

# Schedule

**DAY ONE: SATURDAY, 21 JULY 2018**

**09:00-10:00 OPENING REMARKS**

**HOST: YUSSUR A. F. ABRAR**

## **OFFICIAL OPENING**

President of the Republic of Somaliland –  
H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi

## **Honor Guests and Salutations**

Chair Dr. Edna Adan Ismail, Patron of the  
Hargeysa International Book Fair

## **10:15-10:45 TRADITIONAL DANCE**

Hargeysa Cultural Centre's own Traditional Dance  
Group will be performing a various styles of both  
older and modern performances, including Abaan  
Tuutsiga Ab baannu ahayn (we were co-ancestors  
with the Tutsi people of Rwanda).

*[Break – Media encounters – books stalls visit]*

## **11:00-12:30 PANEL: ON RWANDA – THE GUEST COUNTRY**

Guests from our Guest Country Rwanda will be  
sharing with us through the lenses of film maker  
Eric Kabera, political scientist and anthropologist  
Dr. Frederick Golooba-Mutebi and cultural  
curator Carole Karemera.

Chaired by: Mary Harper

## **12:30-13:00 PHOTOGRAPHY, ART, DESIGN AND BOOKSTALLS**

The HIBF showcases works of different visual artists,  
including photographers and painters. Nujuum Arts,  
Hanad Arts, Sayid Arts, Huda Banfas (photographer)  
and Yusuf Dahir (photographer). The new venue of  
the Hargeysa Cultural Centre will host during the HIBF  
a dedicated space for a permanent display of these  
artists. Guests can buy from the display, as there will  
be a stall dedicated to the painters this year.

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**13:00-15:00 LUNCH FOR GUESTS AT HCC**

Lunch - Meeting with the media

**16:00-18:30: LAUNCHING HCC 2018 PUBLISHED BOOKS**

**1. 16:00-16:30 "MA INNAGUUN BAA?" BY SAID JAMA HUSSEIN**

Said Jama Hussein, distinctive manner of expression and brilliant choice of stories which one meets with in his literary works - 'Shufbeel', 'Safar Aan Jaho Lahayn' and his latest 'Ma Innaguun Baa!' - rightly put the author, Said Jama Hussein, among the few distinguished pioneers of the modern Somali short story writing. Said will be launching his new book, "Ma innaguun baa!"  
Chair: Yaasmiin Maxamed Kaahin

**2. 16:30-17:00 "SOOMAALI BEEN MA MAAHMAAHDO" BY GEORGI KAPTCHITS AND "MAAHMAAHYADA IYO ADEEGSIGOODA" BY KAMAAL ABDILLAHI HUSSEIN**

Kapchits' book is a revised edition of his classic work on the Somali proverbs. The purpose of the book by Kamal Abdillahi Hussein is to help young generation to discover the wisdom of the Somali Proverbs, and to invite them to have a glimpse of the old ways and traditions of their ancestors.  
Chair: Maxmed Baashe Xaaji Xasan

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## 3. 17:00-17:30 "INTRODUCTION TO PLANTS IN CENTRAL SOMALILAND", BY HELEN PICKERING AND AHMED IBRAHIM AWALE.

The book provides an introduction to some of the common native and naturalised plants found in Central Somaliland. A brief discussion of its major environmental zones is followed by a photographic guide to the plants in three main geographic regions; the coastal plain, Golis Mountains and the Hargeysa plateau. It has been designed for the non-specialist; technical terms are kept to a minimum and a glossary is provided.

Chair: Muna Axmed Cumar

## 4. 17:30-18:00 THE EXTINCTION OF MENAI, CHUMA NWOKOLO

A minor Apocalypse is the subject of Chuma Nwokolo's most ambitious fiction yet. The Menai ethnic nation are heirs to the illustrious Meroe civilization, which thrived for centuries on the banks of Nile River. Inspired by their leader, Mata Nimito, and indelible cast makes a final stand for land and language in the delta of Niger River.

Chair: Dianne Wakonyo

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## 5. 18:00-18:30 HARGEYSA BREEZE (MARTIN ORWIN, CHUMA NWOKOLO AND READ FROM ....)

Collection of poems for Hargeysa and Laasgeel: the poems presented in the anthology are not dissimilar from the representations at Laas Geel by its inhabitants of long ago. Like their predecessors, the poets are attempting to capture and represent what must be complicated, multifaceted and ineffable feelings and thought about the city of Hargeysa, Laas Geel and Somaliland for contemporary and future readers, so that they too will take something from the individual as well as shared perspectives of the writers on an important city in an emergent nation and an archaeological site deserving of the status of world heritage.

Chair: Ahmed Ibrahim Awale

## 6. 19:00-19:30 MARTIN ORWIN - SOMALI LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - FIRST LINGUISTICS WORKSHOP

The workshop was held between 14-20 December 2015 at the Hargeysa Cultural Centre with the objective to facilitate collaboration among scholars in the field of Somali language studies through presenting their ongoing projects or finished work. The book contains the proceedings of the presentations and is edited by Martin Orwin.

Chair: Saynab Dahir

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**19.45-21.30: PANEL: ON PATRICK MAZIMHAKA, AFRICAN PEACEMAKER (LIVE PAINTING)**

Patrick Mazimhaka, sometimes called as African Peacemaker, was the first chairman of The Brenthurst Foundation's Advisory Board. A graduate of Makerere University, Mazimhaka was a founder of the Rwandese Alliance of National Unity (RANU), a predecessor of the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF). In 2003 he was elected as the Deputy Chair of the African Union Commission, a position which he held until 2008, during which he was always show good understanding of Somaliland case. In this book fair, we will commemorate our good friend and supporter. We are putting together a high profile panel including Professor Ambassador Iqbal Jhazbhay, former Ambassador of SA to Eritrea and professor of UNISA, Mohamed Cabdillahi Duale, former Foreign Minister of Somaliland who worked with Patrick Mazimhaka, and few other friends in his honour.

[Guest Country Representatives, Rwandan artists, will say a word on Mazihamaka]

Abdinasir Macallin Caydiid - Song for Africa.

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