



SOMALI JOURNALISTS NETWORK (SOJON)

Report of the SOJON General Assembly with Theme of "Somali Journalists Meeting for Unified Profession"

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Somali Journalists Network (SOJON) with the support of the International Media Support (IMS), BBC World Service Trust, Hormuud Telecommunications Company, Global Money Transfer and Al-Nasri Airline Company organized in Mogadishu its General Assembly on 28th-31st August 2004.

The General Assembly, which is SOJON's highest decision making power, meets once every year to decide significant solutions concerning the business of the union in order to achieve its roles aimed at protecting & promoting journalists, and election of its leadership, who ever finishes the term of office.

The Assembly, which was held in the most appropriate time as Transitional Federal Government (TFG) with president and 275 members of federal parliament are expected to reach recently in the country, resolves the suitable instruments that Somali journalists can cope with the new government.

INTRODUCTION

SOJON General Assembly with the theme of Somali Journalists Meeting for Unified Profession was formally opened by the mayor of Mogadishu City, Mr. Ibrahim Omar Sabriye "Shaaweey", at Daamey hotel on 28th of August 2004.

Journalists from Somalia's main towns such as Mogadishu, Kismayo, Baidoa Jowhar, Baladwein, Galka'yo and Bossasso were the 112 delegates of the 120 members of SOJON, who attended this year the Somali Journalists Meeting for Unified Profession. ([See Appendix E for the list of participants](#)).

The meeting, which was first of its kind to be held in the capital city during the 44 years of national independence, was also participated by international delegations from the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and BBC World Service Trust/Somali Journalism Training Project to monitor and observe the business and the elections of the Assembly.

OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ To get united journalistic vision for their defense and support by forgetting the split in Somali journalists over how they see their profession.

- ❖ To establish a powerful mechanism of creating ethics and self-regulation in developing social and professional environment in which they work.
- ❖ To understand the disadvantages of their internal conflicts and lack of confidence to confront the internal threats to the profession.
- ❖ To design the techniques to implement the fundamental importance of freedom of expression as an individual human right, as cornerstone of democracy and as means of ensuring respect for all human rights and freedom.
- ❖ To exchange knowledge and information about different regions, working conditions, and political statuses.
- ❖ To produce first joint declaration on freedom of press in Somalia, which paves a way for fully supported freedom of expression.

DELIBERATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY

DAY 1

After the official opening,

The Freedom of Press in Somalia

The delegates were deliberating dynamically the freedom of press in Somalia on regional basis. The debate concentrated on Somalia's main regions including Jubba, Bay, Bakol, Puntland, Hiran and Middle Shabele regions. There were common problems shared by all regions such as; lack of independence in the course of professional sense of duties either from the media owners or the warlords, weak trust among journalists for defending their fundamental human rights, thin economic situation diverting journalists to be indirect followers of press freedom abusers and need of both regional and national level coordination to create and maximize the proper mechanism to defend press freedom in the federal system. The delegates unanimously agreed to recommend these points strongly in the press freedom declaration.

Influences of Political Groups in Somalia Journalism

The delegates also considered in Day 1, the Influences of Political groups in Somali journalism, which seemed as an attracted topic because it affects the daily effort of journalists, and some times can be taken a character that journalists addicted to work in. The problems in this topic, which were recognized by the journalists, contain: some of political groups influence the journalism in Somalia through the media owners to report biased information on the said political group(s), and misplaces the

profession. Some of the groups own a few number of the media houses & use journalists as tool to execute his political program, and to employ temporarily the active journalists in their political administrations for none journalistic work in order to prevent the role of the employed journalist in the journalism by using the name and the reputation of the journalist to bewilder the society. The delegates adopted to declare and include in the press freedom declaration an expression announcing the appearance of the role of the journalist in the society and his/her protection in work places.

DAY 2

The Report of the Secretary General

The participants talked about in the second day after the presentation of the report of the Secretary General, the weaknesses and strengths of the activities that SOJON carried out during the past year. The journalists accepted that the work of SOJON, particularly trainings, was very limited to specific areas/regions such as Banadir and Jubba regions, the report didn't reflect even briefly the plan for the year ended for comparison, need for special report concerning the financial transactions covering the work accomplished during the period between the two General Assemblies, and require to distribute the report at least two days before the General Assembly. The participants called for the Secretary General to note these advices in order to cover suitably in the next annual assemblies.

