

Roundtable Discussion

Northern Virginia
Community College

Friday February 22, 2013
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Bisdorf Building
Room: 158 AA

3001 North Beauregard St.
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

About the Event: A briefing about current social and economic development in Puntland and an engaging open dialogue and discussion about how could the Diaspora rather than feeding into and exacerbating the conflict and political disputes, help local people disengage from the violence and pressure political elites to respond to needs of the people. The forum is also envisioned to be a platform for information sharing and information exchange between the Diaspora and organizations that are on the ground.

About the Host: SFS has been strengthening, promoting education, health, livelihood, economic development, democracy, media and human rights initiatives in Puntland. Our activities included but not limited to: building schools/rehabilitating /furnishing schools and supporting schools. Building and managing a library, distributing books throughout Puntland, rehabilitating roads while at the same time providing job training and employment for youth at risk, providing micro grants and micro loans, providing social rehabilitation, social reintegration and vocational skill training. Additionally, SFS has been working good governance, transparency and accountability, resource sharing and fairness, peace building, human rights and empowering women, youth and internal displaced people projects. Currently, we have established online news and soon will have a public affairs broadcasting community radio station.