



# SDG 16 CONFERENCE

## Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



## SDG 16 as a compass for navigating intersecting crises

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Rome, Italy

### SPEAKER BIO



#### **Ms. Hibo Yassin Haji Yusuf, Executive Director, IIDA Women's Development Organization**

Hibo Yassin is a distinguished human rights advocate with a remarkable track record of over 33 years of progressive experience in designing, implementing, and managing development programs in Africa, particularly in Somalia. As a founding member of IIDA, a Somali women-led NGO, she has actively worked to promote women's and gender rights throughout her career. Hibo's work focuses on women and gender issues in conflict-sensitive contexts, playing a crucial role in crisis prevention, conflict management, peacebuilding, and

women's empowerment initiatives. She leads state-building efforts through the Somali Social Contract Programme, aligning with national development plans and Sustainable Development Goals.

Hibo has supported the Somali Federal Government in developing laws, policies, and guidelines for the new state architecture, contributing to the ratification of important conventions and the development of action plans. She fosters partnerships with various stakeholders and has contributed to sector-specific knowledge on conflict dynamics, peacebuilding, and state-building. Hibo's commitment to gender equality and human rights is evident in her work on peacebuilding, conflict mitigation, and political dialogue. She is also skilled in resource mobilization and program management.