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Editorial

In the last 'Anchor' edition of 2020 I thought with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations it would be very much a historical issue by September 2021. The battle against COVID-19 is taking longer than expected with education institutions suffering lockdowns throughout 2021. This has affected all of our Campus Schools.

In 2020 we planned to hold a Silver Jubilee Leadership Summit postponing it until September 2021 and then cancelling it. The body we were going to hold it with was the Academy of Executives and Administrators, a UK professional body. Next year they will be celebrating their 20th year in existence. We are looking at co-sponsoring a conference with them to celebrate this event.

If you do not have an MBA you may wish to consider our Executive Certificate programs. They are single MBA subjects which will give you Post Graduate knowledge in a particular management area. For more detail look at the program page in this edition of 'Anchor'.

CAD/CAM Training Program

In co-operation with Erdal Firat Engineering High Technology Ltd., an agent for SURFCAM software programs and the Institute of Manufacturing UK, Ecole de Ingenieurs SCPU our Swiss Engineering school offers a Higher Diploma in CAD/CAM and 'top-up' program for a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Manufacturing Engineering. This program is an integrated work environment program with most subjects taught via the student carrying out a project under a Faculty Supervisor's instruction. St Clements Education Group believes education and workplace learning should be where practical integrated together. This CAD/CAM program is a good practical example of this.



St Clements Education Group works closely with a number of professional bodies often tutoring our programs to fulfil their membership grade education requirements. The one we have our closest relationship with is the **Institute of Management Specialists UK**. This body is celebrating its Golden Jubilee - 50 years this year. The Board of St Clements University would like to congratulate the Institute of Management Specialists on achieving this milestone event. It was the first professional body established by the late Professor Dr Herbert (Bert) Manners.

Dr David Le Cornu
President - St Clements Education Group

New Professor Appointed

Dr Philip Dunn, one of the earliest members of the Academic Council and one of the major authors on Accounting in the United Kingdom having been an Advisor to a number of United Kingdom Accounting bodies, has been made Professor of Accounting for St Clements University. It is an honor to have such a renowned figure as our Professor of Accounting. He met Dr Le Cornu at the first Graduation Convocation which was held at the Royal Overseas League Club in London in co-operation with the Institute of Professional Financial Managers Convocation. They spent most of the evening discussing Malt Whisky, particularly Malts from Islay.

Address from the Chancellor, St Clements University

Greetings! The St Clements Education Group and its network of autonomous and independent colleges, schools, and universities around the world reflect the genius of global diversity, human experience, and rich cultural heritages and traditions. As your Chancellor, it has been my objective to enhance the strengths that come from this diversity through networking and participation in the Zoom Conference, and the distribution of our academic journals to communities of scholars in the United States.

Our academic journals, Anchor and Veritas, are superb and second to none. And I would encourage each of you to not only submit articles to these journals, but also to continue to distribute them to the various professional networks in your home countries, so that St Clements University's high-quality brand name will continue to spread around the world.

In addition, as your Chancellor, it has been my first priority to tap into the network of theology and divinity schools around the world. Since joining the St Clements University as Chancellor, I have been very privileged to have also been elected to the Anglican priesthood and as Chancellor for the Worldwide Anglican Church (WAC), which is based in Kampala, Uganda and in the United States. Our first project with the WAC is to coordinate efforts, and to explore opportunities, to help theology education amongst Christian ministers around the world.

As we move into the last quarter of 2021, it will be very important for the St Clements Education Group to remain united, and to remain innovative in the delivery of high-quality distance education to marginalized communities around the world.

Very Truly Yours,
Roderick O. Ford, Litt.D., J.D.
Chancellor, St Clements University



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**Congratulations to our partner -
International American University (IAU) !!!**

IAU (www.iaula.edu) is now an accredited higher education institution recognised by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and by the U.S. Department of Education!

**St Clements University MBA graduates can
now apply for a reciprocal degree from IAU.**

For enquiry, please contact Prof. Nagar Lai Assistant President of SCPU and Asian Director of IAU. Email address: forwardsec@gmail.com, Tel: 852 2973 2319.



St Clements News

St Clements Institute - Update

Over the past 2 years St Clements Institute has been reviewing its future operations. For the past 10 years it has been offering Management discipline programs (Banking, Management, IT and Tourism and Hospitality). In the rebuilding, it is planned to concentrate on promoting programs in one discipline area – Architecture. The Institute has just recently presented the Curriculum to the Ministry of Education for approval. All the immediate efforts will be put into promoting the Associate and Bachelor of Architecture programs.

