



## **Invitation for Public PhD Defense for Batula Abdi**

I cordially invite you all to my PhD public defense, on the following topic:

**“Children are blessing from God”: Sociocultural and religious factors affecting the Uptake of family planning among Muslim communities in Lamu and Wajir counties in Kenya.**

The details are shown below:

**Dates:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 2pm to 5pm

**Location:** Campus UZ Gent, Auditorium A, 1K3, entrance 42, Corneel Heymanslaan 10, 9000 Ghent.

**Online link:** [see link](#)

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We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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