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The government will have zero tolerance as far as corruption is concerned, says the President as he attends presentation of 100 days performance

-The nation of Somaliland is not invasive to any entity, but anyone who wants to invade this country will regret it, he warns



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has noted that the "The government will have zero tolerance as far as corruption is concerned". The Head of State has once again warned that his administration will have zero tolerance as far as

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A delegation from the Republic of Somaliland, led by Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, Hamse Abdirahman Khayre, and including members of the Central Bank's Sharia Committee, attended the 23rd Islamic Annual

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First ever National Cultural Conference held in Somaliland



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, attended on Tuesday the opening of the two-day National

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The Performance of the Somaliland Ministry of Health in the First 100 Days

By M.A. Egge

The Ministry of Health Development of the Republic of Somaliland has shared with the public the Performance of the Ministry of Health in the first 100 days of the "Togetherness and Action" government administration. Officials of the Somaliland Ministry of Health Development had



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It is time for work since rhetoric period is past, says WADDANI chair Hirsi, as he urges the nation to forge unity



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corruption is concerned. He at the same time revealed that the government has re-kindled its foreign relations with several countries hence at the same time strengthened them. The statements were part and parcel of the President's speech as he addressed a large audience on Wednesday at the Presidency at a documentary event that gave the presentation of what the administration has done in its 100 days in office as per its pledge. He said, "We have strengthened our foreign policy, as our aspiration is to become an independent country. The great conference (World Governments Summit 2025) I attended in the UAE was attended by one hundred and forty-four countries. It was a great occasion and our message was conveyed there. We hope that our message has reached the majority of the world". He continued, "We thank all Somaliland's friends in the world wherever they are, and we hope that the efforts will be fruitful hence in the near future and we will achieve our long-cherished goal." He pointed out the government's

performance would reflect upon its future plight. He stated, "I remind you that every decision we make, every action we take, every criticism made, will have an impact on the people's trust in us again". He noted the first hundred days of the government's activities were based on the basis of the WADDANI party's political program, which consisted of the pillars documented. He pointed out that his administration was open to positive and constructive criticism, while saying, "We are not here tonight to boast to the people, but we are here to tell the people what we have achieved in the past hundred days. I tell all the various officials that every citizen has the right to criticize us, and we should listen and confidently respond to or correct any criticism that is made of us." The President said that the government has undertaken difficult tasks in the past 100 days and was thankful that he got support. He said, "We have undertaken difficult tasks in the past 100 days. We have undertaken difficult tasks which we could not have overcome

without the supportive participation of the people, the officials charged with various tasks, the clerics, the councils of elders and representatives, the ministers, the directors general, and the high command of the armed forces". He was thankful that as concerns the absorption and integration of the various local communities' militia forces into the mainstream national armed forces, the task and effort are almost complete and that only a few lots remain, which he said that he expects it to draw to close in the coming days. "We have embarked on the program to modernize the various national forces, which has also ended. I am grateful to the ministerial committee that I appointed for this task, the technical committee, and the Electoral Commission, who also gave us great support in implementing this task", he said. The President of Somaliland also said that his government is up to reform the country's economic system; he said, "We are striving to reform our economic system and modernize it, which will enable the financial institutions, led by the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank, to make our economic system based on accountability". He added, "As mentioned, we have stopped all the institutions that used to collect private revenue. Every shilling that the government receives today goes directly to the Treasury. We have decided that every shilling that this nation owns will go to the government treasury". He ended by underscoring the fact that his administration will have a zero-tolerance stance against corruption and state pilfers.

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Sharia Boards Conference." Further strengthening ties, Deputy Governor Hamse met with Dr. Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary-General of CIBAFI, alongside Somaliland's Sharia Committee Members Sheikh Almis Haji Yahya Ibrahim, Sheikh Ibrahim Ahmed Hirsi, and Sheikh Mohamed Ibrahim Jama. The Deputy Governor expressed gratitude for the warm reception and productive talks, stating: "We thank CIBAFI for their hospitality and fruitful discussions on future cooperation to advance the Islamic financial system. Building on a prior agreement with the Somaliland Institute of Banking Knowledge (SLIBF), we have agreed to expand collaboration, with a comprehensive cooperation agreement to be signed soon, covering various aspects." The Somaliland delegation also held



significant sideline meetings with leading Islamic financial institutions, including Bahrain's Central Bank, to enhance global financial cooperation and align with the diverse services of Islamic banks worldwide. In a notable meeting with H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh, Director General of the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF_BH), Deputy Governor Hamse highlighted the growing partnership, saying: "We were deeply moved by the warm

hospitality, especially seeing the Somaliland flag proudly displayed—a touching gesture of friendship. Our longstanding relationship with BIBF forage continues to strengthen, with agreements to exchange expertise in Islamic finance training and institutional capacity building." These engagements are poised to significantly advance the modernization and reform initiatives led by the Central Bank of Somaliland's leadership.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS BY H.E. PRESIDENT ABDIRAHMAN IRRO