Niue - Update

Niue, where St Clements University Higher Education School is situated, has become very isolated due to COVID19. It has been receiving no tourists and where it had a flight coming in once a week and sometimes twice a week, it now only has a monthly flight in. Niuians who return home on these monthly flights, have to stay in isolation for two weeks once they are home. With a six week shipping service, it has meant getting short and much needed supplies have been very difficult to source. From St Clements selfish point of view, it has been difficult to get degrees notarised and apostilled.

Termination of Partnership Agreement

The partnership agreement between SCPU (St Clements Private University) and the Higher Institute of Petroleum and Logistics, has been terminated due to HIPAL's destruction during the current civil war crisis in Western Cameroon. The original agreement was signed in 2017.

William Wilberforce International Human Rights Law Centre

This is jointly owned by St Clements University (T&C) and the St Clements Inns of Court, an independent Association of Human Rights Practitioners. It offers a Diplomat of International Human Rights Law for International Human Rights Law Practitioners. This program can be studied as a dual Master of International Human Rights Law with Ecole de Commerce SCPU. The Centre also offers Fellow membership status to senior International Human Rights Law Practitioners. It is the only part of St Clements Education Group registered in the USA.

École Supérieure Universitaire St Clements & Commonwealth (Benin)

This institution was sponsored by St Clements University (T&C) and Commonwealth University - Belize as their Benin branch. It was authorised by government decree on the 7th of January, 2016. Currently it is leasing a building at Akapakpa-Kpanspem in Cotonou and it has land on the eastern side of Cotonou (near the Nigerian border). COVID-19 has affected the school in 3 ways:

1. It has caused classroom learning to close for much of 2020 and 2021.
2. It has made the financing the building of the new campus more difficult and this was going to be helped by the hold of two or three yearly Executive Leading programs. The virus has made the holding of these very difficult.
3. This and other COVID-19 restrictions have made physically doing the building more difficult.

St Clements University College - Liberia Update

St Clements University College is currently in negotiations with a high school in Monrovia to share their Campus. The High School students generally study 8am - 2pm Monday to Friday, while the University College students attend between 2pm and 7:30pm Monday to Saturday.

It is also looking at ways to sponsor two or three Gold Sponsors to help finance the change of campus. To become a St Clements University College Gold Sponsor, the organisation would donate \$US5000 to St Clements University College.

- For this the organisation would be named as a Gold Sponsor and a media release would be sent out to newspapers, radio and other media outlets.
- The journals St Clements Education Group publishes ('Anchor' and 'Veritas') will have one page articles on the Gold Sponsor's organisation and circulate worldwide.
- An award to be given out in the Gold Sponsor's name, to the best student studying in a discipline area related to the Gold Sponsor's operations.
- There will be signage at the St Clements University College Campus showing the organisation's Gold Sponsor status.
- They are given a logo that can be used for promotion on their letterhead and elsewhere, showing they are a Gold Sponsors of St Clements University College.

The organisation can nominate a high profile Community Leader for an honorary Doctorate of Management Science from Ecole de Commerce SCPU - our Swiss Business School.

Full Doctor of Philosophy Scholarship

The **Beyt Nahrin Mesopotamian Academy of Arts and Sciences (BEN-MAAS)** Divinity School is offering a Scholarship for a person interested in studying the relationship between the Ancient Mesopotamian religion and Modern Islam, Christian, Hindu and Buddhist religions. They will be expected to submit progress reports on their research to the Divinity School as they work their way through the program. Applications should be sent to the Chairperson - Professor Dr Kemal Yildirim info@mesopotamianacademy.org between the 30th August and 30th September 2021 or contact Dr David Le Cornu at admin@stclements.edu for further information.



Dr Le Cornu Speaks at Global Conference on Religious Diplomacy

Dr Le Cornu was recently the opening Speaker at a “Global Conference on International Religious Diplomacy” put on by the Beyt Nahrin Mesopotamian Academy of Arts and Science. He introduced delegates to the Academy’s School of Divinity in which he is the Chairperson of. The Conference had 20 different speakers discussing different aspects of Diplomacy and Religion in the 21st century.

