

Somaliland President Irro Emphasizes Unity and Peace in Eid Address

"The policy of the government is the solidarity of the Somaliland community and the unity of the land", President Irro.



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Republic of Somaliland President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro reaffirmed his administration's commitment to territorial unity and societal solidarity during an Eid al-Ahda address following prayers at the

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Trump's Travel Ban, Effective June 9, 2025, impacts 19 Countries Including Somalia, Excludes Somaliland



On June 4, 2025, President Donald Trump signed a proclamation imposing a travel ban affecting 19 countries, primarily in Africa, the Middle East, and the Caribbean, but

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Somaliland is open to trade, innovation and dialogue- Op-ed H.E. Irro



The warm welcome I received in Nairobi this past week is a testament to the enduring spirit of African solidarity and the potential of regional partnership. My meeting with President William

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Oil Discovery, Mineral Wealth and The Path to Recognition

In an exclusive sit-down with THE ADVOCATE POST by Abdul Rafay Afzal (Editor in Chief) during his Official Visit to Somaliland, Minister of Energy and Minerals, H.E. Eng. Ahmed Jama Barre, painted a compelling picture of a nation poised on the brink of an

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Britain must stand ready to recognize Somaliland-Alun Michael



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The country is a successful democracy that has reasserted its independence, and is pursuing peace and security, says Alun Michael

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Ministry of Resettlement and IOM Empower 56 Repatriated Youth with Financial Grants

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In a significant step toward supporting reintegration and economic empowerment, the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement and Humanitarian

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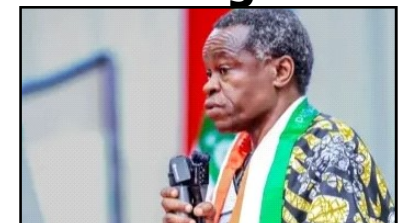
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Renowned Pan-Africanist Prof. PLO Lumumba praised Somaliland's exemplary democratic process

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Somaliland's National Economic Development Committee Holds Third Meeting to Boost Economy



The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development hosted the third meeting of the National Economic

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Dahabshiil Celebrates Madaraka Day with Kenyans, Highlights Role in Connecting the Diaspora



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Somaliland President Irro.....

capital city of Hargeisa's Grand Mosque.

Speaking to the large gathering of worshippers on Friday morning, he outlined his government's focus on fostering peace and collective progress across Somaliland. "Our policy is clear: unity of our land and the togetherness of our people. Peace and development require us to join hands together and work as one," President Irro declared. The President extended Eid greetings to Somaliland's national forces and their families, acknowledging their role in maintaining stability. Recent efforts to integrate thousands of former clan militias from the Sool, Sanaag, and Ayn regions, alongside approximately 500 technical



armored vehicles, into national army structures are part of a broader push to consolidate peace. The government has also called for the return of thousands of families displaced from Erigavo, following the restoration of security in the city and nearby areas. This initiative reflects

ongoing efforts to stabilize regions affected by past conflicts. President Irro's remarks underscore Somaliland's drive toward unity and development, as the nation continues to navigate internal and regional challenges while pursuing international recognition.

Oil Discovery, Mineral Wealth and.....

energy and mineral revolution. Minister Barre detailed significant progress in oil and gas exploration, vast untapped mineral wealth, ambitious renewable energy plans, and the strategic leveraging of resources to bolster Somaliland's quest for international recognition. Q: Minister Barre, significant oil discoveries were announced a few years ago. What is the status? When can Somalilanders expect drilling to begin?

Minister Barre: Indeed, we have made promising discoveries, and activity is accelerating. We have a robust legal framework in place, including the Petroleum Law, Model Production Sharing Agreement (PSA), and supporting policies. Currently, we have two major international companies actively engaged: Genel Energy (UK) and RAK Gas (UAE).

Genel Energy: They hold two blocks in the eastern region. They have completed extensive technical studies, including seismic surveys, which indicate significant potential for oil and gas. Security challenges in that area previously hindered exploration, but the government has successfully stabilized the region. We have a crucial meeting scheduled in UAE this June to finalize timelines for their exploration drilling program.

RAK Gas: They operate a block near Berbera and have also completed positive technical studies confirming hydrocarbon potential. We are actively negotiating contract renewal terms and the commencement of their exploration drilling. A follow-up meeting is also planned for June. While the companies' internal projections might point towards 2027 for significant development, as the Government of Somaliland, we are pushing them hard to expedite



their work programs. Our firm expectations and target are to see tangible progress, including drilling, commencing as early as next year (2026). We are actively negotiating these timelines.

