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Desert Disorders Workshop, 12th–13th April 2025 Hargeisa Cultural Centre Programme

Day 1: Saturday 12th April

8:30am Welcome and Registration

9:00am Formal Opening

Sharmaake Abdi Musse, Deputy Minister of Fishery and Marine Resources

10:30am–12pm Panel 1: Food Security [Chair: Jama Musse Jama]

- Asma Jama Mohamed, Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development: *Assessing household food security in a rural district of Maroodiye region, Somaliland: a case study of Salabey district*
- Saed Mohamoud Muhumed, University of Hargeisa: *Perceived Effect of Climate Variability on Maize Production Among Small-Scale Farmers in Gabiley, Somaliland*
- Bharat Hun, IIT Delhi: Cumin: *A “risk” crop which created a disorder in the Thar desert*

12pm-2pm Lunch Break

2:00pm-4:00pm Panel 2: Pastoralism and Sustainable Resource Management

[Chair: Katherine Baxter]

- Kedir Jemal, Haramaya University/Hargeisa University: *Effect of Rangeland Enclosures in Somaliland: Evidence from Public and Private Ownership*
- Amoun A. Haibe, Director of the Department of Rural Development: *Mitigating impact of land degradation on livelihoods of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in Somaliland*
- Sadia Musse Ahmed, PENHA: *Sustaining pastoral livelihoods in Somaliland*
- Roble Musa, University of Nairobi/Roskilde University: *Market-Oriented Diversification Strategies for Climate Change Adaptation: Case Studies of Pastoralists and Agro-pastoralists in the Togdheer Region, Somaliland*

Day 2: Sunday 13th April

8:30–10am Panel 3: Pastoral Identities and Social Worlds [Chair: Christina Woolner]

- Nasra Mohamed Dahir, SCAS: *Blooming from the Desert: Rain and Pastoralists' Relations in the Arid Environment of the Somali Community*
- Tirsit Yetbarek, SCAS: *Identities on the Move: Managing the Fluid Identity of Pastoralists of the Horn of Africa*
- Neha Meena, IIT Delhi: *Reimagining Pastoralism: Affective Human-Animal Relations in the Thar Desert* (online)

10:30am–12 Panel 4: Pastoral Governance [Chair: Farhana Ibrahim]

- Mitiku Haile, Mekelle University: *Customary Conflict Resolution Institutions among Tigray and Afar Adjacent Communities: Strengthening the Role of Customary Institutions, Gerb and Abogerb* (online)
- Abdiwahab Hashi, Admas University: *The impact of pastoralist mobility on tuberculosis control in Ethiopia*
- Mohamed Abdullahi Omer, University of Hargeisa: *Somaliland's Early Warning System: Functionality, Community Response, and Gap Analysis* (online)

12pm–2pm Lunch Break

2:00pm–4:00pm Roundtable discussion: Future Directions for Research and Collaboration
[Chair: Katherine Baxter]

6:30pm–9pm Workshop Dinner & Musical Entertainment