



Africa Briefing – Somalia's Prospects ?

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14.00 – 17.00

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1. BACKGROUND

Somalia has been a case in point of the intertwined challenges of state failure and global threats for the last two decades. The country has been treated either by international indifference or compassion (as illustrated by the bitter experience of the Restore Hope operation). It has now developed into a serious security challenge for the region and the rest of the world, a hotbed of Islamist terror and the origin of an increasing wave of piracy.

In the last few years, international efforts have focused on the visible and recurrent effects of these crises (operations at sea, regional containment, anti-terror operations). However, these actions should not overshadow the need to address the root causes of the seemingly never-ending Somali crises through international and regional strategies as well as a policy on state-building grounded on the Somali realities. Recent foreign interventions and strategies, with or without regional involvement have not yet succeeded in reaching the path to sustainable stabilisation.

The briefing will provide an update and analysis of the Somali crisis, current and new crisis management approaches and explore avenues for sustainable crisis resolution.

2. PROGRAMME

1400-14.15 Welcoming speech of the chair of l'Observatoire de l'Afrique

- **Koen Vlassenroot**, Egmont

1415-1430 Somali crises – an overview

- **Roland Marchal**, CERI, Paris

1430-1445 Break

1445-1515 African responses to Somali crises

Chair : **Jeremy Lester**, European Commission, Head of Unit, Relations with the countries and the regions of the Horn of Africa, Eastern Africa and Indian Ocean

- One representative from the Peace Support Operations Division of the AU, Addis Ababa, tbc
- **Rashid Abdi**, Analyst, Horn of Africa, International Crisis Group,

1515-1600 What prospects and scenarios for Somalia and the region ?

Chair: **Damien Helly**, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

- **Mario Raffaelli**, former Deputy Minister and Special Envoy for Somalia, Italy
- **Bernard Rambaud / Fernando Moreno**, Council of the EU, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, (CMPD)
- **Markus Höhne**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

1600-1700 Debate with the audience

Chair : **Gianni Bonvicini**, Executive Vice President, IAI, Rome