By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro delivered his maiden State of the Nation Address to the bicameral National Assemblies Parliament in a speech that gave the pointers of his administration as one that is seriously bent on working for the development and aspirations of the people and nation of Somaliland. The speech on Sunday came after the Head of State completed his first 100 days in office that ambitiously put in place his party's manifesto plans, campaign pledges and integrated them into the national development plans hence dutifully adhered to them. Indeed, the first three months of the administration has surpassed expectations especially operating under duress owing to the prior situation inherited. He has revealed that the first quarter of this year's economic growth has just registered 19% higher than the previous couple of years. He has just announced the creation of the national reserve security services, the National Reserve Forces, as he had earlier pledged and promised over three months earlier in his inauguration speech. It is worth noting that few, if any, contemporary leaders in both the developing and developed world have ever adhered and managed to successfully adhere to and implement their 100 days focus precisely as pledged. The President's speech shed light on all aspects in general as concerns socio-economical, security, political, agricultural, fisheries, livestock, energy, health, educational and infrastructural aspects that are being addressed and the plans in store to bolster them. In essence, the President who has seemingly given his appointees leeway to embark on their duties diligently as expected, has indeed been leading with hands-on-the-job hence acutely aware of all the undertakings at, and in, every front and directing them at the same time. The President led the audience pay a special tribute of standing ovation to the VP H.E. Mohamed Abdi aw Ali for the historic peace mission he has been undertaking in the eastern parts of the country for the past two months that has been greatly hailed for his pragmatism, given the precarious nature of the situation, hence is quite successful and on course. He reiterated the state's resolve to sever the Somaliland-Somalia Talks given the latter's blatant violations of Somaliland's territorial integrity. The President's State of the Nation Address is hereunder reproduced in its entirety, loosely translated from the Somali language: -

State of the Nation Address

Mr. Speaker, distinguished speakers of the two houses of the Somaliland Parliament, the Speaker of the Supreme Court, the heads of the national official parties, members of the cabinet, the commanders of the various national

forces, the Governor of Maroodi-jeeh Region, the Mayor of Hargeisa, leaders of the various sections of society, the women fraternity, youth, and all citizens of the Republic of Somaliland at home and abroad. Asalaam Aleykum; With due respect to the august National Assemblies Parliament of the Republic of Somaliland, and at the same time in fulfilling the constitutional duty that instructs me to inform you of the general situation of the country, and the plan of the journey we are moving forward; I begin by praying and remembering all the heroes who have fought for the Nation in the successive stages that have passed. Those who sacrificed their lives for independence, the successive leaders who served this nation, and the heroes who are now in uniform to consolidate peace, and protect the strength of the Nationhood we enjoy. I reaffirm the obligation of the Nationhood of the Republic of Somaliland and that there is no negotiation on the unity, territorial integrity, nationhood of the Republic of Somaliland, the integrity of its history, traditions and culture of its people.

GENERAL SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

Mr. Speaker; Our nation is going through a particularly important stage; a stage where we must set the direction in which we will move into the future. We are emerging from a difficult environment resulting from the pressures of the economic downturn that has dragged on for the past three years, the weakening of national security and unity, the decline in our democracy, and the political stalemate that has led to the postponement of elections. In the first hundred days of my government's tenure, it has taken important strategic steps to rebuild citizen trust, consolidate the foundations of peace, and implement the promised changes that the nation has placed its trust in. Today, public safety and security are strengthening; the economy is stable and growing. A broad reform of the judiciary and the administrative system of government institutions is underway, and public services and social affairs are expanding. We have also infused new energy and vitality into our relations with the world and international cooperation. More importantly, the ownership of the various sectors of the citizenry has been restored and they have been more involved in the leadership and decision-making of the country's future than ever before. Despite all this, we still face challenges that cannot be underestimated. A full economic recovery requires that we truly utilize our resources. Much work remains to be done to strengthen peace and unity.

GOVERNMENT ACTION IN THE FIRST 100 DAYS

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The Performance of the Somaliland Ministry of Health in the First 100 Days

promised to inform the nation of the performance of the sector within the first 00 days of the new administration, and as a prelude to daily bulletins the department is planning to convey. The Minister of Health indicated that he was pleased that the ministry had made significant and tangible changes for the better during the period. He said, "I am pleased that during the first 100 days of the unity and action government led by the H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, the Ministry of Health Development has made significant and tangible changes for the better." His deputy also said that she was happy with the progress made by the ministry, and said, "During the short period that the new government has been at the helm of the country, progress has been made in many areas. As the Deputy Minister of Health, I am happy that during that period the ministry has taken steps to improve the health of the country." These introductory messages, which contain the performance of the country's health services and the progress made by the ministry in the first hundred days of the Somaliland government's Action and Solidarity term, were as follows:

In the First 100 Days, the Ministry Addressed the Following Issues: -

1. Minister of Health Hon. Hussein Bashir Hirsi inaugurated the construction of the Health Center in Qorilugud town in the first 100 days. This facility has been expanded and well equipped.