Journalism vis-à-vis Tribalism

Journalism vis-à-vis Tribalism was the next subject of the second day. Journalists from Baidoa, Kismayo, Jowhar, Beledweyne and Mogadishu were the main speakers of this topic in order to reflect the delegates for different experiences in their respective regions on this matter. Delegates emphasized that the means of tribalism is used in Somalia a different way then how the Islamic religion identifies, which is "To know each other" instead of challenging on tribal profession & politics during the basic life circle. Tribalism is highly linked to the establishment of media houses in Somalia as each media owner believes that if he doesn't make proper connection with his clan or sub clan then his media will get threats from other clans. Soon after ousting the military government, journalists used to build their associations on tribal basis such as sharing the leadership of the associations on 4.5 criteria, which is a formula used by the warlords in power sharing, meaning that the power of the nation is divided into four major tribes and .5 for minority tribes. However, the delegates commonly

agreed that tribalism and journalists can't go together as journalists are in one single tribe called "Journalists", and to this occasion they declare that they are not concerned the tribal differences causing media professional people constant conflicts. In addition, journalists accepted collectively to bury the amplification of the tribe.

Status and Working Conditions of Journalists in Somalia

Status and Working conditions of journalists in Somalia was also one of the main issues deliberated by the Assembly. The participants debated the working conditions and levels of payments of journalists regularly employed by the media houses or news services, and identified that most of the media houses have no agreements with their employees (journalists), and this is the main problem that empowers the media owner to do whatever he wants and to employ the journalist in unlimited time per day. Nowadays, journalists experienced what is called "Name for Work" which totally annuls the professional values and the generally accepted rules of labor. The delegates determined that there is a need to organize discussions between journalists and media owners in order to overcome the said problems, and to sort out trainings for journalists on their labor rights in order to raise the responsiveness of journalists to maintain their labor benefits.

DAY 3

Professional Ethics

The participants of the meeting widely discussed the need of professional ethics. The importance of media ethics for journalists has never been as clear as it is today. Journalists recognized that the media development in recent years have made journalists think about ethics, and led them to articulate more clearly their requirements concerned professional ethics such as the accuracy of their information, and establishing rules of ethics regulating themselves. Therefore, delegates adopted professional code of ethics, ([see appendix A](#)).

Constitutional Amendments

The journalists amended some articles of SOJON constitution, once more than two third (2/3) of the present delegates entitled to vote showed their favor towards amending each article; ([see appendix D for amended articles](#)).

Resolutions

As the General Assembly is the supreme body of SOJON for decision making, the delegates adopted in simple majority vote number of significant activities suggested by the delegates, and will be carried out by the executive committee during the next period (2004/2005), ([see appendix B](#))

The Nomination & the Approval of the Elections Committee

The delegates of the Assembly endorsed a committee of six persons nominated from six regions (Banadir – Mogadishu, Puntland, Hiran, Bay & Bakol, Jubbaland and Middle Shabele regions), each member was nominated by its respective region(s). The members of the elections committee were:-

- 1) Mr. Nasteh Dahir Farah, Jubbaland regions, CHAIRMAN
- 2) Ms. Udbi Sulieman Mahdi, Benadir region, SECRETARY
- 3) Mr. Abdishakur Yusuf Ali, Puntland regions, MEMBER
- 4) Mr. Fahad Mohamed Abukar, Bay & Bakol regions, MEMBER
- 5) Mr. Abshir Ali Gabre, Middle Shabele region, MEMBER
- 6) Mr. Nur Muse Hussein, Hiran region, MEMBER

DAY 4

Elections

In the first session of the Assembly, The elections committee announced the list of persons contesting for the position of the new Director General and the Chairman of the newly created Supreme Council, who proposed their requests since the endorsement of the committee, before the time limit of this day, 11:00hrs, and repeated call for interested candidates to submit their applications in time. The chairman of the committee announced that the deadline of the submission of applications for the above mentioned positions has been reached, and declares that: Mr. Abdinasir Yusuf Moallim, Mr. Abdulkadir Ali Abdulle and Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Isak are contesting for the position of the Director General, while Mr. Mohamed Barre Haji is the only candidate for the office of the chairperson of the Supreme Council.

Few minutes before the voting, contenders Abdinasir Yusuf Moalim & Mohamed Ibrahim Isak pulled out their contesting for the office of the Director General, and the committee stated that Mr. Abdulkadir Ali Abdulle is the single candidate.

