

Sharing Our Experiences/Synergizing our Work
A Dialogue on Diaspora Support for Democracy and Development in Somalia
Sponsored By Somali Family Services



An impressive number of Somalis from the Twin Cities area are engaged in support for education and development efforts in Somalia. From libraries to education; economic development to health care these efforts are helping Somalia emerge from decades of war and impoverishment.

We hope to bring together local Somalis who are engaged—or hope to be engaged—in this work. What are we doing? What are we learning? What are the challenges? What resources have

we found within and outside the Somali community? Who else is doing this work? Are there ways to support each other and create synergy?

In order to make it possible for the most people to attend, we will be holding the session twice. Choose either or both: **Thursday, March 14, 5 PM, Social Science Building, room 609, OR Friday, March 29th, 12 noon, and same location.** The address and directions are 267 19th Avenue S Minneapolis, MN 55455. <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/SocSci/>. Light refreshments will be served.

We expect the conversation to run about an hour or so. Please feel free to invite people you think might be interested.

For more information and to let us know you are coming, please RSVP to

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Somali Family Services is a non-profit organization headquartered in Minneapolis Minnesota. Established in 2003 to serve the Somali Diaspora, SFS has evolved to become a link between Somalia and Minnesota. SFS supports the Puntland Library and Resource Center in Puntland and operates projects in its core program areas: democracy and governance; civil society and reconciliation; education; health; and support for marginalized groups including women, youth and the internally displaced.

