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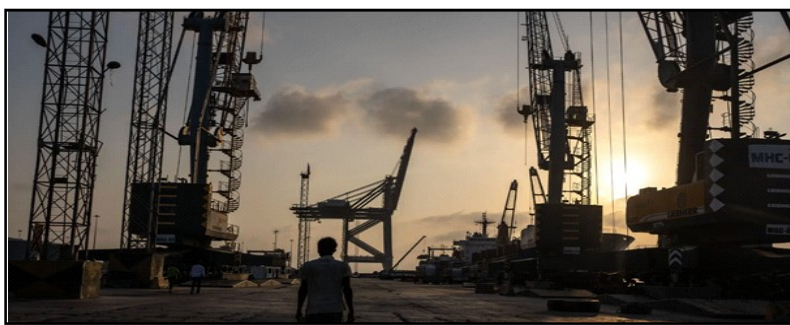


Somaliland's Foreign Minister, Abdirahman Dahir Adan and the country's Representative to the United States, Ambassador Bashir Goth, have wrapped up a productive diplomatic mission in Washington,

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D.C., where they met with key American officials, policymakers, and thought leaders. The high-level engagements focused on strengthening U.S.–Somaliland relations and promoting Somaliland’s quest for greater international recognition.

The visit is part of Somaliland’s broader diplomatic push to assert its rightful place on the world stage, grounded in its long-standing record of peace, stability, and democratic governance in a region often marked by volatility.

“Delighted to have met with Ambassador @DrJPPham to thank him for his longtime support for Somaliland,” said Foreign Minister Abdirahman Dahir Adan. “I enjoyed his scholarly insights about Africa, the volatile region of the Horn of Africa, and his admiration for the resilience of Somaliland in building a stable state with a robust economy.”

Ambassador Peter Pham, former U.S. Special Envoy for the Sahel and one of Washington’s leading Africa policy experts, welcomed the meeting and praised Somaliland’s democratic achievements.

“Happy to meet with #Somaliland Foreign Minister @min_abdirahman & U.S. Rep @baruud—envoys of a government democratically elected in one-person-one-vote polls that governs a peaceful and secure polity,” Pham wrote. “A sharp contrast to the unelected Mogadishu regime delivering little despite billions in U.S. aid.”

Strengthening Somaliland–U.S. Relations

Under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, U.S. engagement with Somaliland has gained unprecedented momentum. The Trump administration, backed by influential voices within the Republican Party, has demonstrated a clear interest in building strategic alliances with democratic and stable partners in the Horn of Africa.

In recent years, U.S. lawmakers have taken concrete steps to deepen relations with Somaliland. Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate have introduced bipartisan bills calling for increased engagement with Somaliland, ranging from diplomatic relations to security cooperation. These legislative efforts reflect a growing recognition of Somaliland’s importance to regional stability and U.S. strategic interests.

Notably, the Somaliland Partnership Act—proposed in Congress—calls for formal U.S. representation in Hargeisa and encourages deeper cooperation on trade, security, and governance. Similar language has been echoed in Senate draft resolutions, signaling rising bipartisan support.

Top congressional leaders and foreign policy voices, such as **Senator Jim Risch**, Representative Chris Smith, and members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, have consistently praised Somaliland’s democratic achievements and urged the U.S. to strengthen bilateral ties.

In addition, American Friends of Somaliland, including influential figures such as **Dr. Peter Pham** Distinguished Fellow at the **Atlantic Council** and former U.S. Ambassador/Special Envoy for the Sahel and **James Meservey**, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute, have been instrumental in advocating for stronger U.S.–Somaliland ties. These individuals, alongside other key figures in Washington, have consistently supported greater engagement with Somaliland, particularly in areas of security cooperation, trade, and democratic development.

“Somaliland is ready to be a reliable partner to the United States in promoting peace, democracy, and economic opportunity in the Horn of Africa,” said Minister Abdirahman.

U.S. delegations have visited Hargeisa, and Somaliland’s leadership has been received in Washington, D.C., for strategic briefings and high-level discussions. American policymakers are increasingly recognizing Somaliland as a independent state that shares core values with the United States and serves as a beacon of stability in a volatile region, fully appreciating its unique path to peace and democracy.

