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Bakar Ali a Deaf and human rights activist from Somalia. He was born and grew up in Somalia in the midst of Somali civil war. He was the founding president of Somali National Associate for the Deaf where he advocated for the Deaf human rights and access to education.

He has strong leadership and community advocacy background. During his university studies, he has been strong active student leader. In RIT, he served as student government senator and at NYU, he became the first Deaf student body president and the first Deaf to bear school banner at NYU commencement. Because of his leadership activities, he has been recognized with various leadership awards including distinguished public service award and Newman Civic Fellow.

Bakar has been active with the Youth Council since 2014. He attended Conference of State Parties in 2015 where he represented for the youth council.

He holds MPA degree in International Policy and Management from New York University and a BS degree in International Studies from Rochester Institute of Technology. Bakar currently works at National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology as a Senior Project Associate where he works projects related to Deaf education development in international arenas