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Somaliland president says recognition of state 'on the horizon' following Trump talks

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The Somaliland independence has never been internationally recognized. Insiders say recent US overtures are encouraging

The President of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro says his state, which reclaimed its independence from Somalia in 1991, is on the brink of securing international

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H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro), President of the Republic of Somaliland, held a productive meeting with Hon. Moses Masika Wetangula, Speaker of the



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VP urges ministries to step up diligence and integrity for superb public services



By M.A. Egge

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In a positive development for Somaliland's economy, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Adan,

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recognition. In an interview in the presidential palace in the capital, Hargeisa, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi tells the Guardian it is "likely" that Somaliland will finally win acceptance of its right to self-determination, which has eluded the territory since it reclaimed its independence from Somalia 34 years ago. "Recognition is on the horizon," says Irro. Despite its relative stability and regular democratic elections, [Somaliland](#), a territory of about five million people, has yet to be recognised as independent by a single nation. "It's a matter of time. Not if, but when and who will lead the recognition of Somaliland," says Pres Irro. That goal, say Somaliland sources, has never been closer amid signs that the US president, Donald Trump, could be the first leader to recognise the self-declared republic in return for building a military base near the port of Berbera, a strategic location on the Gulf of Aden.

We are a partner in security ... a partner in counter-terrorism ... a partner in safe marine routes for world trade-President Abdullahi

Abdullahi revealed that US military officials, including the Horn of Africa's [most senior officer](#), have recently visited Hargeisa. Another Washington delegation is expected to "evaluate the asset [Berbera]".

A key US military base, Camp Lemonnier, is located in neighbouring [Djibouti](#) but concern is growing over Chinese influence there as Beijing continues to strengthen its ties with Africa. [Project 2025](#), the alleged blueprint for the second Trump presidency, proposes the recognition of Somaliland as a "hedge against the US's deteriorating position in Djibouti".

In April, US aircraft carriers off the coast of Somaliland played a part in US bombing raids on Yemen, responding to [Houthi rebels'](#) disruption of Red Sea shipping lanes. The US has yet to announce any formal arrangement with Somaliland, but Abdullahi said they were embedded in attempts to safeguard global maritime trade. "We are a partner in security. We are a partner in counter-terrorism. We are a partner in safe marine routes for world trade," says Abdullahi, who was [sworn in](#) as president five months ago. In that time, he says, the US ambassador to Somalia has visited him three times. The Trump administration is split over its



approach to [Somalia](#), which still considers Somaliland part of its territory. Recent gains by [al-Shabaab Islamist militants](#) have raised questions in the Trump administration over the worth of US counter-terrorism operations in Somalia. The withdrawal of US personnel and the closure of the US embassy in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, has been mooted. Sources indicate that elements of the Trump team want to drop the US's longstanding "one Somalia" policy. Ditching support for Somalia's weak central government would pave the way to officially recognise Somaliland. "The US and maybe other international partners will [soon] have to recalculate their policies regarding Somalia," says Abdullahi. The former defense secretary, Gavin Williamson, a prominent advocate for recognition of the ex-British protectorate, believes a recalculation is very much under way. Williamson, speaking to the Guardian earlier this month, said US officials had assured him that recognition for Somaliland would happen. "I was talking to a few people this week and the thing I was getting from them is that it [recognition] is getting there. They've already started shifting away from the one Somalia policy."

Williamson, like Abdullahi, believes recognition will happen by 2028 at the latest. He adds: "Before President Trump's term ends, the US will have recognised Somaliland. My hope is that within a year we will have the first country within the [United Nations](#) to have recognised Somaliland."

Bashe Omar, former representative of Somaliland to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), says US officials he met recently in Abu Dhabi were "frustrated" at the one-Somalia policy. "What we are hearing, behind the scenes, is encouraging us. The US is moving in the right direction." Also waiting in the wings

is the UAE, one of Trump's closer allies, which has [invested more than \\$442m to modernize Berbera's port](#) and a highway linking it to Ethiopia, a landlocked country that desperately wants maritime access. Ethiopia's desire for access to the sea remains a key geopolitical theme of the region, prompting a [bitter diplomatic dispute](#) last year after the signing of a deal with Somaliland to build a port. The deal was reportedly made on the condition that Addis Ababa would recognise Somaliland. The development enraged Somalia, prompting fears of a wider regional conflict with [Egypt backing Somalia](#) largely over its anger with Ethiopia for building a dam on the Nile. Another factor remains, however farfetched it might seem, that could yet prove significant: the proposed resettlement of Palestinians from Gaza to the African breakaway state.