With international attention shifting to new strategic dynamics in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean corridors, Somaliland’s case for deeper U.S. engagement continues to gain momentum—supported not only by its performance but also by growing congressional backing and executive openness.

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The Cold War-era airstrip, its asphalt gleaming in the sunlight, stretched toward the coastline on the Horn of Africa. A few miles away, dock workers unloaded cargo at a port on the Gulf of Aden, a vital global shipping route frequently under attack by Houthi rebels from Yemen.

These two maritime facilities in Berbera city belong to Somaliland, an enclave of about five million people that has functioned independently from Somalia since 1991. Some Somalilanders see the port and the airstrip as the keys to achieving a decades-old ambition: international recognition.

Somaliland has its own currency and passport, as well as control over its foreign and military affairs. It has held several widely praised independent elections. Now, it wants to make a deal with President Trump in which the United States would lease both the port and the airstrip in exchange for long-awaited statehood.

Gaining an endorsement from the most powerful country in the world, Somalilanders say, would bring global investment and broader diplomatic and security ties. But some analysts fear that recognizing Somaliland could disrupt the region, strengthen groups like Al Shabab and upset close U.S. allies like Egypt, Turkey and the African Union, who fear the move would set a precedent for secessionist movements across Africa.

The timing may be auspicious. The

Trump administration is considering closing its embassy in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, citing security risks. Persistent attacks from Houthis have disrupted international shipping, heightening concerns of growing instability in the region. And as the trade war with China heats up, a new U.S. foothold on the continent could help counter Chinese influence.

“Myself and my people are hopeful that the business-mindedness of President Trump will lead to the recognition of Somaliland,” President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi said last month in an interview with The New York Times at the presidential palace in Hargeisa, the capital. “This is the biggest opportunity we’ve had.”

Mr. Abdullahi plans to visit Washington in the coming months. The deal he envisions includes a U.S. military base along the territory’s 500-mile shoreline hugging the Gulf of Aden. Such access would give the United States a critical presence on a major shipping route and a strategic vantage point to monitor conflicts in the region, including in Somalia.

Last week, Gen. Michael E. Langley of Africa Command warned the Senate Armed Services Committee about escalating threats from the Qaeda-linked group Al Shabab and ISIS, which he said was directing its global operations from Somalia. “Left unchecked, they will have a

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direct effect on the homeland," he said.

Some Republican leaders and Mr. Trump's allies are calling for a re-evaluation of U.S. policy toward Somalia, citing concerns over the country's persistent instability. Somalia is among the countries facing a complete travel ban under proposed restrictions from the Trump administration.

The United States currently has a base in neighboring Djibouti, next to Chinese and European military operations. Somaliland would be a less congested option for monitoring the waterway and launching potential strikes against Houthi targets in Yemen, Somaliland officials say.

The base would be coupled with Berbera International Airport, which at 2.6 miles has one of the longest landing strips in Africa. The airfield was built by the Soviet Union in the mid-1970s and was once rented by NASA for space shuttles. It was recently renovated by the United Arab Emirates, but remains vacant.

Somalilanders' enthusiasm for Mr. Trump comes after years of building a close rapport with congressional Republicans, conservative think tanks and Mr. Trump's former appointees, many of whom have called on the United States to increase its engagement with Somaliland, recognize it and open a representative office in Hargeisa.

Somaliland is one of the few places in Africa that has maintained close diplomatic ties with Taiwan and has positioned itself as an indispensable American ally willing to stand up to China and its expanding influence on the continent.

"Many countries, when forced to choose between the U.S. and China, opt for the latter," Mr. Abdullahi wrote in a January letter to Mr. Trump that was obtained by The Times. "We have consistently chosen — and will continue to choose — America, Taiwan and other free, democratic partners."

One scorching afternoon in Hargeisa last month, Edna Adan was busy sorting through piles of folders at her office.

At 87, she walks briskly and shows no sign of slowing down from her work as a nurse-midwife, an activist and the founder of a major maternity

hospital and a university in the city that carry her name.

