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"Knowledge for Nation Building"



SNU iyo FAO oo Ka Wada Hadlay Iskaashiga Waxbarashada, Cilmi-baarista iyo Horumarinta Kalluumaysiga

Somali National University and the UN Food & Agriculture Organization meet to advance cooperation in education, marine science and fisheries development.

Muqdisho, 12 Agoosto 2026 — Jaamacadda Ummadda Soomaaliyeed (SNU) iyo Hay'adda Cuntada iyo Beeraha ee Qaramada Midoobay (FAO) ayaa yeeshay kulan looga hadlay xoojinta iskaashiga iyo wada-shaqaynta dhinacyada waxbarashada, cilmi-baarista, cilmiga badda iyo horumarinta kalluumaysiga. Kulanka ayaa ka dhacay Xarunta Shabeelle ee Jaamacadda, waxaana lagu falanqeeyay fursadaha lagu horumarin karo iskaashiga labada dhinac.

Labada dhinac ayaa carrabka ku adkeeyay muhiimadda ay leedahay in la xoojiyo cilmi-baarista badda iyo khayraadkeeda, iyadoo la adeegsanayo khibradda cilmiyeed ee Jaamacadda iyo taageerada farsamo ee FAO — si loo abuuro fursado cilmi-baaris wadajir ah, tababar iyo horumar waara oo ku salaysan khayraadka badda Soomaaliya.

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FEATURED NEWS

JUN–AUG 2026



PARTNERSHIPS 12 Jun 2026

SNU and University of Rwanda Sign Research & Education Agreement

Deputy Rector Dr. Fu'aad Mire Xasan and Rwanda's Dr. Raymond Ndikumana signed an MoU to strengthen joint research, knowledge exchange and higher-education quality between the two institutions.



INNOVATION 15 Jun 2026

SNU Co-Organizes the Second AI Summit Somalia 2026

Government officials, researchers and students gathered in Mogadishu for a two-day summit on artificial intelligence's role in education, health and public services.



PUBLIC SERVICE 25–27 Jul 2026

SNU Concludes Leadership Retreat for Southwest State Cabinet

A three-day capacity-building programme in Baydhabo equipped new Southwest State ministers with governance, planning and accountability skills.



HEALTH RESEARCH 18–19 Jun 2026

Health Dean Represents SNU at East Africa Health Commission

Dr. Najib Isse Dirie joined regional commissioners in Dar es Salaam to advance health-research ethics, telemedicine and mobile-health initiatives.

CAMPUS LIFE · MEDIA LITERACY 21 July 2026

Faculty of Languages Hosts Student Media Literacy Training

Students of the Faculty of Languages took part in a training on **"Student Media Literacy in the Digital Age,"** led by Ustaad Maxamed Suudi, SNU lecturer and Head of Communication & Website Administration. Opening the session, Dean Prof. Dr. Maxamed Cali Cumar "Shiidow" thanked the organizers and urged students to make full use of the training and future sessions like it.

Understanding Digital Media Information · **Spotting Misinformation, Disinformation & Bias** · **Critical Thinking & Verification Skills** · **Responsible, Civic-Minded Media Use**

Organized by the Faculty of Languages Student Union in partnership with the Center for Media & Technology (CMT) · Planned as two sessions, with the second to be held remotely, in shaa Allah.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ACHIEVEMENTS



29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2026 · INDEPENDENCE DAY

300+ SNU Students Honour Independence Day, Greeted by the President

More than 300 Somali National University students took part in national Independence Day festivities, where they were personally greeted by the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud — a proud moment that raised the university's public profile and reflected the discipline and patriotism of SNU students.

16 AUGUST 2026

New Computer Science Lab Opens at KM4 Campus

The Ministry of Education, Culture & Higher Education officially opened a fully equipped Computer Science Lab funded by the Hormuud Salaam Foundation (HSF), expanding digital-learning capacity for SNU students.

16 AUGUST 2026

Faculty Research Training Programme Launched

120 lecturers began a six-month Training-of-Trainers programme focused on research design, data analysis and building independent researchers across SNU faculties.

14 AUGUST 2026

Health Faculty Strengthens UCL Collaboration

Dean Dr. Najib Isse Dirie met Professor Emma Morris of University College London to expand curriculum, research and faculty-exchange cooperation.

20 JULY 2026

Mogadishu University Partnership Signed

SNU and Mogadishu University signed an MoU to strengthen research cooperation, faculty training and higher-education development nationwide.

16 JULY 2026

WFDP Partnership Formalized

A new agreement with the World Fund for Development and Planning establishes a foundation for research development and community-benefit programmes.

28 JUNE 2026

Peace Education Initiative with Government

University leadership met the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation to advance a National Peace Education Curriculum and joint capacity building.

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LAW GRADUATES PASSED THE BAR EXAM	FACULTY IN RESEARCH TOT PROGRAMME	NEW GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS SIGNED	AI SUMMITS CO-ORGANIZED	CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE

EVENTS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2026–2027

REGISTRATION

1 Aug – 24 Sep

New Student Enrollment 2026–2027

Registration for the new academic year is open daily from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM. Applicants need a high-school diploma, national ID, exam entry card and guardian details.