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The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, recently suggested that operations in Gaza would not end until the [forced displacement of all its Palestinians](#) had taken place.

Trump has talked of the US relocating Gaza's population to allow the strip to be remodeled into the "[Riviera of the Middle East](#)".

Aidrous Osman Hussain, deputy director of Somaliland's refugee department, says Palestinians have considered Somaliland a destination since the [second intifada](#).

"Palestinians have been moving here for a long time, since 2004, 2005. Somaliland welcomes all refugees."

Currently there are 12 Palestinian families, but officials say they are happy for the numbers to grow.

Somaliland President.....



significant meeting with Somaliland's international partners during his official visit to Kenya. The meeting, held in Nairobi, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss Somaliland's progress and future aspirations. Accompanied by his delegation and senior officials from the Somaliland Embassy in Kenya, President Irro engaged with representatives from the international community, including ambassadors, deputy ambassadors, UN agency officials, and leaders from the World Bank and the African Development Bank. Senior representatives from nations maintaining cooperative ties with Somaliland were also in attendance. In his address, The

"The people of Somaliland, the community of Hargeisa, wants to help refugees," says Hussain. Almost 23,000 refugees of different nationalities have moved to Somaliland with 2,875 arriving last year. More than 300 Sudanese families have arrived there since [its brutal civil war](#) began and Somaliland's population of Syrians, who left during the civil war, numbers about 2,000 people. One Syrian family, who fled fierce fighting Damascus in 2023, describes Hargeisa as perfect for Muslims; Syrian restaurants, supermarkets and dentists are dotted throughout the capital.

As he verified his family's paperwork at the refugee processing facility in the Sha'ab area of Hargeisa, Hassan says: "Somalilanders are Muslim; here it is safe for us and our family." Hassan, who did not

President outlined his government's ambitious agenda, emphasizing priorities such as development, peace, democracy, and economic growth. He highlighted Somaliland's commitment to fostering stability and progress in the region. The international partners praised President Irro for his administration's recent success in uniting clan militias, a significant step toward national cohesion. They also expressed their commitment to strengthening cooperation with Somaliland, pledging to work collaboratively based on mutual understanding and shared goals. The meeting underscores Somaliland's growing diplomatic engagement and its efforts to solidify partnerships on the global stage.

want to share his surname, adds: "The most important thing that mattered to me was security. Here, it's a very open community and we integrate well." Yet to help further, Somaliland needs international recognition to access more help from the wider community. Hussain adds: "If Somaliland gets recognition, we can help share the burden; we can help more people."

Abdullahi, flanked by nodding advisers, says the US is yet to officially float the prospect of resettling people from Gaza. "We are a hospitable people. They, the Palestinians, are our brothers. If they decide to come on their own, we don't mind. "But there is no discussion on that issue with the Palestinians or with any other country."

Somaliland Minister Strengthens Conservation.....

representatives from the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) in London to advance collaborative efforts in wildlife conservation, with a particular focus on protecting Somaliland's cheetah population.

The discussions centered on deepening the partnership between Somaliland's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) and CCF, an organization dedicated to cheetah conservation globally. Both parties agreed to accelerate joint initiatives aimed at curbing illegal wildlife trafficking, enhancing ecological research, and promoting community-driven conservation strategies in Somaliland.