In the early 2000s, Ms. Adan served as Somaliland's first female foreign minister. She still speaks passionately about how Somalia and Somaliland have always been separate states.

Somaliland was a British protectorate until its independence on June 26, 1960. Days later, it merged with the Italian-administered Somalia to form the Somali Republic. Almost immediately, Somalilanders felt marginalized and neglected by the new government.

Then, in the 1980s, because of political marginalization and repression, there was an open rebellion against Mogadishu. The Somali Army, under the dictator Siad Barre, carried out widespread massacres. Somaliland says that the union was officially dissolved when Somalia's central government collapsed in 1991.

But no country has been willing to give Somaliland global recognition, limiting its ability to sign security agreements, access international markets, formally participate in international sports or properly control its airspace.

"We have been denied our voice," Ms. Adan said. "We have been denied a place to tell our story."

Global attention on Somaliland's pursuit of independence fluctuated until last year, when a former president took a risk. On Jan. 1, 2024, Somaliland announced it had signed a deal allowing Ethiopia to build a naval facility on its coastline in exchange for recognition.

Ethiopia never publicly committed to recognizing Somaliland as an independent state. But the agreement set off a major diplomatic and military standoff with Somalia, and raised concerns about a wider regional conflict that would pull in Ethiopia's longtime adversaries, Eritrea and Egypt. After Turkish mediation, Somalia and Ethiopia agreed to end their dispute in December.

But the standoff had another effect: refocusing attention on Somaliland's strategic assets, including its natural resources.

Orina Chang, a Taiwanese-American investor formerly with

Morgan Stanley, recently worked with a mix of American and Somaliland geologists to map out locations for rare earth minerals across parts of Somaliland. Agencies, including the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, have shown interest in investing in the projects, she said.

"The U.S. government is now more interested in Somaliland than before," she said. "All of a sudden, people are calling."

Somali officials in Washington have hired a lobbying firm with deep Republican connections to help get closer to Mr. Trump.

Last month, Somalia's president wrote his own letter to Mr. Trump, offering the United States exclusive control of two air bases and two ports — including the port in Berbera. Somaliland officials dismissed the offer as "desperate," asserting that Somalia did not have the authority to provide the United States with an asset it did not control.

"They seem to be on a suicide mission, and there is nothing they can do to stop the upcoming recognition of Somaliland," Abdirahman Dahir Adan, the territory's foreign minister, who met officials in Washington last week, said in an interview.

Even as it seeks global recognition, Somaliland is dogged by several domestic challenges, including high unemployment and persistent poverty and inequality.

Tensions between China and Somaliland escalated when Taiwan opened a representative office in Hargeisa in 2020. Taiwan has spent millions of dollars supporting military training, agriculture, medicine and infrastructure in Somaliland.

China recently met with officials from and provided aid to a region in Somaliland's east that is in conflict with the government in Hargeisa. Observers and officials say the move was aimed at rattling Somaliland and getting it to abandon its ties to Taiwan. On Saturday, Somalia's prime minister arrived in the disputed region for a planned visit, the Somali state news agency reported, a move that Somaliland's Foreign Ministry called "provocative" and "ill timed."

Somaliland parliament declares Somalia's PM visit to Las'Anod tantamount to declaration of war



Saturday, 12/04/2025, issued a resolution concerning the visit of the Prime Minister of Somalia to the Las'anod District in the Sool Region of the Republic of Somaliland.

The details are as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE

1. The House of Representatives of the Republic of Somaliland supports the stance of the Somaliland government regarding the visit of the Prime Minister of Somalia to Las'anod District in the Sool Region, which constitutes a blatant interference in the sovereignty and nationhood of Somaliland. The House calls on the government to urgently prepare to secure and protect the national borders for which it is responsible.

2. The House of Representatives recommends that the government completely refrain from, and not participate, in any further negotiations with the Somali administration. 3. The House of Representatives proposes that the President of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Iirro, convene the national councils, political parties, and the broader

intellectual community of Somaliland to deliberate collectively and find a solution to the situation in Las'anod District and the Prime Minister's visit.