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2. The Ministry of Health saw the completion of the construction of the Da'ar-buduuq General Hospital within the same period, inaugurated by the Head of State H.E. Abdirahman Irro, equipped it and installed staffers to run the facility.
3. Inspections to observe the conditions and needs of regional hospitals.
4. The bolstering of the quality of services provided by hospitals and the expansion of hospital buildings.
5. Strengthening further the relationship and collaboration between ministries, international organizations, health stakeholders and private facilities.
6. Reviewing health policies and plans that are the basis for all health reforms implemented by the Ministry.
7. Expanding and reaching health services to the Somaliland community, especially to the needy and in remote areas.
8. Strengthening the National Blood Transfusion Service through a National Campaign.
9. Strengthening Emergency Services.
10. Bolstering legal frameworks and quality of medicines through a

- Comprehensive Review of Various Procedures by the Ministry.
11. A review and expansion of the Ministry's structure was carried out, with the addition of two new departments, which were important for accelerating the work of the ministry.
12. Decentralization was carried out in the Ministry's work, which is important for the daily work process, in order to create trust in working together and achieve transparent accountability.
13. Regular meetings were initiated with all the Ministry's departments and regional offices.
14. The acceleration of work and the cooperation system between various offices were enhanced.
15. Medicines and emergency vehicles were provided to hospitals and regions of the country, which are indispensable for providing services, during difficult times in emergency situations.
16. Training was enhanced to improve the skills and quality of health service providers, which is essential for patient safety and the smooth operation of health facilities.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS BY H.E. PRESIDENT.....

Defense and protection of the nation
Peace and security are the foundation of development and the shield of statehood. In the first hundred days, my government of "Togetherness and Action" has been able to implement important measures. We nationalized the weapons and the civilian forces and began training them, which today have become a part of our national forces. We conducted a census and a thorough registration of all our forces, in order to ensure the correct number of the various national forces, and to eliminate the name and existence of the word "Aagle" (ghost workers). This is the key to the beginning of the large-scale salary increase that we are making for the forces. Today, the soldier receives his salary directly from the national treasury. The soldier and his family will receive free care and services. The government will improve the system of promotion and rewards for the forces. We have benefited from new training for more than 700 officers, some of whom we have sent abroad for high-level training. We have added modern technology and knowledge to the Immigration Department, and the Coast Guard, and have tripled their capacity to secure our maritime borders. We have also increased the level of

security at all airports in the Republic of Somaliland. To strengthen the national defense of the Republic of Somaliland, my government today announces the creation of the National Reserve Forces of the Republic of Somaliland.

5ØÐß. Good governance and Reform of the Judiciary:
Strengthening and improving the administration is the foundation on which good governance is built. Based on this vision, in order to strengthen the working capacity of government offices and the quality of services they provide, in the first hundred days we have reformed the work of government institutions and strengthened transparency and accountability. The government has created or supplemented, revised and amended the laws that constitute the legal framework for transparency and the rule of law. Similarly, the policies and strategic plans that will form the basis for administrative reform and good governance have been completed. During this short period of time, the Government has implemented tax and revenue reforms, eliminating all loopholes that undermined good governance of government revenues in order to combat corruption. Government revenue in the three months from January to March has increased by 19%, compared to the previous two years. My Government is committed to strengthening the rule of law and

ensuring that government leaders are accountable for the implementation of the law. The Government has initiated a judicial reform plan to ensure fairness, independence and public confidence in the law and the judicial system of the country.

Infrastructural Development
During the short period of time that my Government has been in office, it has taken concrete steps that have been key to unlocking the economic potential of the Republic of Somaliland. We have begun the construction and rehabilitation of key roads, which are the backbone of livestock and agricultural areas connecting domestic markets, cities and ports in the country. Seven (7) key roads have been started, renovated or completed their construction studies. These include the key roads connecting Hargeisa/Balligubadle, and Boorama/Baki. We have also completed the assessment phase of the construction of the Lughaya port, which paves the way for us to make it a major commercial hub in the future. The government has decided to reduce the electricity price in the city of Berbera to \$0.20 (twenty cents) per KW from July 2025, which will be the cheapest price in the cities of the Republic of Somaliland. The electricity network in the city of Zeila has also been

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Somali Awards. The accolade recognizes the platform's innovation, reliability, and its contribution to advancing financial inclusion across the region. The award highlights DahabPlus's expanding global reach, with secure and user-friendly mobile money services available in over 165 countries. The platform serves individuals and businesses worldwide and remains particularly focused on reaching underserved and unbanked communities. "This recognition underscores our ongoing mission to empower individuals and enterprises with accessible and efficient financial tools," said Abdirashid Duale, Group CEO of Dahabshiil. "As

digital transformation accelerates across the continent, we are proud to be at the forefront of inclusive fintech innovation." DahabPlus continues to scale its operations, enabling millions of users to send, receive, and manage money seamlessly—cementing its position as a trusted platform in Africa and beyond, evolving digital economy. We are thrilled to share this moment with all of our customers, supporters, and everyone who has helped us reach this milestone. We will continue striving to deliver the best services that meet your needs. DahabPlus – The fast, secure, and affordable way to send and receive money!