Minister Geeljire commended CCF for their steadfast commitment to preserving Somaliland's biodiversity, particularly their work at the Cheetah Rescue and Conservation Centre (CRCC) in Geed-Deeble. "We are grateful for CCF's tireless efforts in safeguarding our wildlife, especially the cheetah, which faces significant threats from illegal trade and habitat loss," the Minister stated. He emphasized



the importance of international cooperation in ensuring a sustainable future for Somaliland's ecosystems. The CCF delegation reaffirmed their dedication to supporting Somaliland's conservation goals. They highlighted ongoing projects, including the Somaliland Camera Trap Project, which uses non-invasive techniques to monitor cheetah populations, and community engagement programs aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflict. The meeting also explored new avenues for collaboration, such

as expanding educational programs to raise awareness among Somaliland's youth and strengthening legal frameworks to combat wildlife trafficking. The Minister and CCF representatives expressed optimism about the potential impact of these initiatives on both cheetah conservation and local livelihoods. This high-level engagement underscores Somaliland's growing role in regional conservation efforts and marks a significant step toward ensuring the survival of its unique wildlife heritage.

Somaliland President Holds Fruitful.....



National Assembly of Kenya, during an official visit to Nairobi. The high-level discussions, attended by senior delegation members, parliamentarians from both nations, and officials from Somaliland's Mission in Nairobi, focused on deepening cooperation and fostering regional stability. The meeting centered on key areas of mutual interest, including enhanced parliamentary collaboration through dialogue, official visits, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Both leaders emphasized the importance of

advancing democratic processes, with a focus on improving electoral systems and parliamentary functions. They also discussed the critical role of legislative bodies in promoting peace, security, and sustainable development across the Horn of Africa. President Irro expressed gratitude for Kenya's recognition of Somaliland's democratic achievements and political stability. In response, Speaker Wetangula warmly welcomed the delegation, praising Somaliland's mature democracy and

reaffirming Kenya's commitment to robust legislative cooperation. He further assured support for implementing agreements between the two governments. The leaders jointly highlighted the potential of parliamentary diplomacy to build lasting bridges of cooperation, reinforcing mutual understanding and collaboration between Somaliland and Kenya. This meeting marks a milestone in the growing relationship between the two nations, with both sides optimistic about future partnerships.

Somaliland National.....



announced a consistent rise in national revenue during the 21st session of the Somaliland Council of Ministers. The meeting, held on Wednesday at the Presidential Palace, was chaired by Vice President and Acting President, H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi. Delivering a detailed report on the country's economic status, Minister Adan highlighted the successful progress in tax collection, particularly the Goods and Services Tax (GST). "The national revenue is growing steadily, day by day," he affirmed, underscoring the effectiveness of ongoing financial reforms.

In a significant step toward enhancing resource management, the Minister revealed that the Ministries of Finance and Mining and Energy have collaborated to establish a Resource Revenue Framework. This initiative aims to accurately track and optimize revenue generated from Somaliland's diverse mineral resources. The announcement signals a promising outlook for Somaliland's economic stability and growth, with the government's strategic efforts to strengthen fiscal policies and resource management taking center stage.

Ethiopia, Somaliland discuss.....



of Trade and Regional Integration, Kassahun Gofe during an official visit to Ethiopia aimed at enhancing bilateral trade relations. In discussions with Minister Kasaahun, both sides focused on strengthening economic ties, boosting bilateral trade, and reinforcing historical relations between the two neighbors. They reviewed preparations for upcoming agreements on trade and goods transit, expected to be signed soon. Simplifying cross-border trade emerged as a key priority, aimed at facilitating grassroots economic activity and enhancing integration between border communities. Both ministers also agreed to tackle trade barriers and improve commercial exchanges. Minister Abdirahman

also paid a visit to Ethiopia's Quality Control Agency, which operates under the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration. During his visit to the Agency, the minister, who was received by the Deputy Director General, Wendmagegn Assefa, toured various departments, including the quality training institute and registration and quality management units. This visit is seen part of broader efforts to strengthen cooperation on quality assurance and trade facilitation between Somaliland and Ethiopia. Minister Abdirahman was accompanied by the Director of the Minister's Office, Ridwan Abdirashid Sheikh Mohamed, and the Somaliland Trade Attaché in Ethiopia.

