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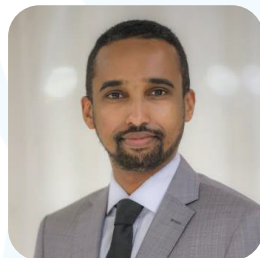


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Programme

- The Somali National Anthem
- Dr Mohamed Yusuf, Director, UPEACE Somali Programme
- Professor Samuel Ewusi, Director, UPEACE Africa Programme
- Dr Francisco Rojas Aravena UPEACE Rector: KEYNOTE SPEECH
- H. E. Minister of Education, Culture and Higher Education, Federal Government of Somalia
- Catriona Liang, Special Representative for Somalia and Head of United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
- Karin Johansson Ambassador of the European Union to Somalia
- Jibril Afyare, UPEACE Student
- Conclusion of UPEACE Graduation Comments
- Commencement of the award of degrees:
 - UPEACE Graduates
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 - Professor Samuel Ewusi, Africa Region Director
 - Dr Francisco Rojas Aravena, UPEACE Rector
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- Dissolution of the Congregation: Dr Francisco Rojas Aravena UPEACE Rector
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List of Graduating Students

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No	Name	Dissertation Title
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2	Abdirisak Warsame Dirie	Human Rights and Legal Pluralism in Somalia: A Comparative Study of Islamic, Somali Customary, and Conventional Legal Systems
3	Abdullahi Hassan Cisman	The Impact of Corruption and The Absence of Adequate Governance on Achieving Political Stability, Development, And Economic Growth in Somalia
4	Abdullahi Ibrahim Mohamed	Women and equal representation in leadership role in Somalia.
5	Ali Mohamed Hussein	The Host Communities Challenges towards Human Rights: The Case of Host Communities in Mogadishu
6	Feisal Hassan Nur	Child Rights Protection in Conflict Situations in Mogadishu, Somalia
7	Garad Aden Issack	Observation of human rights in countering Terrorism in Somalia (2017-2022)
8	Ibrahim Dahir Hussein	Legal protection of children: challenges faced by children in Somalia.
9	Iqran Abdi Farah	The National Human Rights Institution and the prevention of Human Rights in Somalia.
10	Issa Ahmed Warsame	The protection of human rights in Somalia
11	Nuridin Abdiaziz Mohamed	The socio-economic empowerment of refugees in Mogadishu.
12	Rami Ramadan Abdow	Women and elections in Somalia.
13	Mohamed Abdi Ali	The Law and Children with Disability in Somalia.
14	Yasir Isse Haji Isse	Child labour and school attendance in Somalia.
15	Yussuf Ahmed Ibrahim	Human Rights in Armed Conflict: Examining the Legal Framework And Challenges To Accountability With Case Studies From The Syrian Civil War And The Conflict In Yemen
16	Zakaria Mohamud Mohamed	The Role of International Law in Addressing Global Geopolitical Challenges

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1	Abdirahim Mohammed Muhummed	The impact of foreign food aid on Local food systems in Jubaland state of Somalia
2	Abdiribah Mohamed Abdiwahid	An Assessment of The Impact of The Cutting. Down of the Qurac (Acacia Tortilis) Tree: The Case Study in Lower Jubba Afmadow District Dhobley Area, Somalia.
3	Abdirizak Mursal Farah	Water Resource and Conflict in East Africa (Case Study; River Shebelle in Somalia.
4	Abdisamad H. Ahmed H. Derea	The impact of climate change on water security in Togdheer region of Somaliland, Odweine District
5	Abdisamed Mohamud Saeed	Impact of climate change on universal wash coverage in Puntland, Somalia
6	Ahmed Ali Abdinur	“The socio-economic impact of floods on riverinecommunities of luuq district, Jubba River Somalia”
7	Fardous Hussein Roble	Impact of Climate Change on Fisheries and Environment in Berbera Region
8	Fardowsa Muse Osman	The Impacts of Water Scarcity on Agricultural Production and Livelihoods in the Afgoi District Lower Shabelle Region.
9	Hassan Abdi Mohamed	The place of Social and Environmental opportunities to Climate change adaptation in Agropastoral Communities of Middle Shabelle Region.
10	Leila Abdullahi Daud	The Determinants of Deforestation in Juba-land Region in Somalia
11	Liban Mahi Moalim	Natural Resources and Conflicts in Afgoye, Lower Shabelle Somalia
12	Mohamed Abdirazak Abdullahi	The Impact of Floods on Small Scale Far Mers in Jowhar District - Middle Shabelle - Somalia.
13	Mohamed Bashir Moalim	Factors influencing sesame production: the case of Jowhar, Middle Shebelle Somalia
14	Mohamed Mohamoud Hussein.	An evaluation of domestic water management system in Wadajir District Mogadishu Somalia.