Q: Beyond oil and gas, Somaliland is reported to be rich in minerals, particularly Lithium. What is the state of play there?

Minister Barre: Absolutely. Somaliland is exceptionally endowed with minerals. Lithium is a prime example, given its critical role in the global battery revolution. We actively issue licenses – including reconnaissance, small-scale mining, large-scale mining, and mineral processing licenses.

Lithium Development: We have already granted a large-scale mining license to a Taiwanese company. They are currently at an advanced stage, moving from exploration towards production. We are in ongoing discussions with them, not only about establishing mining operations but also exploring the potential for them to establish a lithium battery manufacturing plant here in Somaliland. This would add immense value.

Engagement with Taiwan & China: Taiwanese companies are

present and investing. We see significant potential in deepening these partnerships, particularly in high-value sectors like battery manufacturing. While Chinese companies are also active investors in Somaliland, the Taiwanese engagement in critical minerals is notable. We are open to and encourage investment from both. We are not against China; we are open for all because what we need is recognition.

Q: How does Somaliland leverage these economic partnerships, in its pursuit of international recognition?

Minister Barre: This is a crucial point. Somaliland fulfills all the Montevideo Convention criteria for statehood: a defined territory, permanent population, effective government, and capacity to enter foreign relations. We are a stable, democratic nation with peaceful transfers of power, as witnessed just six months ago.

Our partnerships, like the one with Taiwan – which includes an official representative office here in Hargeisa, investment, and development cooperation – are mutually beneficial. However, true friendship and alliance should extend beyond economics. We actively engage with all partners,

Trump's Travel Ban, Effective June..



Somaliland is not included. The policy, set to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 9, 2025, imposes a full entry ban on nationals from 12 countries and partial restrictions on seven others, citing national security concerns, inadequate vetting procedures, and high visa overstay rates.

Countries with Full Travel Ban (12):

- Afghanistan
- Myanmar (Burma)
- Chad
- Republic of Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Haiti
- Iran
- Libya
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Yemen

Countries with Partial Restrictions (7):

- Burundi
- Cuba
- Laos
- Sierra Leone
- Togo
- Turkmenistan
- Venezuela

The full ban prohibits all immigrant and non-immigrant visas for nationals of the 12 listed countries, effectively barring

them from entering the United States. Partial restrictions suspend specific visa categories, such as B-1/B-2 (tourist and business), F, M, and J (student and exchange visitor) visas, while allowing exceptions for certain work visas and highly vetted business travelers.

Exemptions and Conditions:

The proclamation outlines exemptions for:

- Lawful permanent residents of the U.S. (green card holders)
- Existing visa holders
- Foreign diplomats
- Dual nationals traveling on a passport from a non-banned country

Individuals whose entry serves U.S. national interests, such as athletes for major events or immediate family members with verified documentation

Afghans holding Special Immigrant Visas due to prior work with the U.S. government

Somaliland Not Included:

Somaliland, whose independence is not fully recognized, is not included in the list of countries subject to the travel ban, indicating that its nationals will not be affected by this new restriction.

including Taiwan, highlighting that Somaliland is a deserving candidate for formal diplomatic recognition. We point to the example of Pacific Island nations supporting Taiwan and ask why Somaliland, a significant partner investing in critical future industries, should not receive similar political support in return. Recognition is the key that unlocks Somaliland's full potential for its people and its international partners.

Q: Beyond hydrocarbons and lithium, what about renewables? Somaliland seems ideal for solar and wind.

Minister Barre: You are right! We are blessed with abundant sunshine and strong, consistent winds – resources literally blowing outside our windows. Renewable energy is a cornerstone of our national energy strategy. We are actively courting and seeing significant interest from international investors in both solar and wind power projects.

Harnessing these resources is essential for sustainable domestic power generation and reducing reliance on imports. The future of Somaliland's energy mix is decidedly green.

Q: What are Somaliland's current major exports?

Minister Barre: Currently, our primary exports are livestock (especially goats and camels) and gemstones. However, the future lies in significantly expanding this through the export of our mineral resources (like gold and soon, lithium) and, ultimately, oil and gas once production commences. We are a resource-rich nation.

Q: Are you engaging with US companies? What is your vision?

Minister Barre: Yes, we have significant interest from US entities, particularly concerning critical minerals. Discussions are ongoing with both companies and government representatives. The

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Somaliland is open to trade, innovation.....