VP urges ministries to step up diligence.....

under the chairmanship of the Vice President and Acting President, His Excellency, Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi. The VP urge the ministries to carry out their respective mandated duties diligently with integrity, coordination, and deep sense of national responsibility, while emphasized that the success of the government lies in its collective commitment to public service, institutional excellence, This week's session mainly dwelt on the ongoing livestock exports, children vaccinations, security, economic performance and the annual pilgrimage.

According to press release by the Presidential Spokesman Hussein Adam Ige, popularly known as Hussein-deyr, the highlights read as follows:-

The meeting addressed a range of critical national priorities, reflecting the government's ongoing commitment to peace, development, and good governance. The key items on the agenda were as follows:

Security and National Stability

The Minister of Interior delivered a comprehensive briefing on the prevalent security situation across the country. While overall security remains firm and well-maintained, the Council acknowledged the need for continued vigilance, particularly in addressing routine criminal activity and road traffic incidents. The Acting President underscored the government's unwavering dedication to safeguarding public order and ensuring that Somaliland remains

a safe and stable nation for all its citizens. Economic Performance and Revenue Mobilization

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development presented a national economic overview, highlighting a steady upward trajectory in domestic revenue collection, with notable gains in GST receipts. The Council welcomed the collaborative efforts between the Ministries of Finance and Energy & Minerals, which have culminated in the formulation of a Natural Resource Revenue Framework. This strategic guide will serve to enhance fiscal transparency, ensure effective governance of mineral resources, and reinforce economic self-reliance.

Management of the 2025 Hajj Pilgrimage

The Minister of Religious Affairs and Endowments briefed the Council on the logistical and administrative arrangements for this year's Hajj. While preparations are proceeding smoothly, the Minister noted that Somaliland continues to face challenges concerning its official quota allocation. The Council expressed full support for the Ministry's long-term vision to institutionalize an autonomous national framework for Hajj management, rooted in sovereignty, efficiency, and dignity for Somaliland's pilgrims.

Livestock Export and Market Dynamics

The Deputy Minister of Livestock and Rural Development provided a detailed report on the current state of livestock exports. He affirmed that

exports through the Port of Berbera are progressing robustly, with healthy trade activity observed in regional markets, such as Burao and Hargeisa. No consignments have been returned, indicating high compliance with health and trade standards. The Council reiterated its view of the livestock sector as the backbone of the national economy and stressed the importance of continued investment in animal health and export infrastructure.

National Examinations and Academic Integrity

The Minister of Education and Science delivered an update on preparations for the 2025 national certificate examinations for Grade 8 and Grade 12 students. The Minister emphasized the importance of academic integrity, noting the Ministry's nationwide campaign against exam malpractice—particularly the culture of “cheating” (Qish). The Council reaffirmed its zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of academic dishonesty and called on relevant ministries to support national awareness efforts that protect the credibility and future of Somaliland's education system.

National Immunization Drive

The Minister of Health Development reported on the ongoing immunization campaign targeting Measles, Polio, and Pneumonia in children. The Council welcomed the positive progress and urged inter-ministerial collaboration to enhance public outreach, especially in rural and

underserved communities. The government remains steadfast in its efforts to safeguard child health as a cornerstone of national development. In concluding the session, the Vice President and Acting President, His Excellency Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi delivered remarks urging all ministries to carry out their respective mandates with integrity, coordination, and

deep sense of national responsibility. He emphasized that the success of the government lies in its collective commitment to public service, institutional excellence, and the greater good of the Republic of Somaliland. Hussein Adan Egeh (Deyr), Spokesman for the President of the Republic of Somaliland.

UK Government Partners with.....



In a significant step toward enhancing aviation security in Somaliland, the UK Government, through its Somaliland office, has facilitated a comprehensive training program aimed at strengthening airport security measures. The initiative, which focuses on passenger profiling and document screening, underscores the growing partnership between the UK and Somaliland in addressing critical security challenges at Hargeisa Airport.

Rashid Jama, Director General of Somaliland's Civil Aviation expressed gratitude to the UK Government for their support. “This initiative plays a vital role in strengthening airport security and enhancing the capacity of our staff in passenger profiling and document screening. Your continued support is deeply appreciated,” Jama stated.