4. In conclusion, the House of Representatives reminds the international community, friendly governments, the United Nations, the European Union, the regional organization IGAD, and the African Union that the Somaliland government, while upholding international law and regional stability, withdrew from parts of the Sool Region in August 2023. Since then, it has not taken any actions related to the Las'anod District despite having full authority to secure its borders. Therefore, it also clarifies that any consequences arising from the Prime Minister's visit are contrary to the security and stability of the region, and the responsibility for any resulting issues lies solely with the Mogadishu government.

Signed,

Mohamed Yasin Haji Mahmoud Xiir (Faratoon) Speaker of the House of Representatives

"It would really be seen as a major setback for the Chinese if the United States were to recognize Somaliland," said Eric Olander, a founder of the China-Global South Project website. "Should Somaliland go down this path, it's inserting itself into a struggle with China that it will never escape from."

In addition to fearing that recognition of Somaliland could sow long-term problems in the region, some analysts say that it could become linked to U.S. divisions.

Without bipartisan support,

Somaliland could also be seen as a pet issue for congressional Republicans, leading to a backlash under a future Democratic administration, observers say.

For now, these are all risks that Somaliland says it is willing to take. "For 34 years, we have proven to the world that we are an example of peace and stability," said Hafsa Omer, 22, who founded an all-girls basketball team in Hargeisa. "Give us our recognition now."

New York Times



REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND
Ministry of Finance
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: Republic of Somaliland
Name of the Project: Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP)
Project ID: P-SO-KF0-015 **Grant No:** 5900155018607
Assignment Title: Organization Development Technical Assistant
Reference: REOI/001/2025
Place of Assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland
Deadline: 17th May 2025

A. Background

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has received funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP) and intends to apply part of the grant to engage an Organizational Development (OD) Technical Assistant to support institutional strengthening at the Office of the Accountant General (OAG).

The Office of the Accountant General (OAG) plays a pivotal role in managing public funds, enforcing fiscal discipline, and ensuring transparency and accountability in Somaliland's public financial management (PFM) system. As part of ongoing institutional reforms, the OAG seeks to enhance its organizational capacity, organizational structure, and operational efficiency to align with international best practices, including the international framework and standards.

To achieve these objectives, OAG requires an OD Technical Assistant to lead a functional review and restructure of the office sections and operational units, update the job descriptions for all OAG staff including regional accountant representatives, develop departmental guidebooks, operating procedures, build institutional capacity through assessing and then developing a comprehensive and structured training and capacity development plan including knowledge transfer initiatives. The consultant will play a critical role in improving internal processes, facilitating effective change management, and supporting the transformation of the OAG's operational framework to ensure sustainable organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

B. Objectives of the Assignment

The primary objective of this consultancy is to enhance the institutional capacity, organizational structure, and operational efficiency of the Office of the Accountant General (OAG) to ensure the effective delivery of its mandate in line with the PFM Law No. 75/2026 and the recently approved organizational structure by the Somaliland Civil Service Commission. The OD Technical Assistant will lead key institutional reforms aimed at aligning OAG's structures, processes, and workforce competencies with international best practices in public financial management (PFM), governance, and internal control frameworks.

To achieve this, the consultant will report to the designated MoF official and will focus on the following key objectives:

i. Strengthen the OAG's Oversight and Governance Capacity

Enhance OAG's ability to provide effective oversight over Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), Local Governments (LGs), and Public Business Entities (PBEs).

Ensure that OAG's Organizational and financial management structures and reporting mechanisms align with international PFM standards and accountability frameworks.

ii. Conduct a Comprehensive Functional Review and Institutional Restructuring

Assess the organizational structure, roles, and operational sections and units of the OAG under each of the departments to identify inefficiencies, gaps, and areas for improvement. Develop and propose a revised structure of the existing eight departments to incorporate sections and units in order to optimize operational effectiveness and improve service delivery.

iii. Update Job Descriptions and Clarify Roles and Responsibilities

Review and update job descriptions for all OAG staff, including EAFS and regional accountant representatives, ensuring their alignment with competency-based frameworks and operational needs.

