

**3rd ANNUAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE CONFERENCE SOMALI WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION,
RESEARCH, AND ACADEMIA**

27 September 2023, 9am to 4pm, BIEA Kenya

Creating opportunities, building skills for Somali female researchers

PROGRAMME AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)
08:30am	Arrivals, registration & coffee	Participants
09:00am	Conference starts, prayers, welcome and opening remarks	Facilitator
09:15am	Conference objectives	Mrs. Sahra AHMED KOSHIN, Director of Somali Gender Hub and Mawazo Voices Fellow
09:20am	The Mawazo Connects Funds	Ms. Silvia MWENDIA, Mawazo Voices Programme Officer
09:40am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1 Somali women in Research and Academia	Dr. Fatuma AHMED ALI, Associate Professor, United States Inter. University Africa, Nairobi
10.00am	Q & A AND DISCUSSION	
10:20am	HEALTH BREAK	
10:50am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2 Somali female students in Kenya Challenges and opportunities	Fatuma ALI SAMAN, Education Policy and Leadership Expert
11:10am	PANEL 1 Somali female students and journalists living in Kenya: experiences, challenges, opportunities	Amal MOHAMED, Student, Kenyatta University Hodman A. MOHAMED, Somali Gender Hub Leyla MOHAMED, Journalist, IMS/Radio Ergo Zamzam ABBAS, Student, UoN Kenya
12.15pm	PANEL 2 Female students in Somalia Experiences, challenges, opportunities	Zakaria HASSAN, Researcher, Fandhaal Institute Baidoa Faduma ADAN, Director, Somali Women Development (SOWDO), Kismayo Ikraam ABDIASIS, Somali Gender Hub
12.45am	BOOK LAUNCH Cosmopolitan Refugees: Somali Migrant Women in Nairobi and Johannesburg	Dr. Nereida RIPERO MUNIZ Lecturer and researcher at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa
13.00pm	LUNCH AND PRAYERS	
14.00pm	PRESENTATION FINDINGS OF STUDY	Sahra A KOSHIN

	Challenges and opportunities for Somali women in research, scholarly publishing and dissemination in the Somali regions.	Director of Somali Gender Hub and Mawazo Institute 2021 Policy Fellow and Mawazo Connects Funds fellow
14:15pm	Opportunities for Women in Higher Education, Research and Academia	Geoffrey LUGANO, Research Training Manager Rift Valley Institute
14:30pm	Experience visiting refugee camps in Kenya and the gender-specific impediments to Somali women education	Eric M KIOKO, Research Fellow at Kenyatta University and Bonn University
14:45pm	Mind Matters: Elevating Women's Academic Success through Mental Wellness	Nasra MOHAMED, Fruition Consult
15:00pm	Q & A AND DISCUSSION	
15:15pm	Somali women in research Community of Practice (CoP) launch, highlights of conference and way forward	Nima MOHAMED TIGOW, and Sahra AHMED KOSHIN, Somali Gender Hub.
15:30pm	Q&A AND DISCUSSION	
15:45pm	End of conference and concluding remarks informal networking	Facilitator and Sahra AHMED KOSHIN