



**EAST AFRICAN INSTITUTE**  
For Peace and Governance

### **Call for papers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peace Conference, August 2025**

**Theme of the year: Building Resilience Amidst Recurrent Conflicts in the Horn of Africa**

#### **About the Institute**

The East African Institute for Peace and Governance, or "EAIPG," founded in 2019, is a cutting-edge research center that is non-profit, interactive, diverse, and committed to fostering critical thinking, scholarly publishing, and intellectual discourse. EAIPG has organized several events, including the 1st Annual Peace Conference, being held in Nairobi on August 20-21, 2024, and attended by close to 100 people from five continents—the US, Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa—especially from the Horn of Africa countries: Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Tanzania. The second event, organized by EAIPG and co-hosted by the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Migration, Returns, and Children's Rights (OSPE), is the 1st Annual Migration Conference, being held in Nairobi on April 20th, 2025, and attended by close to 50 people from different destinations and backgrounds. Equally, EAIPG hosted enormous capacity-building trainings, workshops, and symposiums. Additionally, EAIPG has signed MoUs with different like-minded institutions and think tanks, including the University of Nairobi, Horn International Institute for Strategic Studies based in Nairobi, Kenya, Citycot University in Somalia, and others.

The institute promotes adopting a growth mindset in place of a fixed attitude. Similarly, EAIPG extends an invitation to all segments of society—including but not restricted to legislators, business owners, scholars, media professionals, women, young people, religious leaders, traditional elders, human rights activists, educators, and any ingenious person—to present persuasive, thought-provoking talks and debates. Additionally, EAIPG encourages community brainstorming for any urgent, valuable, and practical subjects to achieve profitable outcomes.

### **Concept Note**

The concept note "Building Resilience **Amidst Recurrent Conflicts in the Horn of Africa**" aims to promote peace and stability within the region, despite the ongoing conflicts and disputes that have long characterized the Horn of Africa. By fostering peaceful relations among neighboring countries and addressing the root causes of conflicts, the note seeks to create a safe and secure environment for communities in the region. Through dialogue, cooperation, and conflict resolution mechanisms, the goal is to build peaceful and resilient neighborhoods that can withstand the challenges of the region. As such, the East African Institute for Peace and Governance will host peace discourses in the region due to a number of factors, including long-lasting conflicts, sporadic diplomatic relationships among the nations in the region, foreign meddling due to the region's strategic location, the presence of foreign troops in the region, ethnic-based politics that lead to constant internal conflicts, terrorist organizations in the region, porous borders among the states of the Horn of Africa, the irregular migration, and other crises brought on by climate change. This 2nd Annual Peace" Conference of the East African Institute for Peace and Governance is scheduled for August 2025 in **Nairobi** or **Kampala**. Approximately 100 people from the region, including those from Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and some diaspora communities, will attend the meeting.

Policymakers, embassies, academic institutions, think tanks, researchers, civil society organizations, traditional elders, religious organizations, women's organizations, and others should be represented among the attendees.

The conference will cover a wide range of subjects, such as

- I. Conflict Resolution, Dialogue and Negotiation
- II. Peacebuilding Initiatives
- III. Addressing Root Causes of Conflicts
- IV. Regional Cooperation and Collaboration
- V. Red Sea and Horn of Africa Dynamics
- VI. Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Dynamics
- VII. Blue Nile Conflicts
- VIII. Proxy Wars, External Meddling
- IX. Building Trust and Understanding among Neighboring Countries
- X. Promoting Stability and Security in the region
- XI. Strengthening Governance and Institutions
- XII. Supporting Communities Affected by Conflicts
- XIII. Climate Migration and Social Mobility

However, "**Building Resilience Amidst Recurrent Conflicts in the Horn of Africa**" should be the umbrella issue for all talks and panel discussions.

### **Aims of the Conference**

There are many purposes behind organizing this event, including:

1. Mitigating drivers of conflicts among the Horn/Eastern region of Africa, including the Blue Nile conflicts.
2. Putting an end to the unstable diplomatic relations that exist between the countries in the region
3. Safeguarding the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of each country
4. Cooperation among stakeholders in the region in the fight against terrorist networks and pirates.
5. Contributing to the integration of the region and leveraging shared cultural diplomacy.
6. Addressing irregular migration in the region as a solution to instability.
7. Utilizing IGAD and the East African Community as positive forces in mitigating the deep-rooted conflicts in the Horn of Africa.

**Important Notice:**

**N.B: THE CONFERENCE IS A SELF-SPONSORSHIP!**

**Call for papers: 07 July 2025**

**Deadline of the abstract: 17 July 2025**

**Abstract Notification: 27 July 2025**

**Final Deadline for the full Papers: 10 August 2025**

**Notification of Accepted Papers: 15 August 2025**

**Conference Venue: Nairobi**

**Exact Date will be communicated later!**

**Publication of papers: October 2025**

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