The committee formally made known that the voting for the Director General is open, and delegates are requested to follow the voting system as the rule testifies.

The present delegates entitled to vote for the position of the Director General were 96 people of 112 of the officially confirmed delegates, while 16 people were out of the room of the meeting. As well, 98 delegates of 112 official participants, who are entitled to vote, were present for the election of the chairman of the Supreme Council, although 14 of the delegates were out of the room of the meeting. For that reason, the voting results announced by the chairman of the elections committee for both the Director General and the Chairman of the Supreme Council were as follows:

	Favor		Rejected		Abstained		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Mr. Abdulkadir Ali Abdulle	78	81.25	6	6.25	12	12.5	96	100
Mr. Mohamed Barre Haji	91	92.86	0	0	7	7.14	98	100

Consequently, the elections committee officially declared that Mr. Abdulkadir Ali Abdulle is elected to be the new Director General, as Mr. Mohamed Barre Haji is chosen to be the chairman of the Supreme Council.

MOGADISHU DECLARATION ON FREEDOM OF PRESS

The journalists from the main zones of Somalia apart from our colleagues from Somaliland, which declared its independence from the rest of Somalia in 1991, adopted first declaration on freedom of press in Somalia. (See Appendix C).

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR UNIFIED PROFESSION

1. 112 Somali journalists have crossed and negated the tribal blockades that rejected them to come to gather for united vision.
2. Journalists joined hands in the Assembly for their unity in the union and in the workplaces in order to know and to serve for their value and the public interest.
3. Daily increase of journalists linking up with SOJON, which makes the profession unified.
4. Somali journalists have professional ethics first ever in the history, which is a starting instrument regulating themselves.
5. Delegates representing, Journalists all parts of Somalia with the exception of Somaliland, buried their inner destructive arguments as

- politicians are burying their differences, and discussed openly and faithfully their concern towards tribalism and politicized media owners after discovering the caused problems.
6. Journalists collectively decided the mechanism to preserve the press freedom when the federal government becomes operational.
 7. Journalists issued first joint declaration on freedom of press in Somalia.

EVALUATIONS

Participants had a view that General Assembly for once a every year is inadequate, therefore they suggest the organization of regional meetings either semi-annually or quarterly to enhance the collectiveness.

The main agenda of the Assembly were seemingly discussed. Participants had a view of having in the meeting guests from the media owners in order to have their views on labour.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS

Chris Greene from the BBC World service Trust:

Congratulations on a very successful and very energetic General Assembly. Well, I have been last couple of days both being in this room and from discussions outsidied, it is a lot of commitment to the future of journalism in Somalia.

The slogan of the meeting was a Meeting for a United Profession. I would like to urge you all, and in particular your new executive committee to keep that in mind in the coming months.

The two particular reasons for urging you to be united are:

- First is in short term, I hope and many people hope that, in the coming weeks you will have a new government. And governments are in most ways good thing, but they are not always easy partners for the media, so your unity is important to face this challenge.
- The second reason is that when outside organizations like the BBC and like the donors see disunited profession with dozens of organizations that compete, instant is to back away. However, if we see organizations that are prepared to work together, then we are keen to work with you.

As we would say in English, "The united profession can make the cake bigger."

We hope that we will work with the new executive committee in the coming months.

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Herbert Lumansi from International Federation of Journalists:

I am very delighted that we have successfully come to the end of SOJON General Assembly.

I wish to congratulate all of you, delegates and members of SOJON, upon the very great achievement.

I was happy when I saw you voting in a mature, democratic and very transparent manner.

I don't think anybody will come up and say, that there was a reading for the elections of SOJON.

As people from outside, we have been observers to these elections, and we shall tell the world that if anybody comes up later with reading, we shall come up and say, "NO, WE WERE THERE."

I am sure that the elections of new office bearers including the new Director General and the Chairman of the Supreme Council have been carried out in the most democratic and transparent manner.

Appendix A

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

1. The journalist has to respect the profession and the ethics.
2. The journalist struggles to eliminate the transformation, suppression or the censorship of news.
3. The journalist protects any time the principles of freedom of press.
4. The journalist corrects promptly his/her published mistakes, and at the same makes sure that the correction and the apology turned out rapidly.
5. The journalist makes great efforts to assure that the information he/she is publishing is fair and accurate.
6. The journalist can get information, photographs and illustrations in uncomplicated means, and can't use without authorization.
7. The Journalist has nothing to do with the private life, unhappiness or problem of a person by justifying the public interest.
8. The journalist shall protect the confidential sources.
9. The journalist shall not accept bribe or incentive that can affect his/her profession.
10. The journalist tells the age, sex, color and living situation of a person only if it strictly relates with the information.
11. The journalist can't repress the truth for sake of advertisement or other things.