Partnership Agreement between SCPU and IUGET

A partnership agreement between Ecole de Commerce SCPU and the International University of the Tropics has been signed. IUGET is responsible for recruiting and teaching the students in Cameroon for the Post Graduate Diploma, MBA and a Doctor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management. Ecole de Commerce SCPU will be issuing the degree. This is one of the three bodies Dr Le Cornu announced St Clements was negotiating agreements with at the Zoom meeting.

SCPU – (St Clements Private University)

SCPU is registered in the Canton of Vaud as a private university as a branch of St Clements University - Turks and Caicos Islands. In Switzerland the regulation of education institutions is a Canton responsibility. The main public Universities have lobbied the National Government to restrict the use of the word University (English, German, Italian, French or any other language) to institutions the Federal Ministry of Education subsidises the earning of a degree from. Thus, the use of the term SCPU to identify our Swiss institution.

St Clements Chancellor becomes Chancellor of Worldwide Anglican Church

Professor Dr Roderick O. Ford, the Chancellor of St Clements University has become Chancellor of the Worldwide Anglican Church. This body is registered and incorporated in Uganda, USA, South Sudan, Colombia and India. It was started in 1921 and is currently celebrating its centenary.

Other Universities News

Richmond – The American International University of London

This is the most successful of the American universities based in the United Kingdom. In the mid 1990s, a number of foreign universities opened up in the UK. It was during this time St Clements University franchised a number of Colleges in London to teach its programs. At one stage 6 Colleges in London taught St Clements University degree programs. The UK government made regulations making it more and more difficult for foreign universities to operate in the UK. Richmond University became the only one to successfully gain both UK and US accreditation status for its degrees. It has become a hybrid UK/US University.

University of Edinburgh

It was formed in 1583 and as such is considered to be an “Ancient University”. The Chancellor is Prince Anne, the Queen’s daughter. It has a total of 35,735 students approximately, two thirds undergraduate and one third graduate students. It has the third largest endowment of UK Universities after Cambridge and Oxford. It receives approximately 60,000 applications every year, making it the second most popular university in the UK. It was the fourth Scottish university to be established. The University of Edinburgh’s Medical School is renowned throughout the world. In the 18th and 19th centuries it was considered the best medical school in the English speaking world. The governing body of the University is the University Council, a corporate body with perpetual succession.

Zambia Open University

This University was established in 2002. It has Schools of Agriculture, Business Studies, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences and Law. In 2006 it started offering one Post Graduate program – A Master of Education Literacy. Since then it has developed 12 Post Graduate programs. It states it is a “University without Walls” and the initial programs it offered were in a hybrid campus online operation. With COVID19 it encouraged it to be a more online operation. When St Clements University was planning to open a branch in Zambia, it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Zambia Open University.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

It is a private land grant research university situated in Cambridge Massachusetts and established in 1861. It has a 166 acre campus in the City of Cambridge and spans approximately a mile along the north side of the Charles River. The Cambridge neighbourhoods surrounding MIT are a mixture of high tech companies occupying both modern offices and rehabilitated industrial buildings as well as socially diverse residential neighbourhoods. It has one of the most powerful university based nuclear reactors in the United States. Other notable campus facilities include a pressurised wind tunnel for aerodynamic research, a town lake for testing ship and ocean structure design. In 1917 it was the largest tax payer to the Cambridge City Council. The university historically pioneered research and training collaboration between academia, industry and the government. It has approximately 11,500 students, 4,500 who are undergraduates and 7000 who are post graduate.

Charisma University

Charisma University is the main University registered in the Turks and Caicos Islands. It offers an Associate of Arts in Business Administration, seven Bachelor, eight Master and 3 Doctorate degrees on secular topics. It also offers six religious Masters Degrees and two religious Doctorate degrees. It offers American style degrees. It was established in the Philippines, just as the Philippines were making the registration of new schools more difficult, it then moved its corporate registration to Puerto Rico and applied to the Turks and Caicos Islands for an online higher education license. Several years ago it widened its license to incorporate campus teaching.

University of St Andrews

This is the third oldest University in the English speaking world. The older two are Oxford and Cambridge. It was founded in 1413 by a Papal Bull by Pope Benedict the XIII. The University was founded by a group of Augustinian clergy who were driven from the University of Paris by the Avignon Schism and from the Oxford and Cambridge Universities by the Anglo/Scottish Wars. The Chancellor is Lord Campbell of Pittenweem. It has 8500 undergraduate students and 2000 Post Graduate students.

