

# TURKEY AFRICAN HORN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

**“Thinking Diplomacy:  
New World New Horizons”**



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( Turkey - Horn of Africa [Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti] )

When we look at the main trends in the world, global competition in the age of new economy based on "information and knowledge-based products" following "soil and machinery" is developing through "micro-nationalism", "integration" and "unpredictability". Challenges that determine the new nature of life and state; such as " crisis in resource and sharing ", unsustainability of production-consumption-growth formula, purge of the middle class with Chinese leverage, energy, water, and food insecurity, transition to the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension, liquidation of human resources in the workforce, transition from hard power to soft and smart power on the basis of the very changing state nature and anticipation management, can be formed as the basic references.

Within all these fundamental parameters, the transformations in technology are prone to change the whole human life and nature by developing with artificial intelligence, virtual/enhanced reality and mobility centered. It is obvious that the concepts of "Industry 4.0" and "Society 5.0" are important topics for managing the transformation of the world within the dimensions of industry and society. Another contributive factor is the turbulence that China creates as it begins to become intensively dominant on the world stage day to day. The New Silk Road project, "One Belt and One Road Initiative"; is shaped as a global integration project involving more than hundred countries, both on land and at sea, permanently changing the distribution of economic shares. In countries with no middle class, authoritarian regimes or chaos stands as two options in the fore-seeable future. How to make the division of labor in terms of regional and global security and how to share the costs is also a point of discussion in the coming period.

The development of new alliances on security can be read from the risks and the initiatives undertaken by dominant countries. The quality of the concepts of property and power, and the business model change historically. The future of the EU with the "Failure in Success" syndrome will be determined by the results of the polarization which revived in the West after the Brexit. Along with all these developments, "Ecosystem of safety" changes with the law. The "Security - Democracy" dilemma will be experienced much more after that. Because, for the democracy, it is difficult to survive in countries where the middle class is melting and security leans to a sophisticated ground. The question "Will security bring us authoritarian regimes" needs to be discussed further.

“Strategic dialogue” can be described as a set of bilateral or multilateral diplomatic relations devoted to mid-term and long-term strategic vision of partners. The developments between Turkey and Africa, particularly during the last 20 years, which are often diplomatically active and among the part of the main themes in the agenda of international academic groups, have a tendency to achieve a level making capacity building available in harmony with the meaning of this description.



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On the one hand this consequence comes from Turkey's multi-level and multi-dimensional attempts depending on a shift in its foreign policy following the announcement of a comprehensive set of initiatives beginning with the Africa Action Plan (1998) for opening policy towards Africa and subsequently declaration of the year of 2005 as the "Year of Africa"; but on the other hand it also comes from the international policies and equilibrium evolving into a different way, which can make Africa available to create an outward-looking domestic-dynamics originating from the energy of its own human resources against all the obstacles. It is also possible to observe the effects of this process, which refers to the beginning of a new period, in relations between Turkey and Horn of Africa.

Turkey distinguishes itself with an 84-million inhabitants, growing economy and geo-strategic status in the center of Afro-Eurasia. Turkey's historical, political and cultural ties between Europe, Black Sea, Caucasus, Asia, Middle East and African countries, rising activity in the international arena, especially in the United Nations, being an important member of organizations such as NATO, OSCE and CICA and with active foreign policy, it has become an increasingly important actor on the global platform.

Having awareness of the strategic importance of the **Horn of Africa**, which comprises the countries of **Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea** and **Djibouti**; and may not be easily understood without considering its neighbor countries such as Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya and Uganda, and its adjacent zone the river Nile, Red Sea, Arabian Peninsula, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean, many influential powers have had a tendency to make their presence felt either politically and economically or even militarily throughout region's history. It still continues to be the focus of attention and struggles with the destabilizing consequences of the international and inter-regional issues.