Appendix B

Resolutions Adopted by the General Assembly

1. To organize trainings enhancing the skills of Somali journalists relating with collective bargaining.
2. To make great efforts towards establishing cooperation between journalists and media owners.
3. To increase SOJON relations with international and regional bodies, and to clear its condition of leadership.
4. To send press freedom missions to Somali regions in order to know the real needs and situations of Somali journalists, and to equip regional offices.
5. To discuss with the coming transitional federal government of Somalia the vivid role of journalists towards the drafting of national constitution, particularly the section concerning media and freedom of information. As well to discuss with the expected government over the ways to outline a press law.
6. To organize trainings relevant to safety of journalists.
7. To arrange trainings for women journalists, and to enable them to participate the top administration of SOJON.
8. To sort out workshops about trade union, and how it works.
9. To implement the professional ethics by organizing workshops on ethics.
10. To execute the adopted working practices of member journalists.

Appendix C

Mogadishu Declaration on Freedom of Press in Somalia

We, Somali journalists & the delegates participating in the General Assembly of the Somali Journalists Network (SOJON) under the theme of "Somali Journalists Meeting for a Unified Profession" gathered in Mogadishu between the 28th -31st of August 2004, declare:

1. To respect the freedom of Press in Somalia, and not to violate the dignity of the Somali media during their daily work.
2. To respect the professional ethics and the code of conduct of Somali journalists.
3. To organize a journalistic campaign in order to draft a national constitution and to play a participatory role in the development of a national press law.
4. To diffuse the role of the journalist in society and to protect his/her rights in the work place.
5. To give power to journalists by improving their professional standards.
6. To help raise public awareness regarding development of the media profession.

DONE in Mogadishu

August 31, 2004

Appendix D

Constitutional Amendments

1. To include in the Preamble section of the constitution the following statement, which reads: "Somali Journalists Network is a trade union, national level?"
2. To take in the vision of SOJON in article 2 of the constitution the following phrases, this read:
 - a) To protect and Promote the financial interest of its members,
 - b) To protect the trade union principles,
 - c) To eliminate all types of inequality and discrimination in the work places".
3. To remove section (e) of article 3 the word ... **Religion**
4. To take in Article 4 of membership by including an honorary membership and it will be read: "Honorary Member: The Executive Committee shall give honorary membership to a person that they recognize his/her valuable support to the work of SOJON and Somali media environment as whole. Each honorary member will be given a membership certificate and membership card".
5. To include article 5 of Governance, a Supreme Council, which reads as follows:
 - a) "SOJON shall have supreme council consisting of members of the executive committee, regional representatives, chairperson of the council and secretary.
 - b) The meetings of the council shall be held only any time possible, and its quorum can be acceptable when 50% of the members plus one member are present.
 - c) The supreme Council shall have a Chairperson and secretary. The chairperson shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. The Chairperson shall nominate the secretary, and the secretary shall be nonvoting member.
 - d) The Supreme Council shall have the power to approve or disapprove the financial plan submitted by the executive committee, signing agreements and the authorization of joining national and international levels. In emergency situations the chairperson in consultation with Director General and the Secretary General will jointly decide the proper conclusion.
 - e) The chairperson of the supreme council shall have the right to attend the meetings of the executive committee and regional meetings in order to know how the business is conducted.