Ruto on May 29 was not only cordial and constructive, but a clear signal that Somaliland and Kenya are ready to deepen engagement on the basis of mutual respect, shared values, and a common vision for economic prosperity and security. The inauguration of Somaliland's expanded diplomatic mission in Nairobi marks a significant milestone in our bilateral relationship and our pursuit of international cooperation. Somaliland will continue to build bridges that reflect our readiness to contribute to peace, security, and economic development in the Horn of Africa. Somaliland's aspirations are grounded in a desire to be a responsible and reliable partner. We are not asking for favors, but offering partnership. A partnership based on mutual benefit, strategic interest, and the shared goal of a more stable and prosperous East Africa. With Kenya, this vision finds fertile ground. As one of Africa's most dynamic economies and democratic states, Kenya has long played a stabilizing role in regional affairs. Our two nations share deep people-to-people ties, stemming from our historic legacies with the two countries share the same currency, banking, civil service and judicial systems for over half a century, and

current growing commercial interests, and a strong convergence on key development priorities: inclusive economic growth, counterterrorism, and democratic governance. During my conversation with President Ruto, we reaffirmed our shared commitment to regional stability and explored new avenues for cooperation. From trade and infrastructure to security, there is ample room for collaboration. Somaliland is a stable partner to facilitate access to the Red Sea, enhancing maritime security, and strengthening commercial links across the Horn. We are investing heavily in the Port of Berbera, modernizing our customs systems, and expanding road and telecom infrastructure. These are not just national projects; they are regional assets. Kenya's business community already understands this potential. I am excited to welcome a new air route directly between Nairobi and Hargeisa as one of the landmark issues to be agreed upon during my visit. Somaliland already receives a high number of Kenyan professionals every year and Kenyan enterprises are increasingly looking to Hargeisa as a destination for trade and investment. We want to build on this momentum.

By establishing a formal diplomatic presence in Nairobi, we intend to streamline collaboration, facilitate business partnerships, and create new pathways for cultural and academic exchange. At the heart of this engagement is a simple proposition: Somaliland is open. Open to trade, to innovation, and to dialogue. Our message to the world is grounded in values: Democracy, security, opportunity. Somaliland has held successive peaceful elections, maintained one of the most secure environments in the Horn, and cultivated a pluralistic political culture that deserves to be part of the international conversation. That conversation begins with bilateral relationships like the one we are forging with Kenya. The diplomatic mission in Nairobi will serve as a platform for greater understanding and more effective cooperation. It will also serve as a bridge between our people. Diaspora communities, students, entrepreneurs, and civil society actors are the lifeblood of regional integration. We believe in African solutions to African challenges, and this begins by strengthening our continental bonds. Somaliland's future will be shaped not just by our aspirations, but by our actions. We are working hard to create jobs for



our youth, tackle climate vulnerabilities, reform our institutions, and modernize our economy. These are challenges Kenya also confronts, and we see opportunities to learn from each other, to co-invest in regional infrastructure, and to coordinate on key policy areas including energy transition, food security, and digital inclusion. In that spirit, I look forward to welcoming Kenyan delegations to Hargeisa in the months ahead. Our dialogue will be reciprocal, and our partnerships built on a foundation of trust and transparency. I also encourage regional think tanks, universities, and media to engage more deeply with Somaliland's story. We are more than a headline; we are a living

example of resilience, innovation, and democratic promise in the Horn of Africa. To the people and Government of Kenya, I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued openness. In this time of regional flux and global uncertainty, let us reaffirm our shared purpose and invest in a future of African cooperation that delivers tangible results for our citizens. The work begins now. Together, Somaliland and Kenya can chart a path that not only serves our national interests but elevates the hopes of a region ready to rise. **The writer is H.E. Abdurahman Irro- the President of Somaliland.**

Oil Discovery, Mineral Wealth and.....

US is a key market and potential partner. We are open for all to come to explore this untapped market. We are a mineral rich nation, full of potential, opportunities and we have something which is a blessing that is "PEACE". Q: Is Somaliland planning a major international investment conference for its natural resources? **Minister Barre:** This is a priority. We are in the preparatory stages of organizing a major international mining and energy conference, very likely to be held in Dubai this Year. The goal is to comprehensively showcase Somaliland's vast investment opportunities across oil, gas, minerals (including critical minerals like lithium), and renewables to a global audience. We are building the necessary databases and ensuring compliance frameworks are robust first. This conference will be a landmark event for attracting the best partners. Q: As Somaliland celebrated Restoration Anniversary (May 18th), what is your message to the Somalilanders and the world? **Minister Barre: To the Somalilanders:** Somaliland is your beacon of stability, democracy, and progress in the Horn of Africa. We have built this nation from the ground up through sacrifice, resilience, and unwavering commitment to peace and the rule