Recently, as one of the consequences of the growth targets of governments and international economic relations, interdependent relations is increasingly deepening in a global scale. Therefore, sophisticated efforts, which include the factors such as the necessity to develop interdependent economic relations in a multi-dimensional way; to ensure global energy security; and to fight against various and increasing terrorist activities and illegal-trade, have gradually become inevitable. Solutions for the problems hindering the peace and security have also become a primary mission both for the countries of the region and regional, continental and international organizations in the Horn of Africa where stability, peace and security strictly depend on economic, social and political interactions across the region.

In this process, Turkey and the Horn of Africa countries can develop an efficient strategic relationship, which is vital in terms of sustainability of long-term interests and capacity building. At this critical point; to achieve wider political, economic, diplomatic and geo-strategic approaches has exceedingly been necessary.

The level, which has been accomplished by Turkey and Horn of Africa, is being described as "strategic cooperation". Also it is being deeply felt that there is an urgent necessity for collaborative works of Turkey and the region's countries in the hope of getting solutions of the regional issues. By strengthening political, economic and social solidarity throughout the region, to expand and to deepen the cooperation in related fields, in favor of stability, development and establishment of peace, is of great importance.

These issues included within the objectives of the organizations such as the African Union and the East African Community, in which Turkey contributes its activities either as a strategic partner or an observer, should be carefully assessed in strategic dialogue and mutual capacity building.



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Now it is required that of Turkey and region's countries head towards a future structure, in order to uplift the Turkey-Horn of Africa relations as an ideal point within a world power schema which takes its form in a multi-dimensional way, by creating a mutual deepening not only in political and strategic basis but also in its each parameters. History offers Turkey and Region strategic opportunities for deepening interdependence.

In this regard, with the approach of laying emphasize on the strategic dimension of Turkey-Horn of Africa relations as a key point, the **Turkey - Horn of Africa Strategic Dialogue**, which will bring together the representatives of the related sectors through bilateral and multilateral activities, will play a significant role.

The targets of the Dialog are as follows:

- To identify the circumstances in all its aspects of the Region through the academic studies by the experts both from Turkey and the Region.
- As a contribution to the problem solving process, to provide experts, academicians and think-tanks, from both parts, with information about the Region, the regional relations and the problems faced by the Region's countries.
- To draw attention of the decision makers, from both parts, about the strategic importance of the region and to suggest bilateral and multilateral policies.
- To contribute to make Turkey available to make mutually beneficial and strong investments in each country of the Region and to develop strong and mutual commercial relations with the Region of which its countries need support concerning infrastructure development and utilization of the resources, by paying regard mutual benefit.

## Main Theme

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## Primary Zones

Ethiopia - Turkey

Somalia - Turkey

Eritrea - Turkey

Djibouti - Turkey

## Strategic Interaction Zones

Sudan

South Sudan

Kenya



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**Uganda**

**River Nile Basin**

**Arabian Peninsula**

**Gulf of Aden**

**Indian Ocean**

## **Primary Sectors**

**Public Diplomacy, Education and Language**

**Culture and Tourism**

**Construction, Construction Business and Infrastructure**

**Health and Health Tourism**

**Energy, Petro-chemistry and Investments**

**Logistics, Transportation and Communication**

**Banking and Finance (Strategic Investment Fund)**

**Economy and Trade**

**Media and Communication**

**Science and Technology**

**Brand Cities and Environment**

**Defense and Space Industry**

## **STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)**

### **Method**

Inductive Reasoning, Participation and Economic Deepening

**Turkey - African Horn Committee of Wise Persons Meetings Workshop**

**Building Capacity and Ecosystem Inventory**

**Preparation of Research Projects and their Reports**

**Development of Pro-active Policy Recommendations**

**Round-Table Meetings/Workshops**



# TURKEY AFRICAN HORN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE



## Multilateral Workshops/Studies

## Sector Workshops/Activities

## Applied Interactive Modelings

## Strategic Reports

Publication of sector studies as strategic reports for decision makers, private sector, media and public opinion of the sides. Providing literature and memory support.

## Media Conferences

## Other Academic Studies

Strategic Reports, Books, Articles, Thesis and so on Academic Studies

