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The “Greater Horn Horizon” Forum opens a Dialogue between Youth, Media, NGOs and Intellectuals

Backed by UNESCO since its creation in 2007, the “Greater Horn Horizon” Forum (GHHF) will hold a three-day meeting from 1 to 3 May 2010 in **Djibouti**. As member countries of the Forum, the representatives of **Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan** and **Uganda** will be focusing on the contribution of youth, the media, NGOs and intellectuals to facilitate mutual understanding, regional integration and peace-building through dialogue, in this part of the world.

The opening session will be attended by H.E. Mr Ali Abdi Farah, Minister of Culture and Communication, and H.E. Ms Hasna Barkat Daoud, Minister of Youth, Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Djibouti; Mr Florence Mpaayei, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of the “Greater Horn Horizon”; H.E. Mr Mahboub M.Maalim, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD); and Pierre Sané, UNESCO’s Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, who will give a presentation on UNESCO’s Youth Strategy.

A second presentation will be given by UNESCO on “The Role of the Media in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict – The Experience of UNESCO”.

The meeting will focus on three main themes:

- 1 May on **Youth in the Horn of Africa and the “Greater Horn Horizon” Forum**: Intellectuals and youth will explore research priorities for youth policies in the region.
- 2 May on **Policy Dialogue between the Media of the Horn of Africa and the “Greater Horn Horizon” Forum**: An exchange of views between intellectuals and the media on future cooperation will be explored.
- 3 May on **Dialogue between the Media, Youth and NGOs of the Horn of Africa and the “Greater Horn Horizon” Forum**: Media, youth and NGOs will discuss a policy paper on peace and security in the Horn of Africa region.

The “Greater Horn Horizon” is a forum for policy research independently operated made up of researchers, academics and other experts on the Horn of Africa and the Diaspora wishing to participate actively in the analysis and research of sustainable solutions to current problems faced by countries in the region.

The originality of this initiative is to focus on the analysis of regional issues, scenario techniques and methods of anticipation. This would thus avoid the traditional interpretations of past and current difficulties in the region. The forum will be keeping out of the issue of the search for the “guilty ones” in past or on-going conflicts that create divisions between different countries. Instead, it seeks to raise public awareness of the need to think regionally and to develop the ability to formulate common strategies pragmatically.

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Other events relating to UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Programme in May 2010

- **1 May-31 October:** Shanghai Expo 2010 "One Earth, One UN: Better City Better Life", Shanghai, **China**
- **10-11 May:** Regional experts' consultation meeting on the advisability of preparing a Declaration of Ethical Principles in relation to Climate Change, **Paris, France**
- **11-14 May:** Asian-Arab Philosophical Dialogues on the Culture of Peace and Human Dignity, **Malacca, Malaysia**
- **13-14 May:** Regional Experts' consultation meeting on the advisability of preparing a Declaration of Ethical Principles in relation to Climate Change, **Montevideo, Uruguay**
- **24-25 May:** Preparatory Conference on Youth of the Americas and the Caribbean, **Brasilia, Brazil**

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