

Creating the conditions for effective research engagement: some thoughts

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THE POTENTIALS

- Student graduation projects are widespread with varying degrees of methodological rigor and reporting qualities. Some of these works, produced with relevant topics and special student passion, indicate the potentials for well managed research.
- Some of the academic staff have started publishing papers on online journals. A community of researchers have come into being.

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- A number of universities have institutionalized annual research conferences where papers of students and academic staff are presented. These conferences, mostly one-day event and focused on specific subjects, are gaining popularity. Horeseed university has a regular multidisciplinary annual conference that accommodates all papers from available research work.
- Mogadishu University has been regularly publishing a scientific journal of social sciences that has entered its 6th year. This a commendable initiative.

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- i. Expansion of knowledge boundaries
- ii. Contribution to solution of developmental challenges
- iii. Feeding into development of relevant education system
- iv. Enhancement of reputation, regionally and globally

Why do you exist?

- i. Self-fulfilment: common good
- ii. Give professional education to young generations
- iii. Create employment (for self and others)
- iv. Capitalize on market needs (business venture)

THE WAY FORWARD

i. Capacity enhancement

- Appropriate working environment
- Equipment and software applications
- Physical Libraries

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- Access to international academic electronic libraries
- Training and retraining
- Systems and procedures development (policies, guides)

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ii. Productivity focus

- Strengthening or re-arrangement of institutional structures: attention to research management
- Clear and well-articulated strategies, policies and plans
- Accountability mechanisms

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iii. Cooperation and collaboration

- Bilateral members
- SomaliREN internal initiatives
- Regional and international

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- SomaliREN internal initiatives
 - Collaborative research programmes
 - Annual Reports
 - Biannual Conferences
 - Journal/s: managed or supported
 - Biannual Edited books

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iii. Cooperation and collaboration

- Engagement with regional and international institutions and networks
 - Membership and meetings
 - Conferences, workshops and training
 - Access to funding
 - Collaborative research programmes

Holistic Approach

- i. Interlinkages research-teaching: research cannot flourish without effective and efficient educational system Quality of education critical for national development
- ii. Cooperation with primary and secondary education essential

Holistic Approach

iii. Regulated educational system
necessary to safeguard national
interest

a. Government laws and policies

b. Professional self-regulation:

Code of conduct



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