Education Programs

Associate of Hotel and Hospitality Management Program

Ecole de Commerce SCPU is offering an Associate degree in Hotel and Hospitality Management. This is very much designed for the worker in hotels and similar organisations to develop their knowledge to become Team Leaders, Supervisors, Department Managers and ultimately General Managers. It comprises of an OFQUAL Level 4 and 5 Diploma issued by the ATHE. This is a special online program not part of the ATHE's generally available programs which list Diplomas 4 and 5 in Tourism and Hospitality. If you have a list of hotels (resorts) in your area with emails, the St Clements University Central Administration would like to discuss joint marketing programs with you.

Credential Evaluation of Work for First Year of a Bachelor of Business Management

Some adults have had a variety of work, volunteering and other non-academic learning and would like to earn a Bachelor degree. They could be eligible for credit hour equivalency for one or two years of academic post secondary studies. The problem is how to RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) the potential students knowledge experience into one or two years equivalency for a Bachelor of Business Management degree – Christopher Campbell's Credential Evaluation Service has been commissioned to carry out RPL Reports for potential students wishing to have the knowledge evaluated for an Associate of Management or Bachelor of Business Management.

Master of Arts (Resource) Program

If you have a Bachelor degree you can enrol into a Master of Arts in the same discipline area and work with the University in developing a study plan which will develop your expertise in part of the discipline area. The learning will be assessed via the writing of a 15,000 - 20,000 word thesis covering the area you are researching. This will be published in our e-library and a 1500 - 2000 word summary published in our e-journal 'Veritas'.

Doctor of Public Administration

Ecole de Commerce SCPU is offering a Doctor of Administration for Senior Civil or Public Service employers. The candidates must have a minimum of 10 years Civil or Private Service managerial experience and have obtained a Senior level in the service they are working in. A study program is designed for them to develop their expertise in the role they are working in. For more details on this program please contact Ms Judy Garforth at admin@stclements.edu.

Executive Certificate Program

Ecole de Commerce SCPU is offering a range of Executive Certificates for Senior Managers without an MBA and would like to develop their management knowledge in 7 specialised Post Graduate areas. The Executive Certificates are Post Graduate qualifications which integrate into a Post Graduate Diploma in Management and then an MBA. It is a good way of seeing whether completing Post Graduate qualifications in Management will fit your knowledge needs. For more details on this program please contact Ms Judy Garforth at admin@stclements.edu.

Combined Institute of Manufacturing/ Ecole de Ingenieurs CAD/CAM Program

The above institutions have established a six subject CAD/CAM program –

- Introduction to CAD/CAM
- Using CAD/CAM
- Draw a 2D part
- Mill a Product part
- Design a 3D part
- Milling complicated 3D parts

The last 4 subjects are assessed via the carrying out of projects. The candidate can earn either a Higher Diploma from the Institute of Manufacturing or if the person has a Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Technology, use it as a "top up" program to earn a BSc (Hons) in Manufacturing Engineering from Ecole de Ingenieurs SCPU.

Professional Organisations News

Qualifi

Qualifi is another OFQUAL (Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation) registered/recognised awarding body. It offers regulation Diploma programs in - Business Management Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Entrepreneurship Level 4 - Business Leadership Level 6.

It has Executive Management, Strategic Management and Leadership at Level 7. It offers a Level 8 (Doctorate), Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership. It offers Level 4, 5, 6 and 7 qualifications in Health Care as well as a range of Hospitality and Tourism Diplomas. It offers a Level 7 Diploma in Human Resource Management, Accounting and Legal Services and a range of IT qualifications. As well as these regulated courses it offers Endorsed Courses for programs outside these regulated areas.

Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

The US Department of Education is moving to terminate the US Department of Education recognition of ACICS as an accreditation agency. In 2016 under the Obama administration its recognition was revoked and the Trump administration reversed the status two year later. This decision has been made by Jordan Malsudaira, a recent political opponent. It has gone from 260 in 2016 to 81 in 2021. Most of the members are for profit education institutions. Noting the political implications of this decision and the lack of sympathy by the Democratic Party to “for profit” education institutions whether this is the real reason for the decision.

ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education)

The ATHE is a global awarding organisation regulated by OFQUAL and other UK and international regulations. It works with more than 200 recognised centres in 45 countries to compliment its strong brand presence in the UK. The ATHE offers a wide portfolio of internationally recognised qualifications in Business, Management, Law and Healthcare. In Accounting it offers Level 3, 4, 5 and 7 in Accounting Diplomas, in Law Level 3, 4 and 5 Diplomas. SCPU is a satellite ATHE Centre.

