East Action Organization and Jigjiga University Sign MoU to Launch Jigjiga Innovation and Action Partnership



East Action Organization (EAO) and Jigjiga University (JJU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Jigjiga Innovation and Action Partnership (JIAP). The partnership will serve as a platform for joint research, community engagement, innovation, and policy advocacy.

The collaboration will focus on key areas:

- Gender equality and women's empowerment
- Youth development and employment
- Public health and nutrition
- Climate resilience and environmental sustainability
- Education and lifelong learning
- Peacebuilding and social cohesion
- Community-based innovation and entrepreneurship

Through this agreement, EAO and JJU will co-develop community-led projects, support student field placements and mentorship, strengthen institutional and community capacities, and produce evidence to inform policy and practice.





Dr. Beshir Abdulahi, President of Jigjiga University, stated:

> *"This partnership strengthens the link between academia and community development. Together, we will generate knowledge, innovation, and solutions that serve the Somali Region and Ethiopia as a whole."*

Mr. Siraj Aden, Vice Executive Director of East Action Organization, added:

> *"Our collaboration with Jigjiga University reflects our shared commitment to empower communities, advance gender equality, and create sustainable opportunities for youth and women."*

This partnership represents a step forward in advancing sustainable development and improving livelihoods in the Somali Region and beyond.