peace and stability. Despite this, there are ongoing intra-state armed conflicts and social hardships. Therefore, it is necessary to study, analyze and conduct in-depth studies about the root causes of internal armed conflicts.

Based on the above-mentioned factors and taking into account that the Somali society is a Muslim community, religious scholars that are its leaders who play important role in rescuing the community from plights in difficult times. Therefore, it is indispensable to recognize the crucial role of Somali clerics in community reconciliation, peacebuilding and creation of a proper vision which can pave the way for fruitful future collective achievements and empowerments.



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Maqasid Center for Research and Studies is organizing its third academic conference and the chosen topic of this year focuses on the role of the Somali religious scholars in the process of reconciliation and maintaining sustainable peace. This conference in which will be presented resourceful researches and debates by specialists in the field of conflict resolution and peacemaking, will be held in Mogadishu.

Aims of the Conference

The conference aims at the following factors:

- ▶ Strengthening the role of religious scholars in the process of peace and reconciliation.
- ▶ Exchanging of insights in order to understand the causing factors of instability and getting durable solutions to the chronic armed conflicts which victimize the community.
- ▶ Presentations of experiences and lessons which were learnt from the conflict-affected communities that are now enjoying their post-conflict sustainable peace and stability.
- ▶ Demonstrating the role of the religious scholars in maintaining peace for the collective interest of the nation-state on the basis of the principles of the Islamic Sharia.
- ▶ Consolidating the efforts of scholars to convey messages which can contribute to a lasting peace and the sustainable development of the Somali nation and the global community for the sake of creating culture of peace and community solidarity.

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Who can take part in this academic conference?

This third academic conference which is interested in the role of religious scholars in the process of sustainable peace and national reconciliation, will be attended by different leading Somali religious scholars who are experts in the principles of the Islamic Sharia, specialists in Somali culture and tradition, resourceful researchers of culture of peace, seasoned Somali writers who specialized in conflict prevention, crisis management and sustainable peace-making. Also, the conference will be attended by representatives of the civil society organizations, the local organizations and the national institutions that play an important role in community peace.

The turning point which the studies of this conference focus on and is the most essential is the meaning and content of reconciliation, the stages it goes through, the analysis of the main causes of armed conflict, the vision of the Islamic Sharia about community reconciliation, the pillars of peace and the approaches of peaceful reconciliation, the role of the religious scholars in national reconciliation and the experience and lessons about conflict resolution and reconciliation.

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Abstracts of the studies will be submitted from the 9th to the 24th of August 2023. Likewise, the complete studies will be submitted on the 5th to the 30th of September 2023.

Conclusion

The studies of this conference are very significant for the communities in the Horn of Africa in general and for the Somali community in particular. Similarly, the terms and requirements which are needed to be followed by any researcher are in compliance with the methods through which modern studies are conducted. Therefore, you can find all the terms and conditions which the researcher is bound to follow and fulfill in the attachment which is attached to the Arabic language version of this leaflet.

The Combination of the Researches

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The period and the place which this third conference of Maqasid Center for Research and Studies will be held is set to be on the 24th of October to the 26th of October 2023.



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