The training, held in Hargeisa, brought together a diverse group of participants, including aviation security personnel and local authorities. Louise Hancock, Head of the British Office in Somaliland, also acknowledged the importance of the program, stating on X on May 27, 2025, “Thanks to our UK Home Office International Operations colleagues for providing this crucial training.” Her statement highlights the collaborative efforts between the UK and Somaliland in bolstering security infrastructure.

Somaliland's aviation sector has been working diligently to meet international standards, as outlined by the Somaliland Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Development. “Together, we are committed to building a resilient aviation infrastructure, enhancing the quality of our

airports, and upholding international standards to serve both our citizens and global partners,” the Ministry stated on its website. This training aligns with those goals, equipping airport staff with the skills needed to handle complex security challenges.

Hargeisa Airport, a key hub for domestic and international travel, has been under scrutiny for its security protocols, particularly given the Horn Region's unique challenges.

The UK's involvement in this training program reflects a broader commitment to supporting Somaliland's development, particularly in areas like security and infrastructure. The initiative also comes at a time when Hargeisa Airport is working to improve its facilities, offering amenities like currency exchange counters, ATMs, and a Lost & Found service, as noted by Cleartrip.com. Passengers are advised to arrive 3-4 hours early for international flights to navigate security and immigration processes, which are expected to become more rigorous with the implementation of new training protocols.

As Somaliland continues to navigate its complex socio-political landscape, partnerships like this one with the UK Government are seen as vital for building capacity and fostering stability. With aviation security at the forefront, Hargeisa Airport is poised to become a safer and more reliable gateway for travelers, contributing to Somaliland's broader aspirations for growth and international recognition.

Windle Trust International and.....



International (WTI), has announced the opening of applications for the prestigious James Aryam Scholarships. This program offers Somaliland residents a unique opportunity to pursue fully funded postgraduate studies in Uganda starting in 2025. The James Aryam Scholarships, named in honor of a former Windle International Uganda Executive Director who passed away in 2021, aim to empower students from conflict-affected regions in East Africa, including Somaliland, Sudan, and South Sudan. The scholarships target candidates pursuing Bachelor's and Master's

degrees, with a special focus on fostering leadership and academic excellence. Windle Trust International, known for supporting education will cover tuition fees, monthly stipends, and relocation costs for selected students. Eligibility and Application Details. To qualify, applicants must be residents of Somaliland, hold at least a second-class upper degree (or its equivalent), and demonstrate English proficiency through an approved language test. Candidates must also commit to returning to Somaliland within one month of completing their studies. The program prioritizes gender

equity, aiming for at least 50% female participation to address educational disparities in the region. Applications for the 2025 cohort are open from June 9 to July 9, 2025, and must be submitted online via the Windle Trust International portal. The program will support studies at leading Ugandan universities, such as Makerere University, for a duration of two years. Interested candidates can find detailed guidelines and application forms through the official WTI website or by scanning the QR code provided in the announcement.



GOVERNMENT OF SOMALILAND
MINISTRY OF FINANCE



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: Government of Somaliland

Name of the Project: Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP)

Project ID: P-SO-KF0-015

Grant No: 5900155018607

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance to Develop a Public Financial Management (PFM) and Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) Curriculum

Reference: REOI/003/2025

Place of Assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

Deadline: 09th June 2025

1. 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 a Technical Assistance to Develop a Public Financial Management (PFM) and Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) Curriculum Technical Assistant to support institutional strengthening at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

Somaliland Government recognized that domestic revenue might not be sufficient to implement the National development plan due to the inability to borrow from the capital market. Hence, it sought external assistance from the international community. Scaling up external assistance required greater transparency regarding the structure and organization of government and its planning and budgetary processes and framework. Therefore, a PFM Reform Strategy has been formulated to improve the government's capacity and systems to utilize public funds to meet the National Development Plan (NDP) goals and, ultimately, those of Vision 2030.