International Association of Universities

The International Association of Universities is a NGO comprising 650 higher education institutions from some 130 countries. It is an official member of UNESCO and the IAU Secretariat based in Paris, is located at the UNESCO headquarters. It was created in December, 1950 during the international conference of universities in Nice. It is the body which manages the World Higher Education Database, which is endorsed by the UNESCO. Many national education agencies use the list as the first step in evaluating foreign degree qualifications. The average number of institutions from countries the members come from is only 4. Remember there are over 4000+ degree granting institutions in the US alone.

Faculty of Technology, Management and Science – www.ftmas.org

The Faculty of Technology, Management and Science is a multi-discipline professional membership institution. It is the United Kingdom descendant of the South African registered Design Technology and Management Society International, the second professional body St Clements University worked with. Design Technology and Management Society International ceased to exist once the Faculty of Technology, Management and Science became registered. The role of the Faculty is to foster the Arts, Science of Technology, Engineering, Science Administration and Management. It operates on a worldwide basis and admits individuals, organisations, institutes and education establishments as members. It has five subdivisions:

- Guild of Secretaries and Office Administrators – St Clements graduates working in office administration should consider joining this Guild.
- MBA and Professional Managers Guild – This is a good way to validate your MBA or DBA qualification.
- International Guild of Academicians – MA in TESOL graduates are welcome to join this Guild.
- International Institute of Engineers – This Institute covers all professional qualified Engineers.

International Institute of Science – Faculty members involved in scientific research are encouraged to join this Institute.

The University of Southern Somalia is where St Clements has its Distance Learning Centre

The University of Southern Somalia Becomes the First & Only Accredited University in the South-West State of Somalia

Accreditation

The University of Southern Somalia (USS) in Baidoa city has become the first and only higher education institution in the South-West State of Somalia (SWSS) which was evaluated and officially accredited by Somalia's autonomous National Commission of Higher Education (NCHE). The accreditation followed a long, arduous evaluation process of three phases conducted professionally by highly trained NCHE officials with extensive experience in the field of higher education. The University of Southern Somalia is among the leading 41 universities accredited by the NCHE out of the hundreds of higher education institutions operating in Somalia. The recognition was adopted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Federal Republic of Somalia which commended the NCHE for undertaking the evaluation process satisfactorily.

The MoECHE announced the accreditation and its recognition and endorsement of the 41 universities on 19th May 2021 in an official statement duly communicated to the world. The University of Southern Somalia is the first university established in the South-West of Somalia. It was the brainchild of Professor Dr. Abdi M. Kusow, which was later supported by intellectuals and well-wishers of the SWSS inside the country and the Diaspora that realized the inauguration of the institution in 2005 and the start of classes in 2007. The USS has been undergoing a multi-faceted strategic reform process aimed at improving the quality of the institution to an acceptable international standard in terms of structural change and academic performance.

The Executive Board of Directors of the USS had appointed Prof. Dr. Mohamed A. Eno, who is also a Board Member, as a senior consultant to oversee the reform program before endorsing him to take

over the leadership of the institution in August 2020. Upon his return to Baidoa on 1st February 2020, Prof. Eno started an intensive implementation of the massive reform program, focusing initially on the crucial phase of drawing standards that meet the quality assurance (QA) requirements for higher education. The reform, though still underway, is aimed at making the USS a credible higher education institution that maintains international standards and lives up to the high dreams and expectations of the students and citizens of the SWSS and the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Collaboration between USS and SCPU-Lausanne, Switzerland

In 2020 the University of Southern Somalia in Baidoa, SWSS, and St Clements Private University in Lausanne, Switzerland, signed an agreement of collaboration in the areas of teaching and research. Under the agreement, SCPU and the USS are able to issue both Joint and/or Dual Degrees. This gives an opportunity to USS and Somali students who would like to have overseas credentials for their studies without undergoing further learning process for their courses because the USS programs are fully accredited, recognized and duly endorsed by SCPU following the USS's high Quality Assurance standards. The agreement of collaboration between the two institutions covers their Bachelor's and Master's Degree studies as well as Doctoral Degree programs that include Doctor of Education (EdD), Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Doctor of Health Sciences, and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

