

## **SPECIAL GUEST LIST**

**Ahmed Nur**, Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI)

Ahmed Nur has been working for the NCRI for the past three years to re-set up the NCRI for the first time since the collapse of Somali Government. He spent the last two and half years building, resurrecting and helping the people of Somalia whether they are refugee, returnees or IDP's. After long and hard work, Mr. Nur has almost successfully accomplished his vision for NCRI as by now the Commission's Statue was adopted by the Federal Parliament and also has dedicated staff, financial support and handles much of the Commission's mandate.

**David Apollo Kazungu**, Commissioner for Refugees– Office of The Prime Minister, Uganda

David Apollo Kazungu is the Commissioner for Refugees– Office of The Prime Minister, Uganda. The Department of Refugees in which Mr. Apollo works manages Uganda's response to refugees and ensures the country's compliance with national policy and international laws and standards. Uganda currently shelters over 200,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, South Sudan, Eritrea, and several others countries in the region. The Department's ultimate goal is for refugees to achieve self-reliance, social development, and durable solutions in either Uganda or their home country.

**Mahmud Gaznabi**, Country Director, ARC Uganda

Mr. Gaznabi has served as the Country Director in Uganda for the past three years. He came to Uganda from his role as Country Director for ARC Pakistan. A life-long humanitarian, Gaznabi has over 30 years of experience in international aid and development, and has worked in places like Bangladesh, Somalia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and South Sudan.

**Ahmed Farah**, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of Refugees and IDPs of Somali

Ahmed Farah is the Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of Refugees and IDPs of Somalia. Ahmed has been a former UNHCR representative to various countries including Uganda, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Tanzania. He is currently the focal person for the Commission of Refugees and IDPs in the Tripartite Commission and has been actively involved in the formulation of repatriation project. He is based in Nairobi.

**Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey**, UNHCR appointed Special Envoy, Somali Refugee Situation

As Special Envoy for the Somali Refugee Situation, Ambassador Affey assists UNHCR to maximize efforts in the search for solutions for Somali refugees and asylum seekers at national and regional levels. He strives to enhance dialogue between the Governments of asylum countries, the Federal Government of Somalia and the international community, to renew efforts to find durable solutions for Somali refugees, while ensuring that asylum is preserved for those in continued need of international protection. He also supports efforts to mobilize humanitarian and development resources for the reintegration of Somali returnees in a manner consistent with the Government of Somalia's national development plans and regional priorities

Ambassador Affey formerly served as the Special Envoy to Somalia for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and as Kenya's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Kenya's Ambassador to Somalia.