Recently, significant strides have been made in Somaliland domestic resource mobilization, improving the capacity of revenue departments such as Custom and Inland Revenue departments to generate and manage domestic revenue effectively. Key achievements include Training programs (DRM training certificate) that have enhanced the skills of tax officials, while public awareness campaigns have encouraged voluntary compliance among taxpayers.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

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The primary objectives of developing this curriculum are to:

- Provide tax officials and professionals with a thorough understanding of Somaliland's tax laws, policies, and administrative procedures.
- Equip learners with practical skills in tax auditing, compliance assessment, and revenue analysis.
- Foster a culture of tax compliance and accountability among future taxpayers and tax administrators.
- Align educational content with ongoing tax reforms to ensure relevance and applicability
- Equip participants with the knowledge and skills to detect and address non-compliance, tax evasion, and fraud.
- Standardize tax audit procedures to improve consistency and fairness in audits.
- Introduce modern tax audit tools, techniques, and technologies.
- Promote transparency, accountability, and trust in Somaliland's tax system.

3. Scope of Work and Key Activities

Scope of Work, Key Activities and Expected Deliverables

The Consultant will undertake the following activities:

A. Phase 1: Curriculum Development

- Conduct consultations with stakeholders to identify training needs.
- Review existing training materials and resources.
- Develop detailed content for each module.
- Design training materials, including course book, Bank questions etc

B. Phase 2: Validation for developed Materials

- Conduct validation workshops for developed Curriculum
- Conduct validation workshops for training materials
- Review Developed curriculum and training material
- Finalise the developed documents by incorporating stakeholder's comments and feedback

C. Phase 3 Delivering Training

- Deliver the programme to a select group of participants for feedback.
- Refine content and methodology based on validation and review results.

- Implement the training programme across relevant institutions.
- Provide ongoing support and resources to participants.
- Assess the effectiveness of the training programme.
- Collect feedback for continuous improvement
- Course assessment and certifications

4. 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:

5. Qualifications and Experience:

The consultant/ should have:

- Proven experience in curriculum development for public finance, taxation, or related fields. At least two previous experience related development of PFM or DRM materials;
- Expertise in facilitating trainings related to Domestic Revenue Mobilization, Customs administration, and Public Financial Management.
- Familiarity with regional/international standards (e.g., IMF TADAT, PEFA, IPSAS).
- Experience working with professional institutes or public sector training bodies.
- Strong understanding of Somaliland's institutional and economic context (desirable).

6. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT: The Technical Assistance to Develop a Public Financial Management (PFM) and Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) Curriculum shall be contracted for an initial 6 months. Additionally, the duty station shall be at the Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 **09th June 2025 at 2:00 pm (Hargeisa Time)** – marked clearly as – **“Technical Assistance to Develop a Public Financial Management (PFM) and Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) Curriculum”** 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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President Irro's Kenya Visit is a strategically diplomatic- Somaliland Intellectuals Forum

The Somaliland Intellectual Forum (SLIF) proudly acknowledges the significant diplomatic progress achieved during the recent official visit of H.E. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro to Nairobi, Kenya. This visit represents yet another milestone in Somaliland's steady pursuit of meaningful regional partnerships and affirms its growing presence in international diplomatic circles. The reception accorded to President Irro by the Government of Kenya reflects the respect and recognition Somaliland commands as a reliable regional actor and demonstrates the strength of mutual respect and deepening engagement between the two nations. His signing of the official Visitors' Book further affirms the legitimacy of the visit, underscoring Kenya's diplomatic recognition of Somaliland's regional role. Despite continued attempts by Somalia's leadership to hinder Somaliland's international outreach, Kenya's conduct remains clear, principled, and sovereign. The language used in diplomatic communication from Kenyan authorities reflects adherence to international protocol, rendering Somalia's lobbying efforts largely ineffective in the face of Somaliland's



mounting diplomatic gains. Somaliland's official presence in Kenya; whether as a Trade Office or a Diplomatic Office; will play a vital role in promoting bilateral trade, political dialogue, and regional cooperation, reinforcing Somaliland's broader quest for international recognition. SLIF calls on all Somaliland citizens, especially youth and political figures, to remain vigilant against disinformation and coordinated efforts to downplay this diplomatic achievement. National unity and a shared commitment to Somaliland's rightful recognition must override partisan narratives and externally driven distortions. We commend President Cirro and his delegation for their steady leadership and diplomatic focus in elevating Somaliland's status on the international stage. This visit is not only a diplomatic

milestone but a reaffirmation of Somaliland's growing relevance on the global stage. It is vital that Somalilanders continue to support such strategic efforts, celebrating diplomatic progress while staying focused on the ultimate goal of formal international legitimacy.

"Diplomacy is the art of building bridges where others see walls"
Anonymous

As Somaliland advances with clarity, resolve, and strategic partnership, we must remain united in purpose and unwavering in our pursuit of rightful recognition. The journey continues; with dignity, with vision, and with wisdom.

Somaliland Intellectual Forum

Somalia's Misleading Celebrations Amid Al-Shabaab's Establishment of Training Camps Near Mogadishu

Somalia – Reports have surfaced indicating that the militant group Al-Shabaab has set up training camps in areas close to the capital city of Mogadishu, raising significant security concerns. This development comes at a time when the Somali leadership, under President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, is being criticized for prioritizing internal political celebrations over the critical fight against terrorism.

The timing of these developments is particularly significant as Somalia marks the historical anniversary of June 26, 1960, when the British Somaliland Protectorate gained independence and became a sovereign state before uniting with the Trust Territory of Somalia to form the Somali Republic on July 1, 1960.

According to sources, the establishment of these camps suggests a worrying escalation in Al-Shabaab's activities, potentially facilitated by internal support or infiltration within the government ranks.



The situation has been exacerbated by recent statements from the United States, expressing frustration with President Mohamud's administration for focusing on domestic politics rather than counterterrorism efforts, as reported by local media outlets.

The U.S. has voiced concerns that this shift in focus is undermining the ongoing battle against Al-Shabaab, especially as the group continues to gain ground in strategic areas. Despite joint military gains by the Somali National Army (SNA), local militias, and international partners,

the presence of Al-Shabaab near Mogadishu poses a direct threat to the stability of the capital and the broader region. Local residents and analysts are calling for immediate action from the Somali government to address this threat, emphasizing the need for a unified approach that includes strengthening security measures, enhancing international cooperation, and redirecting resources towards counterterrorism. The Somali Ministry of Defence has yet to issue an official statement regarding these reports, but the situation remains tense as the country navigates its complex security landscape.

This news comes as a reminder of the ongoing challenges in Somalia, where the fight against Al-Shabaab remains a top priority for both national and international stakeholders. The international community continues to monitor the situation closely, urging the Somali government to take decisive steps to safeguard its citizens and restore peace.



Functional specifications for Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.

Development of PIMIS design document and development of/integration of PIMIS;

Development of Public Investment Project Database (PIPD) Design; Development of Public Investment Project Database (PIPD) design; Development of practical and actionable roadmap for operationalizing the PIM framework, manuals, systems and capacity building initiatives; Capital Budgeting Linkage and Stakeholder Consultation/Validation Workshops;

Training materials and delivery of capacity-building workshops.

Final report summarizing key findings, recommendations, and roadmap for implementation.

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:

Education:

Master's degree or higher in Public Policy, Economics, Public Administration, Finance, Engineering, or a related field.

Experience:

At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in portfolio investment management, public financial management, or infrastructure planning. Proven experience in designing and implementing PIM frameworks, project appraisal methodologies, and budget integration.

Experience with Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and their alignment with public investment processes.

Demonstrated experience in developing policy guidelines, manuals, and IT-based monitoring systems.

Prior work with foreign investment, management of investment portfolio, international development finance institutions, Foreign Impact investments or development partners.

Skills:

Strong analytical and strategic planning skills.

Familiarity with investment appraisal techniques and public sector budgeting.

Ability to design templates and technical tools for public investment.

Excellent writing, presentation, and communication skills.

Proficient in English; working knowledge of [insert local language, if applicable] is an advantage.

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT: The Organization Development Technical Assistant shall be contracted for an initial 12 months. Additionally, the duty station shall be at the Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland

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.

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.