📍 **KM4 · Caabudwaaq · Badhan**

APPLICATIONS OPEN

2026 Cycle

ABUUR Innovation & Entrepreneurship Programme

Final-year students can apply for a 12-month programme: six months of ILO-based training, followed by six months of incubation and mentorship.

📍 **All SNU Faculties**

DEADLINE

24 September

New Student Registration Closes

Students who sat the National Examination this year may register once results are released, ahead of the September enrollment deadline.

📍 **All Campuses**



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Digital Learning and AI Capacity Expand Across SNU

Following the June launch of the **Somali National Artificial Intelligence Center** at KM4 — attended by delegates from SIMAD, Hormuud, Zamzam and Jamhuuriya Universities — SNU has opened a new **Computer Science Lab** funded by the Hormuud Salaam Foundation, giving students hands-on access to modern computing and research tools.

SNU also joined the closing conference of the **SHARE-AFRICA** project at the University of Padua, Italy, reviewing three years of Italy–Africa research collaboration and planning future joint programmes in higher education and innovation.

Artificial Intelligence · Digital Learning · International Research

IN FOCUS

LANGUAGE EDUCATION · REGIONAL INTEGRATION | 6 AUGUST 2026

From Policy to Practice: SNU Launches Swahili Language Programme

Turning regional commitments into educational action — a key outcome of EACON 2025

The Center for Foreign Languages at Somali National University has officially launched a Swahili Language Programme — one of the most tangible outcomes yet of the East African Cooperation and Economic Integration Conference (EACON 2025), and a clear example of how regional policy can be translated into practical education.

Introduced alongside SNU's existing English, Somali and Arabic language courses, the new programme prepares Somali students, professionals and public institutions for deeper participation in the East African Community (EAC).

A VISION ANNOUNCED AT EACON 2025

During EACON 2025, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud reaffirmed Somalia's commitment to the EAC by announcing plans to introduce Swahili-language education nationwide — recognizing language as a strategic enabler of cooperation in trade, diplomacy, labour mobility, tourism and research, not merely a communication tool. SNU's launch is among the earliest institutional steps to deliver on that vision.

UNIVERSITIES DRIVING REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Swahili is spoken by more than 200 million people across East and Central Africa and is an official working language of the EAC. As Somalia deepens its regional engagement, SNU joins universities across the bloc in preparing graduates with the linguistic and professional competencies to thrive in an increasingly interconnected region.

ADVANCING THE LEGACY OF EACON

EACON exists to turn policy dialogue into concrete action. SNU's Swahili programme shows that principle in practice — reflecting growing collaboration between government, academia and regional partners to equip Somalia's next generation for full participation in the East African Community.

200M+

Swahili speakers across East & Central Africa — an official working language of the EAC

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Languages Offered	**Swahili · English · Arabic**
Registration	**Now Open**
Classes Begin	**October 2026**
Swahili Duration	**One Year**

THE PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT

- ✓ Academic mobility & student exchange
- ✓ Research collaboration with EAC universities
- ✓ Employment across EAC Partner States
- ✓ Cross-border entrepreneurship & trade
- ✓ Public-sector cooperation & diplomacy
- ✓ Stronger people-to-people ties region-wide

About EACON — The East African Cooperation and Economic Integration Conference is a high-level regional platform advancing policy dialogue, integration, investment and academic cooperation among EAC Partner States and their stakeholders.

COMMUNITY & SPOTLIGHT

PEOPLE OF SNU

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT · ENGINEERING

Arch. Maryam Maxamuud Geeddi

A lecturer in SNU's Faculty of Engineering, Arch. Maryam represented Somalia at the IUCEA regional workshop on Construction & Architectural Studies in Nairobi — and was designated **National Expert** to help unify quality standards for architecture education across East Africa.

14 JUNE 2026 · WORLD BLOOD DONATION DAY

Health Faculty Students Lead Blood Drive

In partnership with the National Blood Bank, Faculty of Health students donated blood and volunteered, reflecting SNU's culture of service and civic responsibility.

23 JULY 2026 · GALMUDUG CAMPUS

Livestock Support for Drought-Affected Communities

SNU Galmudug distributed livestock feed to pastoralist families hit by drought, with Federal Parliament and local officials joining the university's outreach team.

2 JUNE 2026 · KM4 CAMPUS

Campus Cleanliness Campaign at KM4

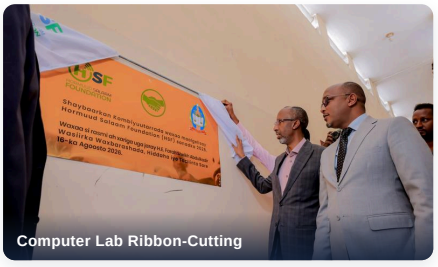
Students and staff took part in a hygiene and cleanliness drive across the KM4 centre, reinforcing shared responsibility for a healthy, welcoming campus environment.

JUNE 2026 · INTER-FACULTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Student Sports Tournament Reaches Its Finals

A university-wide sports competition advanced to its final rounds, strengthening cooperation and camaraderie among students from different faculties.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS


Computer Lab Ribbon-Cutting


New Computer Science Lab



World Blood Donation Day


CURIOUS Curriculum Workshop


Institutional Leadership Meeting


SHARE-AFRICA, Padua, Italy

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