15	Mohamed Muhumed Hirey	The effects of agricultural infrastructure on production in Somalia
16	Mohamud Ali Mohamed	The impact of Deforestation on Environment in Somalia, a case study of Puntland Region of Somalia
17	Najah Faisal Ahmed	Assesing the impact of climate change of Female Farmers in Somalia.A case study of Hiraan Region
18	Osman Mohamud Mohamed	Climate change and charcoal business in the central regions of Somalia: The question of probable alternative
19	Yussuf Abdi Maalim	Camel Dairy and Households' Adaptation to Climate Change in Peri-Urban Communities in Somalia.

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No	Name	Dissertation Title
1	Abdiaziz Hussein Hassan	An Examination of the Drought Mitigating Strategies by Local Communities in Baidoa,
2	Abdirashid Hirsi Omar	Climate Induced Displacement among IPDs in Mogadishu, Somalia.
3	Abdulfatah Muhiadin Hirabe	Urban Environmental Status in Somalia: Solid Waste Management Karan And Wadajir Mogadishu Somalia
4	Fartun Ali Abdulle	Planning Disaster Management in the Urban Context.
5	Hashim Ahmed Ali Goleey	CIVIL SOCIETY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN MOGADISHU-SOMALIA.
6	Hassan Mohamed Habibullah	Navigating the Pandemic: The Impact of COVID-19 on Maternal Healthcare Services Utilization among Pregnant Women in Banadir Region, Somalia: from July to December 2019 and July to December 2020.
7	Ikhlas Sheikh Omar Ibrahim	Managing psychological chronic droughts among Somali women in Southwest state.
8	Imadi Abdiaziz Mohamed	Coordination and Community Resilience against Shocks and Stresses in Somalia: A Case of Relief Agencies Operating in Mogadishu-Somalia.
9	Kasim Osman Said	Assessing recurrent drought effects among agro pastorals Communities in Merka district, lower Shabelle region, Somalia
10	Mohamed Abdelkarim Haji Abdi	The role of community participation in disaster management in Mogadishu Somalia.
11	Mustaf Said Hussein	Building resilience to malnutrition on vulnerable communities in Mogadishu
12	Nimco Ayan Hassan Gulled	Building resilience to enhance food security and nutrition in the Near Jawhar district.
13	Rahma Aden Mohamed	Information and Disaster Risk Reduction in Somalia: The case of Flood management in Mogadishu Somalia.

MA-PGD

No	Name	Dissertation Title:
1	Ali Mohamed Adan	Enhancing local service delivery in the south-west state of Somalia: the role of the ministry of interior and effectiveness of Strategies.
2	Abdi Adan salat	The role of women in peace building in Somalia.
3	Abdulkadir Ahmed Kheyr Abdi	The History of Somali Diplomacy in Solving African Conflicts
4	Abdulkadir Osoble Ali	Examining the Intricate Relationship Between Foreign Involvement and Clan Conflict in Somalia.
5	Abdullahi Hussein Omar	Climate change and internal displacement in Mogadishu – Somalia.
6	Abiy Fino	An investigative study in accordance with conflict early warning In Africa: the case of the African union–continental early Warning system.

7	Aden Osman Qaloshe.	Countering child soldier endemic in Somalia: a quest for lasting Peace and security in Somalia.
8	Bashir Said Hassan	The Role of Somali Youth in Peace Building: - A case study of Analysing Opportunities and Structural Constraints affecting Youth Participation in Peace Building in Mogadishu Somalia.
9	Farah Abdi Hassan	Federalism & political stability in Somalia.
10	Fatuha Abdullahi Isse	Good Governance and Elections in Somalia: The Case of the Electoral Process in Somalia
11	Fatuma Abdullahi Isse	Youth And Peacebuilding in Somalia: Agency, Resistance and Formalisation
12	Hussein Maalim Ali	Women and socio-economic development in Somalia.
13	Ilyas Sheikh Ahmed	The management of Somali refugees in Kenya.
14	Ireen Musonda,	A Critical Analysis of the Effectiveness of Zambia's National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) on Health Care Utilisation in Kabulonga area of Lusaka.
15	Juweyriya Mahdi Mohamed	Gender; role of women in peace building case study in Somalia Mogadishu.
16	Khalif Mohamed Ali	Examining The Role of Clan Leaders In Facilitating Peace-Building Efforts in The Federal Republic Of Somalia.
17	Mohamed Aweis Mohamed	The Role of State in the Management of Political Instability in Somalia.
18	Mohamed Omar Muse	Traditional Leadership Roles in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building process; "A Case Study Puntland State of Somalia"
19	Mohamud Mohamed Mohamud	Federalism and Political Conflict in Somalia.
20	Namondo Mbonji M. Epse Soltys	Resource Governance and Development: Acomparison Study of Cameroon and South Africa
21	Omar Hussein Hassan	Federal system and conflict management in Banadir Region-Somalia.
22	Osman Shariff Abukar	Order in chaos: Understanding Legislative Elections in Somalia.
23	Salad Mohamed Nur	The Effect of Corruption on Good Governance in Mogadishu Somalia.
24	Shafie Nuralas Farah	Governance Structure in Somalia (The State Of Governance in Somalia: A Stake for Peace and Security)
25	Yusuf Hussein Ahmed	Civil wars and the difficult return to peace and stability in Somalia Stakes and constraints involved.

