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TCC Trains Somali Research Network Members in Data Analysis and Presentation

 Training Centre in Communication (TCC) trained Somali Research Education Network (SomaliREN) members in Data Analysis and Presentation in Mogadishu, Somalia. The training ran from 27-29 September, where participants learned the following ; The theory and practice of presenting data in graphical form, The basic principles of economy, clarity, and integrity, Old types of graphs to avoid, new graph types: dot plot, scatterplot matrix, conditional plot, How to design effective graphs, How to use R Statistical software graphical analysis and presentation, How to use SPSS Statistical software graphical analysis and presentation and How to use STATA Statistical software graphical analysis and presentation.

26 participants from Amoud University ,Benadir University ,University of Burao, Puntland

State University, East Africa University, SIMAD University, Mogadishu University ,University

of Hargeisa, Gollis University, City University, Heritage Institute, Nugaal University, Kismayo

University and Galkayo University, took part in the training.

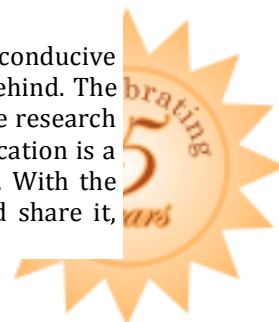**The Consortium of Training Institutions**

Training Centre in Communication
The Training Centre in Communication (TCC) is a self-sustainable Trust created through private public partnership and has its headquarters at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. It is the first Centre in Africa that builds capacity in Science Communication for research institutes and universities, through training and guidance in implementation of communication strategy. TCC has successfully managed to build capacity in Science Communication in Western, Eastern and Southern Africa since 2004, before it was registered as a Trust and created a partnership with University of Nairobi in 2007. More information about Training Center in Communication can be accessed at www.tcc-africa.org.

Somali Research Education Network
SomaliREN (http://somaliren.org/)is a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to promote research and quality higher education among the Somalis. It is a network whose members include the major Somali higher education institutions and exists for the sole purpose of brining them together to collaborate on issues that matter not only to them but to the Somali community at large.

The organization's activities and programs revolve around nurturing environments conducive to research and development, an area in which the whole region seems to lag far behind. The establishment of SomaliREN sprung from the realization that the development of the research capabilities and facilities of those institutions, and the general quality of higher education is a necessary component for finding a way out of the current state of messed affairs. With the belief that knowledge is the real power and research is the only way to gain and share it, representatives of six universities convened to work towards this goal.

SomaliREN is a member of a sub-regional backbone (UbuntuNet Alliance) network in eastern and southern Africa connecting National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) to each other and to similar networks on other continents via GÉANT, the European research and education backbone network. SomaliREN's efforts are currently focused on the development of the ICT capabilities of the member organizations to facilitate connectivity among them and also connect them to UbuntuNet Alliance. This is a first step towards building a suitable network infrastructure for e-Learning and cross- border research collaborations. The bottom-line is to empower the higher education sector to have a tangible role in the development and rebuilding of the Somali society.

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