As a reliable education and research partner of SCPU, the University of Southern Somalia can host SCPU-Lausanne on its campus in Baidoa, teach SCPU programs, use SCPU library resources, supervise SCPU students (**Prof. Dr. Eno is currently supervising 2 SCPU PhD candidates**), and research collaboratively with SCPU faculty in areas of mutual interest. The USS's recent accreditation is therefore a milestone achievement for both of our institutions and indeed our collaboration. The USS has demonstrated very high potential and expertise to conduct, via SCPU-Lausanne, our UK accredited ATHE-Ofqual programs that lead to higher degree UK qualifications offered by British Universities through their Top-up programs. In its high academic capacity and credible leadership, the USS opens doors of opportunity for Somali students who have the aspiration of acquiring

British and European qualifications of world standard without leaving their home environment. Presently, the USS and SCPU-Lausanne are collaborating on various USS Master's Programs in Baidoa city, where candidates can select one of these options: **1.** To graduate with a USS Master's Degree; **2.** To graduate with a SCPU Master's Degree; **3.** To graduate with a Dual USS-SCPU Lausanne Master's Degree; or **4.** To graduate with a Joint USS-SCPU Lausanne Master's Degree.

Under Professor Dr. Mohamed Eno's leadership and in collaboration with SCPU, the USS is becoming a research intensive institution mainly focused on the SWSS society and its environment but with a broad vision to expand to other parts of the country. In this regard, the USS has established Hakaba Institute for Research and Training as an independent institution that hosts the vast research and training projects the USS aims to undertake. The USS website demonstrates faculty and student engagement in research as carried out in the diverse faculties of the institution, while academic platforms such as Academi.edu and Researchgate.net display original research articles published by faculty and students of the USS. Prof. Eno's supervision of SCPU PhD students testifies to the USS-SCPU objective towards teaching and research collaboration.

The USS is expanding the horizons of its expertise and academic collaboration with prestigious institutions in different parts of the world. Currently, executive officials of the USS are engaged in talks with the renowned Center of a state university in the USA. The discussions cover on the appropriate means of establishing bilateral relations that will focus on research and staff capacity building. When the MoU is signed between the USS and the USA institution it is in talks with, the citizens of the SWSS and the entire Somalia will benefit from the USS's promise of bringing world class higher education right to the heart of Baidoa city, the SWSS, and other parts of the country.

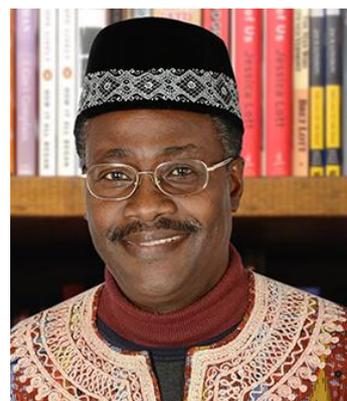
USS In the News

Universities Fair in Mogadishu 14/8/2021 to 16/8/2021: Prof. Dr. Mohamed Eno, the Executive President of the University of Southern Somalia, Baidoa, SWSS, was invited to the Universities Fair in Mogadishu. He presented in the opening day 14.8.2021, a paper entitled: "**The New Trends of Higher Education in Somalia.**" The USS was the only higher learning institution in the South-West State of Somalia that was

invited to the fair. The invitation is a reflection of the USS's prestigious position among the universities in the capital Mogadishu.

Shaax & Sheeko (Tea & Conversation): After reaching Mogadishu on 13.8.2021 in preparation for the Universities Fair in Mogadishu, Prof. Mohamed Eno had in the evening of the same day the opportunity to participate in an intellectual conversation with executive officials and members of Baraarug Library. The discussion focused on Somali Studies, mainly minority studies as exposed by recent scholarship and entailed specifically in Prof. Eno's research. Baraarug Library is by far the most vibrant intellectual online institution and forum for youth engagement in academic and social matters.

Dr. Mohamed Eno's Insightful Lecture at SIU: In the afternoon, (4:00-6:00 PM, 14/8.2021), after his presentation at the Universities Fair in Mogadishu, Prof. Eno gave a lecture on Somali Studies in the Conference Hall of SIU's Taleex Campus. It was a well attended meeting in which most of the participants consisted of lecturers, social sciences students and journalists. The youthful participants of intellectuals asked questions on matters related to the topic. As a result of this event, over 10 lecturers from SIU are expected to come to Baidoa before the end of the year to attend a one-week Somali Studies and Research Methodology courses at the University of Southern Somalia.



Professor Dr. Mohamed Eno
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