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## Operational/planning workshop to launch, and plan the priority activities of the Somali Vehicular Cross-Border Language Commission for its three-year tenure.

**Jigjiga 11 - 13 April 2011**

### Draft Programme

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#### Day 1

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| 8:30 – 9:00        | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 9:00– 10:00        | <b>Opening Ceremonies</b>  |
| Chairman:          | <b>Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians</b>   |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcoming remarks and presentation of ACALAN by <i>Prof. Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of ACALAN</i></li><li>- Speech of the representative of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)</li><li>- Speech by the President of the Somali Regional State, to officiate the opening.</li></ul>         |
| 10:00- 10:30       | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| 10:30– 11:30       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Adoption of the program</li><li>-Questions and Answers on ACALAN</li></ul>  |
| 11:30– 13:00       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation of the Context of Operational /Workshop by Professor Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of ACALAN</li><li>- Presentation of the language policy of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development ( IGAD)</li><li>- Country reports on language situation: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia.</li></ul> |
|                    | Discussions  |
| 13:00 – 14:00      | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
| Afternoon session: |  |
| Chairman-          | <b>Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians</b>   |
| 14:00- 15:30       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Discussion on ACALAN's Plan of Action</li></ul>   |

- Discussion on the operation of the Commissions: links with the « National Language Structures », role of the RECs, RLCs, Universities, Focal Points, Civil society organizations, etc

**15:30-16:00**

**Coffee break**

**16:00-18:00**

Presentation of the Terms of Reference for the Vehicular Cross-Border Language Commissions and the criteria for the choice of the members by Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the ACALAN Assembly of Academicians.

**End of day one**

## Day Two

### Morning Session:

**Chairman:**

**Professor Mohamed Hassan Abdulaziz, member of the Assembly of Academicians, Kenya (East Africa).**

**9:00 - 9:15**

Adoption of reports of day one.

**9:15 - 11:00**

Election of the Chairperson and Secretary of the Somali Vehicular Cross-border Language Commission.

**11:00- 11:30**

**Coffee break**

**11:30- 13:00**

Drafting of the first Plan of Action for the Somali language commission.

**13:00- 14:00**

**Lunch Break**

### Afternoon Session:

**Chairman:**

**Professor Mahamed Daahir Afrah, member of the Somali Vehicular Cross-Border Language Commission.**

**14:00- 16:00**

plenary -report and general discussions on the first draft of plan of action for the commission.

**16:00- 16:30**

**Coffee break**

**End of day two**

## Day three: Planning session for the priority activities of the Somali Commission

### Morning Session:

**Chairman:**

**Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians**

**9:00– 10:30**

Presentation of the context of the Planning session by the Executive Secretary of ACALAN

- Response from the Chairperson of the Commission
- General questions and answers on the presentation

**10:30-11.00**

**- Coffee Break**

**11:00-11:30**

Introduction of the of the commission members

**11:30-11:45** Identification of priority areas based on the ACALAN vision, missions and objectives

**11:45-13:30** Constitution of working groups and beginning of the Commission's work

**13:00-14:00** **Lunch Break**

**Afternoon Session:**

**Chairman:** **Professor Mohamed Hussein Rabi, member of the Somali Vehicular Cross-Border Language Commission.**

**14:00-18:00** Plenary Session

- Presentation of the outcomes of the sessions by the working groups
- Discussion and harmonization of findings from the groups
- Presentation and adoption of the recommendations of the Workshop
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**18:00** **Closing ceremony**

**Chairperson** **Professor Ayo Bamgbose, Chairperson of the Assembly of Academicians**

**Vice-Chairpersons** **Professor Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, Executive Secretary of ACALAN and Professor Mohamed Hassan Abdulaziz, member of the Assembly of Academicians, Kenya (East Africa).**

**Moderators:** Drs Ojo Babajide Johnson and Lang Fafa Dampha.  
**Rapporteur** Mr Souleyman Sangare