Dahabshiil Group Funds Khalid Yare and Family's Return to Syria



Khalid Yare, a young Syrian boy who gained attention for speaking Somali fluently, announced in a media broadcast on Monday that he and his family are returning to Syria, with all travel expenses covered by Dahabshiil Group. The family, who arrived in Somaliland when Khalid was two years old, lived in Hargeisa for eight years and visited cities like Burco, Borama, and Wajaale. When asked about his feelings after previously sharing concerns about the challenges of returning to Syria, Khalid said: "This afternoon, my family and I are boarding a plane to Syria, thanks to Dahabshiil covering all our travel expenses."

Expressing gratitude, Khalid shared a message for Dahabshiil: "My message to Dahabshiil is: May Allah grant goodness to Dahabshiil, may Allah bless them, and may He reward them with great blessings for the support they've provided us." Reflecting on his time in Somaliland, he said to the community: "Even if I forget in my mind, you'll always be in my heart. You are good people, and may Allah bless you." Khalid's story captured public attention after an earlier interview aired on MMTV, highlighting his remarkable journey and connection to Somaliland.

First ever National Cultural Conference.....

Cultural Conference held at Mansoor Hotel.

The conference is the first Cultural Conference of its kind to be held in Somaliland, was organized with high esteem by the Ministry of Information, Culture and National Guidance, spear-headed by Minister Sheikh Ahmed-Yasin Sheikh Ali Ayaanle.

The Somaliland Cultural Conference focuses on, and discusses, the lifestyle of Somaliland Society in general, especially issues of importance and priority for the people of the Republic of Somaliland in terms of culture, heritage, language, creativity, literature and fine arts. In particular, the National Cultural Conference focuses on nine topics: The Importance of Culture and Heritage, Marriage and Culture, Tribalism and Discrimination, Modernity and the Influence of Culture, Knowledge and Culture, Language and Literature, Livestock, Agriculture and Hospitality, Child Education and Culture, Politics and Culture, The Head of State, who delivered a historic speech at the forum that touched on many aspects, described the symposiums as a very valuable one as per reflection on the cultural history that the nation and the people subscribe to vis-à-vis the modern times. He said that it would



provide a complete picture of the best way for the nation to develop in the future and benefit from our nobly rich culture.

The President, while speaking about the relationship between culture and the existence of society, said:

"Culture is the spirit of society. It is the foundation of lineage and the fabric of the nation. It is the thread that weaves us together from generation to generation, so that we do not fall apart. It is the guide of our values, our behavior and our religion."

While speaking about the originality of our rich culture, he said:

"Our culture is a native culture that has not been imported from abroad like some societies. It is a culture that reflects the history of our pastoral life, our Islamic faith, and the stories embedded in our

heritages that reflect the thousands of years that we have inherited from our ancestors."

The President, while speaking about the dignity and unique qualities of our culture, said:

"Our culture is a culture known for its respect for dignity, good ethics, and profound knowledge, the vessel of which was our language, especially the poems that our ancestors preserved for us, which is one of the main reasons why the richness of our language has been preserved through the oral literature passed down from generations."

The President said that he expects "good resolutions from the Cultural Conference, so that it can be a starting point for the change that we, as a nation, will strengthen, protect, and express our culture, and prevent it from being lost to our future generations".

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Parliament for ratification on April 22. The release of the document has offered the first detailed insight into the scope, terms and strategic intentions behind Ankara's deepening energy and defense partnership with Mogadishu. Turkey has secured sweeping operational and financial privileges according to the agreement. The document, officially titled "Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the Field of Hydrocarbons," was signed on March 7, 2024, in Istanbul by Turkish Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar and Somali Petroleum Minister Abdirizak Omar Mohamed. It was only recently made public as part of parliamentary proceedings. According to official justifications attached to the submission, the agreement is a key component of Turkey's Africa Opening Strategy, which identifies Somalia as a priority country due to its strategic maritime location and untapped energy resources. Somali territory is estimated to contain 6 billion cubic meters of proven natural gas reserves and as much as 30 billion barrels of offshore hydrocarbon potential.

Turkish authorities emphasize that with the improving political stability in Somalia, the country presents a viable environment for investment in hydrocarbons. The agreement, they argue, will enhance bilateral cooperation, allow Turkey to share technical expertise and secure

access to energy resources that support Turkey's broader strategic interests in maritime trade and energy security.

The recently disclosed text of the hydrocarbon agreement has revealed a series of provisions that significantly favor Turkey's operational and financial position in Somalia's energy sector.

One of the most notable clauses removes the need for Turkey to pay any upfront costs. According to the agreement, no signature, development or production bonuses are required from Turkish entities, nor are they obligated to pay surface or administrative fees. These exemptions, outlined in the document's Article 4.5, deviate from standard industry practices where host governments typically demand substantial initial payments for exploration rights.

In terms of revenue structure, Turkey has secured a highly favorable cost recovery arrangement. Under Article 4.7, Turkey is entitled to recover up to 90 percent of the petroleum it produces each year — whether oil or natural gas — as "cost petroleum," a mechanism that allows the operator to cover exploration and production expenses before profits are shared. Meanwhile, Somalia's own share of the production is limited through a royalty cap set at just 5 percent. The royalties can be collected either in kind or in cash and do not apply to any petroleum that is reinjected into the reservoir or consumed during on-site operations.

