

SIPA's Advocacy Program:

The advocacy program of SIPA was established on the basis of the accumulation of the experiences and lessons learned from the performance of the successive governments of Somaliland, and the practice of the State of Somaliland in relation to the legal regime of Somaliland State formation is observed to have persistent deficiencies in terms of the acquiring knowledge, technical, and administrative skills relevant to the practice of State and the international obligations of the State of Somaliland.

Weaknesses observed include inadequacy of skillful human resources available to actualize statehood, and to administer sovereignty of Somaliland.

The importance of the advocacy program is to mobilize the acquiring knowledge and expertise to address issues of urgency. The national Constitution of Somaliland was ratified through public referendum on 31st May 2001 and enacted, it is almost 23 years from the date of its enactment, and no attention is given legal ambiguities in paragraph 1 of Article 1 and in paragraph 1 & 2 of Article 10 of the Constitution of Somaliland, which constitutes personal opinions that has no legal nexus. These personal opinions constitute “*the legal opinion of the Government of Somaliland*”.

The legal opinion of the Government of Somaliland creates obligation under the rules of customary international law, which is a legal obstacle contrary to the fundamental principles of the Constitution and at the same time opposing Somaliland to manifest sovereignty existing over its territory on 26 June 1960.

SIPA's Open Forum Program:

SIPA's Open Forum Program is designed to offer an open forum platform aiming to promote freedom of expression and exchange of knowledge amongst the intellectuals, elites, academicians and experts with diversity of backgrounds and expertise of specific subject matter.

SIPA's Open Forum Program is an open forum that creates a platform amongst Somaliland citizens in/outside the country to address any decisions and other acts of the international organizations and national key stakeholders in Somaliland which is a decision affecting the people of Somaliland or have impact on the universality of the fundamentals of human rights. The open forum is also addressing other issues of urgency affecting the people of Somaliland whether national, regional or international levels.

Target Groups:

Target groups of SIPA's Open Forum are professionals of different backgrounds such as doctors, professors, lawyers, engineers, economist, agronomist, pharmacist, diplomats, researchers, writers, security and policy analysts/commentators and other experts in the fields of international human rights and humanitarian law, public policy, public international law, international relations and diplomacy in use today's modern world.

Method of the Open Forum:

In order to maximum participation opportunities, SIPA is always trying to use the best practice of the available technology. The method of hosting the Open Forum is online and small round meeting at the

Registration of Rosters:

SIPA's Open Forum shall maintain regular registration of rosters this will simplify as a form of pre-qualification, which aims to scrutinize the appropriateness of the individual participant. The individual willing to participate SIPA's online Open Forum discussion is required to on rosters of SIPA's Open Forum.

Prior registration of rosters is mandatory for the participation of the Open Forum discussion.

SIPA's Open Forum Rule:

SIPA's online Open Forum shall be held in accordance of SIPA's Open Forum rule which determines the procedures, regulations, code of conduct and ethics of the online discussions.

Behavior and ethics of the individual participant at the time of the discussion and outside the discussion.

SIPA's Open Forum Confidentiality:

All individuals directly participating SIPA's online Open Forum, and those registered in the rosters of SIPA's Open Forum are required to uphold confidentiality not disclose unauthorized internal information of SIPA's Open Forum and its online discussions.

Observers:

Audiences: Primary target audiences of Somaliland Open Discussion Program are Somaliland citizens, Somaliland Government, and those whose their decisions is not in line with the international legal system or their decisions is affecting the position of the independent people of Somaliland by means of an authoritative decisions that do not create obligation in the international law, namely United Nations (UN), the Inter-governmental Organization (IGAD), African Union (AU), European Union (EU), and Arab League and interesting States and Schools of Law, international financial institutions, and international human rights organizations and their subsidiary organs.

SIPA's Open Forum Program Publications:

Communication and Publication Section: Department has three sections, namely Communication and Awareness, Documentation and Reporting, Policy and Publication. Each section has sub units designed to fulfill certain mandate of SIPA's vision, mission, and objectives and in accordance of the designated roles and responsibilities.

Somaliland Open Discussion Program Rule is run under the SIPA's Policy, and Legal Research Section.

SIPA's Open Forum Discussion Summary: