







The Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) and Mogadishu University are pleased to announce the 2nd Somalia Disaster Resilience Conference, focusing on the theme "Building Disaster Resilience Through Community-Based Approaches." This year's conference aims to amplify grassroots strategies for disaster resilience by exploring community-led practices, innovations, and local capacities. Researchers are invited to submit abstracts that align with the conference theme and promote evidence based recommendations for policy and practice in Somalia and beyond.

This conference is a product of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) and Mogadishu University, which aims to foster academic collaboration and joint research initiatives. It directly supports SoDMA's Strategic Objective 4 (2024–2029): "Research the top five recurring disasters in Somalia by 2025 and develop targeted strategies." Additionally, it aligns with Mogadishu University's Strategic Objective 4 (2021–2025) under Strategic Goal 9: "Enhancing Research Utilization for Societal Impact," which seeks to strengthen the use of research to generate meaningful benefits for society.

The conference plays a pivotal role in advancing this objective by serving as a platform for knowledge exchange and innovative disaster research focused on the Somali context.

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

We welcome abstracts and full papers on a broad range of topics that support the overarching theme, including but not limited to:

- Empowering Communities through Education for Enhanced Resilience.
- Strengthening Disaster Preparedness with Early Warning Systems.
- Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture for Resilient Livelihoods.
- Engaging Youth and Volunteers in Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Leveraging Traditional Leadership and Community Champions for Disaster Management.
- Harnessing Technology for Efficient Disaster Management.
- Advancing Climate Action (SDG 13) to Strengthen Disaster Resilience.
- Utilizing Climate Risk Analysis to Address Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- Abstract: Submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, summarizing the main argument, research methodology, and key recommendations.
- Full Paper Length: 3,500 to 6,000 words, including references.
- Format: Times New Roman, font size 12, double-spaced, one-inch margins.
- Language: Submissions accepted in Somali, Arabic, or English. Somali and Arabic papers must include an English abstract.
- Originality: Only original, unpublished work will be considered. Plagiarized or concurrently submitted papers will be disqualified. Ensure the originality of your work through proper citations. Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified. Authors must submit empirical research supported by evidence and data. Please refrain from submitting papers al- ready under consideration by other journals. Previously published papers will not be accepted. Researchers holding master's or PhD degrees with at least one prior publication are encouraged to participate.
- **Biography:** Include a brief biography (maximum 150 words) describing your academic and professional background.
- **Eligibility:** Researchers with Master's or PhD degrees and at least one previous publication is encouraged to submit

## **IMPORTANT DATES – SDRC 2025**

Milestone	Date
Call for Papers	10 June 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	E 1l., 202E
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	10 July 2025
Final Paper Submission Deadline	30 August 2025
Notification of Full Paper Acceptance	30 September 2025
Conference Dates	22–23 October 2025

Early submission is highly appreciated. Participants are encouraged to notify the organizing committee of their intention to participate as soon as possible.

For submissions and inquiries, please contact:

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