Further enhancing its operational freedom, Turkey has been granted unrestricted rights to export its share of oil and gas at international market prices. As detailed in Article 4.8, Turkish entities may retain all revenue earned abroad from the sale of these resources whether through exports or domestic transactions — an arrangement that effectively removes Somalia from the financial flow of Turkey's share. Additionally, Turkey enjoys broad discretion in assigning its rights under the agreement. Article 4.3 allows Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO) or any other designated Turkish entity to transfer its interests to third parties without the obligation to establish a local company or permanent office in Somalia. This clause provides Turkey with flexibility in forming partnerships or bringing in subcontractors without bureaucratic hurdles.

The military school within the Turkish Task Force Command in Somalia (STGK), Turkey's largest military base abroad, also plays an important role in meeting the needs of commissioned and noncommissioned officers in Somalia.

Finally, the agreement includes robust investment protections. Article 9 confirms that Turkish operations in Somalia will be protected under the 1966 Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of the agreement can be brought

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strengthened, which will have a direct impact on the lives of families in this coastal city.

The drilling of 32 wells, dams and ponds has been completed, to facilitate access to drinking water and irrigation for livestock and agriculture by citizens in arid areas, especially during droughts.

We have provided technical assistance and equipment, regulation, encouragement, and knowledge-building to the country's fishermen and farmers.

The plan to implement foreign investment in the processing of our livestock products, including meat, is well underway for export to international markets.

Economic Priorities for the Government

Based on these actions that have been possible in the short term, the Government's economic strategy focuses on three areas that we believe will increase domestic production — the country's GDP and the National Budget.

First focus: Production

Fisheries: We will complete the modernization and development of infrastructure, and technical knowledge in fisheries, and its marketing domestically and internationally.

Livestock: We will further strengthen the efforts initiated to develop livestock. To increase their health care and grazing, and to increase the export of live animals through foreign investments, and to process livestock products domestically.

Agriculture: In order for the Republic of Somaliland to become a country that produces enough food, we will strengthen the development of agriculture, especially irrigation systems, agricultural health care, light processing of food products, and to strengthen the domestic market for agricultural products.

The government, through its joint efforts, has secured foreign investment for two projects to modernize and improve agricultural production, funded by the Pharo Foundation with \$20 million and the German government with \$22 million.

Minerals: Minerals are one of the major resources that we still have. The government's plan is to increase foreign investment and domestic investment to explore, produce and export them to world markets.

5 Ø Ð ß . S e c o n d Focus: Income

Taxation: Modernizing the tax collection system and broadening the tax base to finance the essential development of government services.

Entrepreneurship Investment: Enhancing entrepreneurship investment by citizens, especially youth and women

Berbera Port: We are committed to leveraging the expansion and modernization of the Berbera Port and improving the quality of services it provides to increase the number of areas outside the border served by the port.

5ØÑß. Third Focus: Economic Infrastructure and Energy

The government continues to build and expand strategic roads, ports, and airports, so that we can share in the regional markets.

We will also strengthen natural energy, seeking investment in solar, wind, and hydrogen energy to provide affordable electricity to citizens, services, manufacturing, and industries. The World Bank is investing \$30 million in the cities of Berbera and Borama to finance solar power generation.

The problem of climate change is one of the most serious challenges crippling the economy. The Republic of Somaliland is among the countries that have suffered the devastating effects of climate change. We have set ourselves a special responsibility to care for the environment, control water and food shortages, and prevent the overall problems of climate change.

My Government's policy is to protect the environment, combat deforestation, and plant three (3) million trees during its term, which is equivalent to planting 600,000 trees per year. National Tree Planting Day in the Republic of Somaliland is celebrated on April 15th of each year, and we have launched a campaign to plant 300,000 trees in the middle of this month.

Social Affairs and Public Services:

We believe that it is imperative that citizens receive equal services from the government.

During the first hundred days, my government was able to accelerate public services. We have reactivated seventy-seven (77) health centers and hospitals, or have renovated and accelerated their services. This has increased the number of mothers who are delivered to health centers during childbirth, especially in areas far from health centers.

We have also begun to reform the country's education system. The steps taken include modernizing and developing the curriculum to include lessons that are useful for building society, including building national awareness among students, good morals and ethics, protecting the environment, and combating discrimination.

We have emphasized that we will develop plans to increase the number of girls enrolled in schools (education) and reduce the number of students who drop out of school. We have also begun developing a prison education curriculum to prevent the habit of committing crimes and to encourage prisoners to contribute to society and work upon release.

The government has been able to provide free education to the first batch of orphans of the various forces of the Republic of Somaliland.