Ensure clarity in reporting lines, performance expectations, and accountability mechanisms within the OAG.

iv. Develop Comprehensive Departmental Guidebooks and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Establish standardized departmental guidebooks for each department outlining the mandate, responsibilities and tasks to be undertaken by each section within each department in line with the best practices, governance frameworks, and compliance requirements.

Develop and institutionalize Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each department to streamline processes, enhance internal controls, and promote efficiency.

v. Build Institutional Capacity through conducting structured Training Needs Assessments (TNAs) and developing a comprehensive training and capacity development plan covering each of the 8 departments within the OAG including Knowledge Transfer

Conduct a Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for OAG to identify capacity gaps within the OAG departments.

Develop a comprehensive training and capacity development plan tailored to OAG's strategic needs.

Implement structured knowledge transfer plan mechanisms to ensure the sustainability of institutional reforms.

vii. Facilitate Change Management and Stakeholder Engagement Trainings

Lead change management training initiatives to ensure smooth adoption of the new OAG structure with the TA proposed new sections and units, business processes, and practices.

Develop communication strategy for OAG to engage and align with key stakeholders in the reform process.

Ensure that reform implementation is inclusive, participatory, and sustainable through broad-based consultation and collaboration of OAG staff and stakeholders.

C. Selection Criteria

Selection shall be based on qualification and experience of the candidate and followed by an interview. The consultant is expected to have relevant skills and qualifications for the position, with particular focus on the following:

1) Qualifications

i. At least a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources, Psychology, Business Administration, Organizational Development, or any related field.

ii. A Master's Degree in Organizational Psychology, Public Administration, Human Resource Management, or Business Administration would be an added advantage

iii. Certifications in Change Management, Coaching, Leadership Development, or Organizational Development is desirable

2) Experience

i. Minimum of 7 – 10 years of experience in a role related to organizational development, human resources, management consulting, or change management.

ii. Proof of minimum 3 similar or related assignments conducted;

iii. Practical experience in conducting organizational assessments (e.g., surveys, interviews, focus groups).

iv. Experience in designing and implementing OD interventions, such as team-building exercises, leadership development, or culture change initiatives.

v. Experience in facilitating training sessions and workshops on topics like leadership, communication, or conflict resolution.

vi. Exposure to project management or supporting OD-related projects in large public organizations.

D. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT: The Organization Development Technical Assistant shall be contracted for an initial one-year period. Additionally, the duty station shall be at the Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland

E. The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Individual Consultants must submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter indicating that they are qualified and has relevant experience to perform the services. The interested individual consultant must provide the following information (namely detailed CV, academic and professional qualifications, copies of academic certificates, and description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions Somalia/Sub-Saharan Africa etc.)

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. The detailed TOR will be forwarded to the applicant upon request in person or by e-mail to the address below.

F. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org> and is open to all qualified Consultants. The individual consultant will be selected based on relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment.

G. REMUNERATION: The negotiated monthly remuneration will be a lump sum including fees, accommodation and subsistence allowances. The candidate will be responsible for obtaining personal health insurance at his or her own cost with medical cover including illness and injury incurred during the duration of the assignment.

H. Mode of submission of Applications and deadline:

Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV must be delivered (in person or by e-mail) in a written form to the address below by **17th April 2025 at 4:00 pm (Hargeisa Time)** – marked clearly as – **“Organization Development Technical Assistant”** under Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP).

Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland.

Republic of Somaliland, Opposite of Ministry of Higher Education and Science

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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 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:**

1. Core business of the firm and At least 10 years in business (general experience in public sector budgeting, fiscal decentralization, and financial management)
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualification but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub consultancy. In case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Interested Consultant may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:30 am to 3.30 pm Hargeisa time (Excluding public holidays).

Expressions of interest (EOI) should be delivered (by e-mail or in person) in a written form in three (3) hard copies (if not by e-mail) to the address below by **28th April 2025 at 2:00 pm Hours (Hargeisa Time)**.

