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*From Dialogue to Shared Priorities and
Practical Follow-Up*

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Background

Mudug occupies a strategic position at the crossroads of Puntland and Galmudug. The region continues to face recurring conflict, displacement, political tension, climate-related shocks, and limited development investment. These pressures affect social cohesion, public trust, livelihoods, mobility, and the ability of communities to coordinate around shared peace and development priorities.

Much of the conflict is rooted in disputes over land, water, grazing routes, political representation, and access to power between and within communities. These tensions are compounded by limited access to justice, particularly in rural areas where formal courts and trusted dispute-resolution services are often difficult to reach. Without accessible and trusted avenues for redress, local disputes can escalate into wider clan conflict, displacement, and cycles of retaliation.

At the same time, Mudug carries strong peacebuilding assets. Traditional leaders, religious scholars, women organizers, youth representatives, business networks, academics, civil society actors, and diaspora partners all have roles to play in rebuilding trust and supporting long-term stability. The challenge is not the absence of local capacity, but the need for a credible platform where these actors can identify shared priorities and move from dialogue to coordinated follow-through.

Midaynta Community Services, through the Mudug Peacebuilding Initiative, has supported community-led dialogue and diaspora engagement since 2021. The initiative works alongside existing local structures rather than replacing them, creating space for elders, women, youth, government representatives, civil society, academics, grassroots organizations, and diaspora partners to exchange ideas and coordinate practical action.

The 6th Mudug Peacebuilding Conference builds on this ongoing process. It is designed as a locally grounded peacebuilding platform that advances conflict prevention, social cohesion, inclusive participation, and accountable follow-up. The conference will bring key stakeholders together in Galkacyo to address root causes of conflict, document shared priorities, and strengthen coordination for sustaining peace in Mudug.

Rationale

Sustainable peace in Mudug requires more than short-term meetings or isolated reconciliation efforts. Communities need a conflict-sensitive forum where local voices, public institutions, and diaspora partners can address root causes of tension and agree on practical next steps.

The forum links reconciliation, local governance, social cohesion, inclusive participation, and development priorities. If trusted local actors and diaspora partners are brought together through an inclusive platform, they can agree on shared priorities and follow-up commitments that support sustaining peace in Mudug.

Objectives

- Strengthen trust, social cohesion, and coordination among peacebuilding stakeholders in Mudug.
- Translate lessons from previous Mudug peacebuilding dialogues into shared priorities, an action matrix, and follow-up roles.
- Promote inclusive and conflict-sensitive dialogue among government, traditional leaders, civil society, women, youth, academics, and diaspora partners.
- Support locally led conflict prevention by addressing land, water, justice, representation, and inter-clan grievances.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased trust, collaboration, and coordination among peacebuilding stakeholders in Mudug.
- Shared peacebuilding priorities, an agreed-upon action matrix, and clear follow-up responsibilities established.
- Inclusive and conflict-sensitive dialogue strengthened across government, traditional leaders, civil society, women, youth, academics, and diaspora partners.
- Locally led conflict prevention efforts strengthened through consensus on key peacebuilding priorities and solutions.

Evaluation Tools

The success of the forum will be measured through a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation process. Stakeholder validation will be documented through the recommendation matrix, session records, and the final forum communiqué. Participation and inclusion will be assessed using registration lists, attendance records, and stakeholder mapping to ensure broad and representative engagement.

The quality of implementation will be evaluated through the final agenda, facilitator notes, session documentation, and photographs. Progress toward agreed follow-up actions will be verified through the finalized action matrix, meeting minutes, and implementation plan. Participant satisfaction and learning outcomes will be measured using post-event feedback forms and evaluation surveys. A comprehensive post-forum summary report and donor report will be completed within 30 days, documenting key outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations for future action.

Who Will Participate

The forum will convene approximately 300 stakeholders representing the key voices needed for locally led peacebuilding, social cohesion, and coordinated development in Mudug:

- Federal Government of Somalia, Puntland, Galmudug, and relevant local government representatives.
- Traditional elders, religious scholars, peace committees, and community leaders.
- Women leaders, youth representatives, academics, grassroots organizations, and civil society actors.
- Security, justice, private sector, development partners, and Somali diaspora partners connected to the initiative.

Agenda Forum

Day	Focus
Day 1 - Dec 17	Opening stakeholder forum with government representatives, state authorities, elders, academics, civil society, diaspora, and partners. Includes Qur'anic recitation, welcome remarks, peacebuilding presentation, expert dialogue, and public feedback.
Day 2 - Dec 18	Closed traditional elders' dialogue on conflict triggers, inter-clan grievances, customary reconciliation, trust-building, resource pressures, prevention, and pathways for de-escalation.
Day 3 - Dec 19	Thematic session on youth perspectives, women's challenges, and women's roles in mediation and peacebuilding. Afternoon session will finalize priorities, communicate points, follow-up roles, and a traditional closing ceremony.



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