UPEACE Ph.D FELLOWS

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1	Gulled Salah Barre	Federalism in Somalia: Challenges and Opportunities for State Building in a Post-Conflict Setting
2	Said Hassan Ahmed	Analyzing the Impact of Colonialism on Somali Ethnic and Cultural Differences on Progressive Governance
3	Mohamed Abdullahi Salat	An Analysis of Infrastructural Development as a Strategy for Post Conflict Peacebuilding in Somalia: The Case of Transport Infrastructure
4	Ikubaje John Gbodi	The African Union's Fight against Corruption: Implications for Peace and Development: Case Studies of Nigeria and Rwanda.
5	Said Moallim Abukar	Access to Finance and Business Environment constraints of SMEs – The Case of Mogadishu Start-ups
6	Hussein Yusuf Ali	A Comparative Study of Cooperation in Trans boundary water management: A Case study of the Juba and Shebelle in the Horn of Africa and River Senegal in West Africa
7	Daniel Jesudoss Jeyabalan	Security Governance in substate Actors: Implications for Piracy in the Gulf of Eden
8	Mahamoud Mohamed Alasso	E-government Development to Curb Corruption in Post-Conflict Nations: A Case Study of Somalia
9	Caseley Olabode Stephens	An Analysis of Access to Health Care in Nigeria: The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)
10	Hassan Warsame Nor	Environmental Degradation and Livelihoods Security in Somalia: Case Study of Afgoye District

Profile of the keynote speaker - Francisco Rojas Aravena

Francisco Rojas Aravena was elected as the 8th Rector of the University for Peace (UPEACE) in 2013. He was elected for a second term in 2018. Dr. Rojas-Aravena has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and a M.S. in Political Science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), and specializes in international relations, human security, integration, Latin American political systems, negotiations – theory and practice – and international security and defence. He served as the Secretary-General of FLACSO (2004-2012) and Director of FLACSO Chile (1996-2004). Dr. Rojas-Aravena also served Professor at the School of International Relations of the National University of Costa Rica (UNA) (1980-1990), Professor at Stanford University's campus in Chile, Visiting Professor at the Andres Bello Diplomatic Academy (Chile) and a Fulbright Professor at the Latin American and Caribbean Centre (LACC) at Florida International University (USA). He is currently on the Editorial Board of several academic journals, including the Spanish edition of Foreign Affairs magazine (Mexico), Pensamiento Iberoamericano magazine (Spain) and Ciencia Política magazine (National University of Colombia). Dr. Rojas-Aravena is a prolific author and editor and has published a large number of books, as well as contributed with book chapters, both within and outside of Latin America, many of which have been translated into other languages. In 2016 Dr. Rojas-Aravena received the Malinalli Prize from the Universidad Autonoma de Juarez (Mexico), for his contributions to the Latin American region. In 2012, he was honoured by the governments of Costa Rica, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic for his contributions to the integration between Latin America and the Caribbean. Throughout his professional career, he has also conducted advisory and consulting work for various international agencies and governments in the region.

Attending the Graduation of the UPEACE Mogadishu campus for the second time, the Rector demonstrates his personal commitment to this important and latest UPEACE centre, and the commitment of UPEACE to provide education and services to support peace-building and development in Somalia.

Appreciation

The Rector of UPEACE on behalf of the UPEACE Community extends his gratitude to everyone who has contributed to both the establishment and facilitation of UPEACE programmes in Somalia and Africa at large.



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