On the other hand, we have begun labor and civil service reform, implementing a pension fund, and enhancing infrastructure that facilitates work, including

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland

project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project

project id: P177298 IDA-E1360

assignment title: Consultancy Service for Budget Preparation Improvement, credibility and Transparency

reference no: SO-MOF-SL-469962-CS-CQS

place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) include five key areas: 1) Evaluate financial frameworks within MoFED, MoE, and MoH to strengthen budgeting, planning, and oversight in health and education. 2) Develop and establish PBB frameworks, including steering committees, technical working groups, and capacity-building efforts. 3) Create a framework to boost budget participation, revenue availability, and local capacity development at all government levels. 4) Design engagement strategies, including public dashboards and consultations, to improve accountability and accessibility. 5) Strengthen sector allocation, transparency, and accountability, alongside robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

The detailed Terms of Refence (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://slmof.org>, or it can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail. The e-mail address is provided below.

The Somaliland Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoF&ED) now invites the eligible consulting firm ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. (Brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). **The short-listing criteria are as follows:**

- Core business of the firm and At least 10 years in business (general experience in public sector budgeting, fiscal decentralization, and financial management)
- Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 10 years of experience in implementing Program Based Budgeting (PBB) systems in developing contexts, Extensive knowledge of public financial management (PFM) reforms, particularly PBB implementation in developing countries, experience in conducting institutional capacity assessments and designing training programs, proven track record in budget automation and digital PFM tools.
- Experience of relevant services in familiarity with Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) upgrades and integrations, prior experience in providing technical assistance to governments in developing countries, Ability to design and implement performance monitoring frameworks and indicators, demonstrated success in stakeholder engagement and consensus building, particularly with government ministries and development partners, strong project management skills, including planning, execution, and reporting.
- Technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide the structure of the organization and CVs of staff). *The Qualifications and Experience of Key Experts shall not be included in the shortlisting criteria*. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services* dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017 August 2018, November 2020, September 2023 and February 2025, (Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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It is time for work since rhetoric period is past, says WADDANI chair Hirsi, as he urges the nation to forge unity

By M.A. Egge

WADDANI Party Chairman Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan said he is happy that the Government of the Republic of Somaliland, headed by the President of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdirahi Irro, has presented its first hundred days' achievements. He urged the nation to forge for unity in order to progress hence stated that it was time for working for the populaces since the era of rhetoric is now past.

Chairman Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan said this in a speech he delivered at an event held at the Presidency on Wednesday evening to present the first hundred days' achievements of the Somaliland Government. Speaking on the matter, the Waddani Party Chairman said, "I am very happy that the government administration dubbed "Togetherness and Action" has presented its impeccable 100 days performance".

He made it clear that much more was expected of the administration. He stated that the "time is for working hence the era of rhetoric is past". He said that the pledges and promises the party made ought to be adhered to as per policy. The WADDANI chair underpinned the fact that the party is fully standing by the administration and always at hand to nudge it progressively forward.

Mr. Hirsi Ali Hassan pointed out that unity is a central pillar of social solidarity. He said, "The unity and solidarity of the society is a central pillar that is only plausible when all are united hence the nation can stand on its feet and defend itself."

The chair continued, "We can ensure that we are united, join hands and achieve our aspirations on any front", and added, "And by thus, righting our wrongs and forge together for prosperity".

34 th Anniversary of Somaliland Independence Restoration Day, 18 May, 2025



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People of the Republic of Somaliland both at home and in the diaspora will commemorate the 34th Anniversary of Somaliland's Independence Restoration Day, 18 May, 2025. This National Day marks the historic moment when Somaliland restored its sovereign independence and dissolved the failed union with Somalia in 1991.

This year's commemoration follows the successful and peaceful joint presidential and party elections held on November 13, 2024. Over one million citizens cast their votes, electing Somaliland's sixth President and three national political parties. Notably, Somaliland has become the first country in Africa and in the world to adopt iris biometric voting technology within the politically complex and authoritarian landscape of the Horn of Africa.

The Somaliland Community in Finland will celebrate this national milestone with a wellorganized public event at Stoa Kulttuurikeskus on 18 May 2025, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The event is open to Finnish-Somalilanders, our friends, and invited guests. The National Day Anniversary provides an opportunity

to honor our unity, preserve our rich cultural heritage, promote our nation's achievements and image, and reaffirm our collective identity as Somalilanders. It is a day to reflect on our progress, renew our commitment to peace, democracy, and development, and advance the cause of the Republic of Somaliland.

On this momentous occasion, we, the Somaliland Community in Finland, respectfully call upon the esteemed Government of the Republic of Finland to give due consideration to the formal recognition of the Republic of Somaliland as a sovereign and equal member in the international community. Given Somaliland's geostrategic position and its contributions to regional peace and security, recognition would be mutually beneficial for both our peoples and the broader global community as well.

"Together we achieve success"

"Gacmo Wada Jiraa, Guul Lagu Hantaa"

"Happy National Day Anniversary, 18 May 2025"



REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND
request for expressions of interest (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland

project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project

project id: P177298 IDA-E1360

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: TAXPAYER PERCEPTION SURVEY

reference no: SO-MOF-SL-486730-CS-CQS

place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) will Enhancing tax policy capabilities through various measures and Enhancing and standardizing internal revenue management systems and capabilities include eight key areas: 1) Strengthening the Tax Policy Unit (TPU), which is at a preliminary stage of development, 2) supporting the TPU to conduct a problem-driven analysis and reform of tax instruments, 3) drafting regulations or guidance notes for the new laws, 3) establishing the reporting framework on the preparation of quarterly and annual revenue performance reports and disclosing them online, 4) establishing a system for documenting tax expenditures to produce yearly reports for legislative submission alongside annual budget documents, 5) supporting and implementing the Somaliland National Tax Policy (2021-2025), 6) Improving taxpayer services and communication, 7) upgrading and digitizing through relevant and compatible Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS); and 8) skill development and educational opportunities; along with taxpayer guidance and support to encourage voluntary adherence to tax regulations.