Appendix E

SOJON

Somali Journalists Meeting for Unified Profession

28-31 August 2004
Mogadishu, Somalia

List of Delegates

No.	Name	Media House/Freelance	Present/Absent
1.	Abdifatah Mohamoud Ahmed	East Africa Radio	Present
2.	Yusuf Mohamed Osman	Cameraman for East Africa TV	Present
3.	Hassan Yusuf Absuge	East Africa Radio	Present
4.	Sh. Nur Mohamed Abkey	East Africa Radio	Present
5.	Abdulkadir Harun Abdullahi	Cameraman	Present
6.	Mohamed Hussein Mohamed	Social Press	Present
7.	Mohamed Mahdi Mudey	Titanic Newspaper	Present
8.	Mohamoud Mohamed Ibrahim	Bilkeyr Newspaper	Present
9.	Mohamed Yasin Ali	Cameraman/Photographer	Present
10.	Abukar Abdi Hassan	Taariikh Newspaper	Present
11.	Suado Aden Mange	STN Radio	Present
12.	Amina Mohamed Hussein	Arladi Newspaper	Present
13.	Abdirizak Dahir Sudi	Waddani Press	Present
14.	Hassan Nur Mohamed	Garyaqaan Press	Present
15.	Abdikani Sheikh Mohamed	Radio Jowhar	Present
16.	Shiina Ahmed	Radio Shebele	Present
17.	Abdullahi Elmi Afrah	Xiddigta Xamar Press	Present
18.	Abdullahi Hassan Geddi	Bakaaraha Online	Present
19.	Aweys Ali Shambi	Cameraman	Present
20.	Rahmo Isak Aden	Freelancer	Present
21.	Farah Salad Dharar	“ “	Present
22.	Aweys Mayow Ahmed	Codka Dhalinyarada Press	Present
23.	Aden Abukar Ali	Yaaqshiid Online	Present
24.	Ahmedsadak Yusuf	Freelancer	Present
25.	Farhan Mohamoud Hared	Radio Mogadishu	Present
26.	Fartun Ahmed Halane	Aayaha Nolosha Press	Present
27.	Shukri Ismail Hussein	Radio Shebele	Present
28.	Hamdi Jama Elmi	Somalijecel Online	Present
29.	Mohamed Hussein Yusuf	Saxansaxo Newspaper	Present
30.	Abdirahman Salah Nune	Waddani Press	Present
31.	Ismail Omar Madobe	Onkod Press	Present
32.	Bashir Ahmed Qasim	Al-imra Press	Present
33.	Abdinasir Abdullahi Ali	Warside Press	Present
34.	Abdinur Mudey	Radio Darban	Present
35.	Mohamed Osman Jelle	Radio Codka Hiran	Present
36.	Hassan Ali Gesey	Freelancer	Present

37.	Nur Hassan Nur	Radio Jowhar	Present
38.	Bashir Ali Dahir	Radio Jowhar	Present
39.	Safiyo Mohamed Qasim	Radio Jowhar	Present
40.	Nurto Ali Omar	Freelancer	Present
41.	Osman Aden Areys	Radio Codka Hiran	Present
42.	Mohamed Hussein Ali	Radio Jowhar	Present
43.	Ibrahim Da'ud Mudey	Hubbi Newspaper	Present
44.	Fadumo Gudle Siyad	Somalibantu Online	Present
45.	Abdulkadir Ali Mohamed	Radio Baydhabo	Present
46.	Abdalle Abdi Omar	Wardoon Online	Present
47.	Abdullahi Yasin Jama	Freelancer	Present
48.	Sowdo Hussein Abdullahi	Sahan Presse	Present
49.	Mahad Hassan Dinin	Radio Abudwaq	Present
50.	Maryama Osman Mohamed	Radio Mogadishu	Present
51.	Ubah Ahmed Haji	“ “	Present
52.	Shadiya Muhumed Abdi	STN Radio	Present
53.	Fadumo Ibrahim Mohamed	Sahan Press	Present
54.	Abdi Gashan Egal	Radio Jubba	Present
55.	Abdiaziz Wehliye Ofle	Radio Codka Hiiraan	Present
56.	Hashi Abdulle Abikar	Xamarcadde Online	Present
57.	Lul Ali Kulane	Marwo Newspaper	Present
58.	Hawo-kin Nur Salad	Aayaha Nolosha Press	Present
59.	Wiilo Ali Bulhan	Xog-ogaal Newspaper	Present
60.	Zakariye Mohamed Ali	Wehel Press	Present
61.	Mohamed Herow M/nur	Radio Baydhaba	Present
62.	Ahmed Abdulle Abikar	Freelancer	Present
63.	Daahir Moallim Ali	Wardoon Online	Present
64.	Mohamed Hussein Muhumed	Hagan Press	Present
65.	Mohamed Sheikh Isak	Arlaadinet Online	Present
66.	Abdikarin Ali Barre	Radio Voice of the People	Present
67.	Mohamed Shabelow	Waayaha Newspapaer	Present
68.	Amina Ahmed Ali	East Africa Radio	Present
69.	Farhan Aden Liban	Raasonet Online	Present
70.	Bashir Mohamed Omar	Freelancer	Present
71.	Sadio Barre Haji	“ “	Present
72.	Zahra Hassan Farah	Horyal star Newspaper	Present
73.	Abdulrashid Abdulle Abikar	Executive Committee	Present
74.	Ali Moallim Isak	Arlaadi Online	Present
75.	Nasro Ali Arus	Radio Benadir	Present
76.	Mohamed Ahmed Hurshe	Liberal Voice Newspaper	Present
77.	Mohamed Barre Haji	Executive Committee	Present
78.	Abdulrashid Abdullahi Heydar	Executive Committee	Present
79.	Yusuf Ali Osman	East Africa Radio	Present
80.	Omar Faruk Osman	Executive Committee	Present
81.	Deko Yusuf Shire	Radio Hornafrik	Present