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 **09th June 2025 at 2:00 pm (Hargeisa Time)** – marked clearly as – **“Public Investment Management Policy TA”** 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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GOVERNMENT OF SOMALILAND
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)



Country: Government of Somaliland

Name of the Project: Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP)

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Reference: REOI/002/2025

Place of Assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

Deadline: 09th June 2025

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 a Public Investment Management Policy TA Technical Assistant to support institutional strengthening at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

Effective Public Investment Management (PIM) is critical for maximizing the impact of public investments on economic growth and development. In recent years, many governments have faced challenges in project selection, planning, procurement, and implementation, resulting in inefficiencies, cost overruns, and suboptimal outcomes. In response, there is an increasing demand for a comprehensive policy and institutional framework that strengthens the entire public investment lifecycle — from project identification to implementation and evaluation.

This consultancy will support the government in developing and operationalizing a robust PIM policy. It will include the design and integration of strategic planning, budgeting, appraisal, and project management systems, as well as unifying Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) within the broader public investment framework. This assignment also seeks to address capacity building, system strengthening, and risk management through structured tools, templates, and IT-based platforms.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

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The primary objective of this assignment is to support the Government in designing and implementing a comprehensive and integrated Public Investment Management Policy Framework that:

- Enhances the appraisal, selection, and prioritization of public investment projects.
- Integrates strategic planning, budgeting, and project implementation processes.
- Establishes a standardized model for project and portfolio management.
- Aligns PIM and PPP processes under a unified framework.
- Develops digital and manual systems to monitor and evaluate the performance of investment projects.

3. Scope of Work and Key Activities

The Consultant will undertake the following activities:

A. Designing the Public Investment Project Appraisal and Selection System

- Develop standardized project proposal templates.
- Design feasibility study report formats.
- Establish a clear methodology for project appraisal, incorporating risk analysis (fiduciary, environmental, social).
- Define transparent criteria for project selection and prioritization.
- Prepare manuals and guidelines for project identification, preparation, and appraisal.

B. Integrating Strategic Planning, Project, and Budgeting Cycles

- Align public investment planning processes with national strategic plans and fiscal frameworks.
- Establish protocols to link project cycles with budget formulation and execution.
- Develop cash flow projection mechanisms based on consolidated project plans.

C. Integrating PIM and PPP within a Unified Framework

- Develop a conceptual and operational framework that incorporates PPPs into the broader public investment process.
- Create tools to assess and compare traditional and PPP projects on a value-for-money basis.
- Establish guidance for project preparation and procurement applicable to both PIM and PPP.
- Development of comprehensive PIM Policy aligned with the National Development Plan and Public Financial Management Framework.

D. Strengthening Procurement, Project, and Portfolio Management

- Establish a standardized project management model for government investment projects.
- Design and implement tools and formats for project identification and screening.
- Support the development of a Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.
- Use the Integrated System for Investment Project and Portfolio Management (ISIPPM) to monitor project performance (cost, schedule, benefits) and risks.

E. Functional specifications for Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.

- Development of PIMIS design document and development of/integration of PIMIS;
- Development of Public Investment Project Database (PIPD) Design;
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- Development of monitoring, evaluation, and accountability (M&E) framework for Public Investment;
- Development of Risk Management Framework sustainability and operations maintenance (O&M) planning templates;

E. Strengthening Project Appraisal and Selection Processes

- Develop guidelines setting out minimum requirements at each stage of the project lifecycle.
- Provide appraisal methodologies that incorporate technical, economic, social, and environmental evaluations.
- Support training and capacity development initiatives for government stakeholders.

4. Expected Deliverables

The Consultant shall deliver the following outputs:

- Inception Report with a detailed work plan and methodology, timeline, risk analyses, mitigation strategies, and expected outputs, along with draft templates and assessment questionnaire..
- Development of a comprehensive PIM Policy aligned with NDP 3 and Operational Framework.
- Development of Standardized templates for project proposals, appraisal format, environmental and social screening, and risk assessment tools.

Standardized templates:

Project proposal format

Feasibility study report

Cash flow projections

Guidelines and manuals for:

Project identification, preparation, appraisal, monitoring, and evaluation

Project selection criteria and methodology

Risk management and appraisal techniques

Integrated framework for PIM and PPP projects.

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