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2. Experience of conducting similar assignments (A minimum of 2 completed comparable projects in Somaliland or in an environment similar to that of Somaliland.
3. Experience of relevant services in government administrations and international donors; familiarity with the socio-economic and geographic context of Somaliland.
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technology, in which the first 54 employees have been trained.

50th. Foreign Affairs and International relations

My government has made great efforts to revive international relations, and the friends of the Republic of Somaliland in the world. We have worked to make the voice of Somaliland heard in international forums.

Our policy is to convince the world of the recognition of Somaliland, which we have a legal right to and we will treat anyone who supports us with long-term rewards and friendship based on mutual interests.

It is an honor for us, during the short period of this government, to have had fruitful meetings with the leaders of our friendly government of the United Arab Emirates.

They have accepted our invitation to invest in our country and to help us find new international markets for the products of the Republic of Somaliland. Similarly, businessmen in their country encourage and support investment in the Republic of Somaliland, especially in the fields of Livestock, agriculture, fisheries and mining.

Technical committees that we have both appointed are currently working on completing this task.

The UAE government will assist us in health infrastructure, education now, Water and roads.

I attended the annual international conference of governments held in Dubai, having received an official invitation from the government of the UAE. The conference was attended by more than 140 countries, including presidents, prime ministers, vice presidents, ministers, famous former leaders, the world's largest companies and the world's largest investors.

The conference accelerated the international relations of the Republic of Somaliland and the return of our diplomatic weight in the international arena. It was also an opportunity for us to make a major marketing of our scarce resources that need international investment. Our message from the Republic of Somaliland that we sent from that conference reached more than 50 million people around the world.

We have established important diplomatic relations and engagements with important countries that can support our cause. We have strengthened our efforts to further promote the interests of Somaliland, including the United States, and the United Kingdom, from which we have received security assistance and multilateral cooperation.

Countries that have an influence on the politics of the Horn of Africa and international stakeholders have commended us for our efforts to nationalize, pacify, and reconcile the eastern regions of the Republic of Somaliland.

I am struggling with the setbacks in life and ethnic conflict among my people, and this instructs me to work hand in hand for development, hand in hand for peace and security. The Government of the Republic of Somaliland is further strengthening

the historical relations based on good neighborliness, brotherhood, and cooperation that we have with the countries of Ethiopia and Djibouti, and is planning trips to those countries.

The Government of Somaliland has clarified its position on the arrival of the Prime Minister of Somalia in the eastern Sool region of Somaliland in the statement we issued at the 16th meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, which I chaired on Wednesday, 16 April 2025, in which the Republic of Somaliland suspended the dialogue with Somalia.

My government has informed the international community that the arrival of the Prime Minister of Somalia is a violation of Somaliland's sovereignty and a blatant war waged by Somalia against the Republic of Somaliland in order to disrupt and undermine the peace and brotherhood efforts that the Republic of Somaliland has been carrying out with great effort and hard struggle.

Once again, we warn that this violation could lead to an escalation of civil strife.

The Republic of Somaliland informs its neighboring countries and the international community that it will continue its efforts for peace, brotherhood and good neighborliness, but reminds them that it has the full power to defend itself against any aggression.

National unity and democracy in the country:

Mr. Speaker, distinguished guests, Based on the political vision of the government, and the initial achievements of the government in the first hundred days, we have worked to complete the unity of the country, and the values of democracy that are central to our policies.

The strength and good reputation of the Republic of Somaliland have come from our democratic system, our culture of consultation and conflict resolution, and the resilience of our people. We have taken important steps to strengthen, sustain stability, and the shared ownership of the state.

We have established a national institution dedicated to peace and welcoming the citizens of the Republic of Somaliland.

They are being organized in order, so we have begun the work of involving all sectors of society in the national government, and having them represent us in order to revive the trust that the citizens had in his government.

We have held meetings with all sectors of society, including the National Assembly, scholars, cultural leaders, businessmen, intellectuals of both men and women, the media, and creative and literary figures, to listen to their views, and the advice they are contributing to their nation.

Mr. Speaker; The issues we have discussed reflect our commitment to achieving our goal of creating a Somaliland where unity, solidarity,

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request for expressions of interest (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland
project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project
project id: P177298 IDA-E1360
assignment title: Support to Domestic Revenue Mobilization in Somaliland
reference no: SO-MOF-SL-478423-CS-QCBS
place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

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The Consulting Services (the Services) include four key areas: 1) Strengthening the Tax Policy Unit (TPU) by building on the existing policy work supported by the Fiscal Policy Section, 2) Support to the Modernization and Automation of Tax Administration leading to the design of bidding documents for an Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS), 3) Strengthening institutional capacity, and 4) Improving taxpayer services and communication.