SERP Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development

2nd Floor, PFM Building, Opp. of the Ministry of Education and Science

Hargeisa, Republic of Somaliland

Email: To: procurementserp@gmail.com

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Somalia PM's visit constitutes unmistakable Provocation & outright violation of Somaliland's sovereignty- President Spokes-person



territorial integrity. This reckless act is viewed as a declaration of war against Somaliland's de jure State with internationally recognized borders. Somalia's calculated provocation seeks to undermine Somaliland's decades-long commitment to peace, democracy, and stability in the Horn of Africa. Somaliland has consistently stood as a beacon of progress, resilience, and international cooperation despite persistent aggressions from Somalia. The leadership of Somalia is fully responsible for any escalation of violence, tensions, or destabilization arising from its reckless actions.

The Republic of Somaliland urgently calls upon the African Union (AU), the Intergovernmental Authority IGAD, the United Nations (UN), the United States, the United Kingdom, the EU member states, the Arab League, and all responsible international partners to categorically denounce Somalia's actions.

These provocations directly endanger regional and international security by creating opportunities for extremist groups such as Al-Shabaab, ISIS, and other non-state actors to expand their influence in an already fragile region.

The international community must not allow Somalia's actions to undermine our shared security interests. Failure to respond

decisively will exacerbate transnational security threats, displacement, migration, and humanitarian crises that will reverberate far beyond the Horn of Africa.

The Republic of Somaliland reaffirms its steadfast commitment to peace, stability, democracy and constructive engagement with all stakeholders to de-escalate tensions. However, Somaliland will not hesitate to take all necessary measures to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the safety of its people.

To put in a nutshell, this visit is the last desperate attempt undertaken by a country that symbolizes more than 34 as the global measure of failed states. It cannot and will not be tolerated. It is a direct challenge to the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity that underpin international law. Somaliland remains resolute in protecting its borders and the well-being of its people. We stand ready to take all necessary measures to defend our nation against such acts of aggression, and we urge the international community to join us in condemning this blatant violation as nothing less than a war declaration.

Hussein Adan Igeh (Deyr)
Spokesman for the President of the Republic Somaliland

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The Minister of Information and Public Awareness, Sheikh Ahmed Yasin, strongly criticized the planned visit by the Somali Prime Minister to areas within the borders of the Republic of Somaliland.

Speaking at a press conference held today at his office for the national media, Minister Ahmed Yasin stated that the visit of Prime Minister Hamse to Las Anod would not undermine the existence or sovereignty of Somaliland, but he warned him of the consequences of his actions.

“We view the statement from the

Somali Prime Minister as a breach, provocation, and an attempt to create tension,” he said.

The Minister of Information added that the government would take appropriate measures in response to the interference by the Somali government, stating, “The discord that Prime Minister Hamse is stirring up, we will counter with strength and strategy.

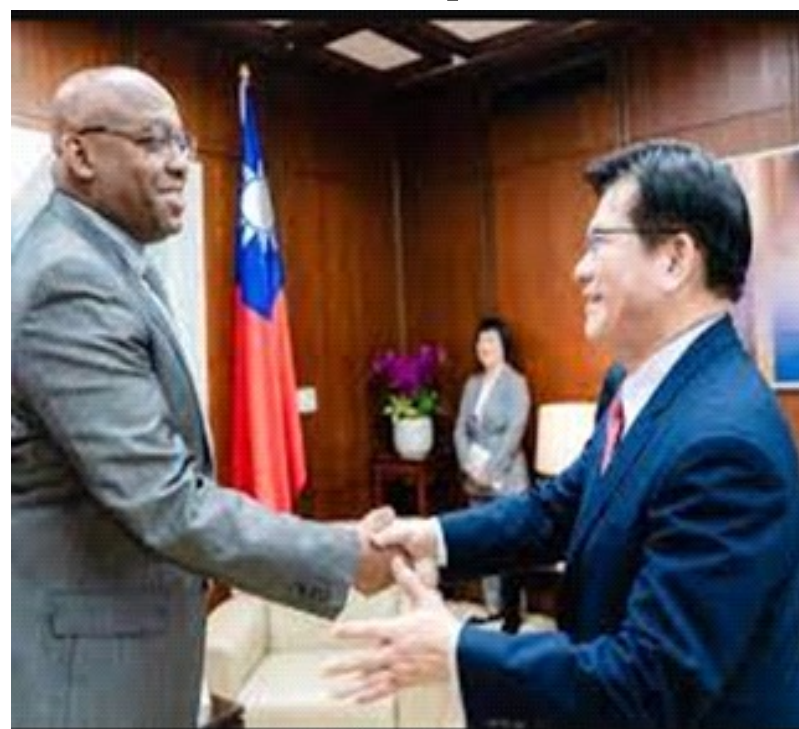
We are informing the international community and our neighbors that this man is not pursuing anything good.”