82.	Mohamed Ibrahim Bakistan	Executive Committee	Present
83.	Isse Farah Mohamed	Qaran Press	Present
84.	Abdikarin Ibrahim Aden	Aayaha Nolosha Press	Present
85.	Abdinasir Yusuf Moallim	Executive Committee	Present
86.	Abdulkadir Ali Abdulle	Executive Committee	Present
87.	Ibrahim Abukar Fanah	East Afrika Radio	Present
88.	Faham Mohamed Abukar	Radio Benadir	Present
89.	Udbi Suleyman Mahdi	Codka Dhallinyarada Press	Present
90.	Abdishakur Yusuf Ali	War-ogal Newspaper	Present
91.	Abshir Ali Gabre	Radio Holly Kuran	Present
92.	Nasteh Dahir Farah	Radio Jubba	Present
93.	Nur Muse Hussein	Freelancer	Present
94.	Omar Sheikh Aden	Cameraman	Present
95.	Abdirahman Omar Madobe	Xog-ogaal Newspaper	Present
96.	Abdisalan Xiis	Radio Benadir	Present
97.	Abdinasir Sheikh Ahmed Ali	Garyaqaan Newspaper	Present
98.	Muhudin Jakula	Radio Shabele	Present
99.	Deqo Mumin	Radio Benadir	Present
100.	Elyas Aden Haji	Radio Galkacyo	Present
101.	Abdiaziz Qanyare	Radio Voice of the People	Present
102.	Ali Muhumed Aden	Radio Benadir	Present
103.	Ambiyo Nur Ali	Radio Shebele	Present
104.	Mohamed Abukar Ma'da	Radio Hornafrik	Present
105.	Aden Hassan Bashir	Hiiraantime Online	Present
106.	Abshir Hussein Abdi	Radio Galkacyo	Present
107.	Fadumo Said Hersi	Freelancer	Present
108.	Abdirisak Omar Ismai'l	All Puntland online	Present
109.	Hassan Jidka	Radio Galkayo	Present
110.	Abdulrahman Ahmed	Bakaaraha Online	Present
111.	Mohamed Abdulkadir Jirde	Radio Mogadishu	Present
112.	Ahmed Mohamed Hashi	Freelancer	Present
113.	Abukar Sheik Ahmed	Former Director General	Absent
114.	Abdirisak Omar Ismail	All Puntland	Absent
115.	Adan Nur Mohamed	Yameyska Newspaper	Absent
116.	Mohamed Dek	PUMANET Secretary General	Absent
117.	Abdifatah Geesey	DMC Radio	Absent
118.	Ahmed Sadaq Abdi Gumbe	Radio Galkayo	Absent
119.	Wali Abdullahi Osman	Freelancer	Absent
120.	Salah Mohamed Adde	Freelancer	Absent

List of Observers

1.	Herbert Lumansi	International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)	Present
2.	Ibrahim Nawar	Arab Press Freedom Watch	Absent
3.	Chris Greene	BBC World Service Trust	Present
4.	Yusuf Hassan	BBC World Service Trust	Present

5.	Ahmed Kimiko	Somali Human Rights Defenders Network	Present
6.	Abdikarin Hassan	Somali Youth Development Network	Present

Guests

1.	Ibrahim Omar	Mayor of Mogadishu City	Present
2.	Habibo Ahmed	Somali Women Press Association	Present
3.	Fardowso Sheik	Somali Women Journalists association	Absent
4.	Abdulkadir Walayo	East Africa Media Institute	Present
5.	Mohamed Mohamud	Mogadishu Business Community	Present
6.	Abdikafi Hilowle	Somali Civil Society Congress	Present

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