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- b) Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 10 years of specific experience in developing tax policy and legislation and advice on tax administration, Proven track record of successfully building capacities of a function-based revenue authority in developing countries, Expertise in advising on and implementing taxpayer services and communication strategies. At least 5 years' experience in developing and implementing ICT systems of tax administration operations. The Consultant shall provide the name and contact address of the Client (office and e-mail address and telephone number), date(s) of execution, name (s) of lead and associate firms, contract amount and financing sources.
- c) Experience of relevant services in an environment similar to that of Somaliland; and
- d) The technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide only the structure of the organization. Do not provide CVs of staff). Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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justice, peace, and democracy are the foundations of its governance. I have not forgotten to commend the brotherly clans of El-Afweyn, their traditional leaders, parliamentarians, intellectuals and politicians who all worked with us to end the long-standing conflict in El-Afweyn, and to hand over the forces of both clans and their weapons to the Republic of Somaliland. I also thank the elders, elders and the judiciary that ruled and ended the conflict. The El Afweyn militia, who have not been mobilizing for months, have stood firm. It is a great victory that we have stopped the blood of citizens that has been spilling for more than 9 years. From now on, our duty is to work on the development of these areas. I thank every community of every area that aided in facilitating the nationalizing of its local civil militia, its armour and soldiers hence integrating it into the mainstream national armed forces. I ask all of you to applaud the Vice President of the Republic of Somaliland, my brother Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, and his delegation of Ministers, Members of Parliament, Traditional Leaders, Army Commanders and other dignitaries, who have successfully invested their time, effort and nationalism in these efforts. We also ask the National Institutions, the most important of which is the Parliament, and the political parties

to cooperate, work together and consult in the general interest of our Nation and in building a better future for our children. I wish to convey to the citizens that the tangible achievements we have achieved in a short period of time are just the beginning, and that the time and the weighty work are behind us. My final call: I call on the youth of the Republic of Somaliland, both men and women, to prepare themselves to shoulder the responsibility of preparing the future of their country, to participate in the efforts being made by the government to achieve this, and to come up with creativity and talent to lead the process. I call on the elders, traditional leaders, intellectuals and the community to benefit from their wisdom, experience, knowledge, and history in the efforts to build the nation. In particular, I call on our women, who are the center of society, to play their role in building the nation they love. Let us all unite under our flag, join hands in building our Nation and achieving our goal of recognition. May Allah bless the Republic of Somaliland ... May Peace, Nationality and Progress be permanent in our Nation by God's Will. Thank you.



REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland
project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project
project id: P177298 IDA-E1360
assignment title: Consultancy Service for National Public Procurement Reform
reference no: SO-MOF-SL-469357-CS-CQS
place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) include four key areas: 1) Support the NTB in reviewing, updating, amending, and translating procurement laws, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures, standard bidding documents. 2) Develop a national procurement capacity strategy, professionalize and certify procurement staff, and foster collaboration with international training institutes. 3) Provide ongoing technical assistance to NTB and its staff to implement procurement reforms in line with the SERP project and Somaliland's broader reform agenda. 4) Assist in procurement reporting, facilitate the Annual Procurement Forum, and support the NTB in assessing, developing, and piloting an e-Government Procurement System (E-GPS).

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2. Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 8 years of experience Proven success in similar assignments for government or international organizations, strong track record in public procurement reform and capacity building.
3. Experience of relevant services in drafting and revising legal and regulatory frameworks, experience in organizing procurement-related events and systems reporting, capability to assess, operationalize, and implement IT-based procurement systems.
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GOVERNMENT OF SOMALILAND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

COUNTRY: SOMALILAND
PROJECT NAME: SOMALI ENHANCING PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT ID: P177298 IDA-E1360
ASSIGNMENT TITLE: FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPERATIONAL AND COSTING MODEL FOR CITIZEN ACCESS POINTS (CAPs)
REFERENCE NO: SO-MOF-SL-469395-CS-CQS
PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: HARGEISA, SOMALILAND

Background.

The Government Somaliland's development history has evolved from 40 years of grassroots peacebuilding and state building. Over time, a resilient institutional structure has taken shape, in which modern and traditional institutions, religious authorities, the private sector, and civil society have worked together to ensure peace, stability and the delivery of basic services. Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The feasibility study is a comprehensive assessment of the practicality and potential of successfully establishing Citizen Access Points (CAPs) in Awdal, Togdheer and Sanaag regions. The rationale for conducting this study is to identify facilitating factors as well as potential problems or limitations that may hinder the project. The feasibility study is intended to help CSC optimize the establishment of CAPs and reduce risks that may be associated with the startup and running CAPS to facilitate for stakeholders to make informed decisions and minimize the chances of failure.

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2. Experience of conducting similar assignments (Deep knowledge and technical capacity in conducting feasibility studies and developing operational and financial models for public service initiatives, preferably in a developing context).
3. Experience of relevant services in government administrations and international donors; familiarity with the socio-economic and geographic context of Somaliland.
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