Hon. Ahmed Yasin further remarked that if Prime Minister Hamse is serious about uniting his country, he should start by bringing the regional administrations of Puntland and Jubaland under his control at the Halane camp.

“Hamse, the reason you are coming to Las Anod for is to toy with the people of Las Anod, to create a new election that spills Somali blood and causes chaos,” he said.

The Minister of Information’s remarks come after the Somali Prime Minister announced in recent days that he intends to travel to Las Anod.

We are not interested in idle speculation and hearsay – Ambassador Galaal



Somaliland’s Ambassador to Taiwan, Mr. Maxamuud Jaamac Galaal, stated that he is not interested in responding to

speculative reports.

When asked about the visit of Taiwan’s Foreign Minister Dr. Lin Chia-Lung to Somaliland, Ambassador Galaal responded

“I’m aware of the speculation in the social media which you referred to. People will speculate but we are not interested in idle speculation and hearsay.

Ambassador Galaal stated that the truth regarding the news of the visit will be announced at the appropriate time

“You may rest assured that official visits are announced through the correct channels and not through social media.

Gavin Williamson: Time to recognize Somaliland is now — before it’s too late



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nation with a strong record of holding democratic elections. In stark contrast, Somalia is wracked with in-fighting and provides a haven for piracy with a president willing to use his own people as collateral in a never-ending campaign of self-promotion and regional dominance. As war ravages in Somalia, peace prevails in Somaliland. Therefore, it is simply astonishing that governments across the world are making a conscious decision to put Somaliland’s future in the hands of the despots that are running Somalia into the ground.

Figures from the United Nations lay bare the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Somalia. The recent poverty report shows that 52% of Somalis are living well below the poverty line, with the government failing to put sufficient measures in place to combat natural disasters and alleviate the severe deprivation across the country. Somalia was the lowest ranked African country in the Human Development Index — ranking 193 in the worldwide standing. The Index itself was created to demonstrate how a country supports the wellbeing of its citizens and thus Somalia’s positioning makes for sobering reading. The only conclusion that can be drawn is Somalia’s president does not care about his people, infrastructure, or development of human rights.

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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

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) 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.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.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:

- a) Core business of the firm and at least 10 years in business (experience in tax administration, revenue mobilization, or public finance management).
- 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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A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Interested Consultant may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:30am to 3.30pm Hargeisa time (Excluding public holidays).

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Central Bank and AfricaNenda sign MoU to enhance access to financial services and promoting inclusive payment services

The Central Bank of Somaliland and AfricaNenda formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Nairobi, aimed at enhancing access to financial services and promoting inclusive payment services for all segments of society. The MoU was signed by the Governor of the Central Bank, Hon. Abdinasir Ahmed Hirsi, and the Chief Executive Officer of AfricaNenda, Dr. Robert Ochala. The signing ceremony was attended by Somaliland's Ambassador to Kenya, Ambassador Mohamed Ahmed Mohamoud. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Somaliland Central Bank and AfricaNenda marks a significant step and a strategic partnership aimed at advancing Somaliland's financial system.

This collaboration will lead to:

The planning and development of the National Payment System Policy &

Strategy.

Strengthening and enhancing payment services and the overall financial sector framework & Financial Sector Oversight).

Expanding access to financial services to reach the unbanked population (Financial Inclusion for the Unbanked). Providing technical support and capacity building for Somaliland Bank staff on digital payments (Technical Support & Capacity Building on Digital Payments). Ultimately, this agreement demonstrates the commitment of both the Somaliland Bank and AfricaNenda to the development of Somaliland's financial system and that of Africa as a whole. This step will enable the establishment of an efficient national payment system, promote financial stability in the country, and expand access to financial services for all citizens of Somaliland.

Minister of State for Finance stated the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is progressing smoothly

The 15th session of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, chaired by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Cirro), was held today at the Somaliland Presidential Palace. The meeting discussed numerous issues of current priority for the Somaliland nation. Among the topics addressed today were: The Minister of State for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Mr. Ismail Mowlid presented the Council with a comprehensive report regarding the Ministry's efforts to accelerate the expansion of the tax base for various

domestic revenues (Inland Revenue) by utilizing technological systems.

Additionally, the Minister of State noted that the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is progressing smoothly, with a particular focus on empowering electricity service companies and telecommunications providers.

Finally, the Minister of State informed and urged the Council that the ministries responsible for the national revenue budget should intensify efforts to collect the revenues outlined therein.

Somaliland and UK Deepen Strategic Ties in Landmark Meeting – Tribute to Outgoing UK Representative Ilyas Malek

In a major diplomatic engagement, the President of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Ciro), received both the outgoing and incoming heads of the United Kingdom Government Office in Hargeisa at the Presidential Palace. This high-level meeting underscores a renewed commitment to deepening the longstanding and historic relationship between Somaliland and the United Kingdom.

society engagement contributed meaningfully to Somaliland's progress as a stable and democratic nation.

In addition, Malek worked tirelessly to expand cooperation in areas such as education, security, trade, and humanitarian assistance, further strengthening the diplomatic bridge between the two nations. His commitment to mutual respect, dialogue, and long-term partnership laid a solid foundation for continued collaboration under the new leadership of Louise Hancock. Malek also recognized Somaliland's continued commitment to democratic governance and highlighted the importance of inclusive dialogue in resolving the complex challenges facing the Horn of Africa region.

Strengthening UK-Somaliland Relations

The meeting underscored key areas for continued collaboration, with both sides sharing a vision for a stronger and more prosperous relationship. The discussion centered on deepening political and diplomatic engagement, bolstering economic ties, and encouraging UK investment in vital sectors such as infrastructure, renewable energy, and entrepreneurship. The importance of regional security and stability in the Horn of Africa was emphasized, with a focus on lasting peace and mutual cooperation.

The outgoing UK representative, Ilyas Malek, introduced his successor Louise Hancock and the new Deputy Head of Office Tatiana Fernandes to President Cirro. During the meeting, Malek expressed his appreciation for the warm hospitality he received throughout his service in Somaliland and praised the efforts of the new administration to promote peace, stability, and democratic values.

Tribute to Outgoing UK Representative Ilyas Malek

President Cirro and senior officials paid special tribute to the outgoing UK representative, Ilyas Malek, for his exemplary service and impactful leadership during his time in Somaliland. Throughout his tenure, Malek played a vital role in advancing UK-Somaliland relations across multiple areas.

He provided strong support to Somaliland's democratic processes, particularly during the country's elections, by promoting transparency, participation, and good governance. His dedication to human rights, inclusive development, and civil



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).

The detailed Terms of Refence (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: <https://slmof.org>, <https://ntb.govsomaliland.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:**

1. Core business of the firm and At least 8 years in business (general experience in procurement-related consultancy and public financial management in developing countries, A multidisciplinary team with expertise in legal, procurement, and IT)
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.
2. 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.

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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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1. Core business of the firm and Minimum Five (5) years in business (general experience in conducting research on providing public service delivery, economic analysis, and community engagement strategies advice to government. Extensive experience in public/business administration, economics, development studies, or a related field. Valid business license from Somaliland Ministry of Commerce with tax clearance certificate and physical address in Somaliland.
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.
4. Technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide the structure of the organization and CVs of staff). Experts will be evaluated during the shortlisting stage, Skilled and experienced team of key experts, as required in the TOR.

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