of law. Our future is bright, rooted in our rich resources and the determination of our people. **To the World:** Look at Somaliland objectively. See the functioning democracy, the undeniable stability, the peaceful transitions of power, and the immense untapped economic potential. We are not seeking charity; we are seeking partnership and recognition based on facts and achievements. Somaliland is investment-friendly, resource-rich, stable, and democratic. We are ready to engage as an equal partner. The time for international recognition is now. Somaliland's Strategic Role Highlighted as Somalia Rescinds Ban on Taiwanese Passports Amid U.S. Diplomatic Pressure In a significant diplomatic turnaround, Somalia has rescinded its ban on Taiwanese passport holders entering Somaliland, following intense pressure from the United States. The decision, influenced by the strategic importance of the Republic of Somaliland, comes after a U.S. Senate hearing where Senator Ted Cruz grilled a State Department official about China's alleged proxy war in Somaliland, which had prompted Somalia to initially block Taiwanese officials from visiting Somaliland. The ban, imposed in April 2025, was seen as a move driven by China's efforts to undermine

Taiwan's diplomatic status in Africa. However, after the U.S. warned Somalia that such actions could jeopardize bilateral relations, the Somali government reversed its stance on Taiwanese passport holders. This development underscores the complex interplay of international relations in the Horn of Africa, where China's growing influence is met with counteractions from the U.S. and its allies. A U.S. State Department official confirmed during the hearing that Somalia's reversal was a direct result of American diplomatic intervention, highlighting ongoing geopolitical competition in the region. This incident also reflects broader tensions, as evidenced by a 2023 American Enterprise Institute report on China's proxy activities in Somaliland, driven by competition over oil resources and strategic port investments. As the situation develops, the international community will closely monitor how these diplomatic maneuvers shape the future of U.S.-China relations in Africa and the status of Taiwan's diplomatic presence on the continent, with the Republic of Somaliland remaining a pivotal player in this geopolitical landscape.

Ministry of Resettlement



Migration (IOM), distributed financial grants to 56 young Somalilanders on Tuesday 3rd June, 2025. These individuals were recently repatriated from North African countries after attempting dangerous illegal migration journeys. The grant handover ceremony, held at the Ministry's headquarters in Hargeisa, was attended by key figures, including the Ministry's Director General, Mukhtaar Cabdi Jaamac, Deputy Minister Bille Cabdiraxmaan Shide Bille, and representatives from both the Ministry and IOM. The grants are designed to help the recipients establish small businesses, fostering self-reliance and economic growth within their communities. During the event, officials urged the youth to approach their

support to achieve sustainable outcomes. "This is an opportunity for you to rebuild your lives and contribute to Somaliland's development," said Director General Mukhtaar Cabdi Jaamac. Deputy Minister Bille emphasized the importance of responsible use of the funds, noting that the Ministry will closely monitor the beneficiaries to ensure the grants are invested in their proposed business initiatives. The initiative reflects Somaliland's commitment to addressing the challenges faced by returnees and preventing further risky migration attempts. The Ministry and IOM reaffirmed their collaboration to provide ongoing support, ensuring these young individuals can reintegrate successfully and contribute to the nation's progress.

Britain must stand ready to.....

“Given that Somaliland is such a beacon of democracy in Africa, your article seems to be unduly negative about the prospect of its recognition, saying that this will “infuriate” Somalia ([Exclusive: Somaliland president says recognition of state ‘on the horizon’ following Trump talks, 30 May](#)).

“The former British [Somaliland](#) was given its independence in 1960 and chose to join with the former Italian Somaliland to form Somalia, while the former French Somaliland wisely chose to sit it out as Djibouti. Its reward, during the rule of the dictator Siad Barre, was death and destruction in the “hidden war”, a period when many were resettled to Britain (particularly Cardiff, where the first Somalis had arrived in the 1850s) from refugee camps, mainly in Ethiopia. “It is now 34 years since Somalilanders pushed back Barre’s army and reasserted its independence. Since then, we have seen several peaceful transitions from one president and party to another following elections. “In 2007, I led a UK parliamentary delegation, supported by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, to Somaliland and we also visited the African Union in Addis Ababa



to ask why it had not yet recognized Somaliland. The answer was that an internal report recommending recognition was gathering dust because some of its members feared that recognition might encourage breakaway provinces in other countries. But Somaliland is not a breakaway province – it’s a nation that reasserted its independence and has shown a capacity for building its own democratic institutions, pursuing peace and security, and fostering economic growth. In the same period that Somaliland has been a s u c c e s s f u l democracy, Somalia (the residual south) has been a failed state. Why should those who currently run Somalia not be told to focus on imitating the peace, democracy, cohesion and economic success of

Somaliland, instead of being encouraged in a land grab? Understandably perhaps, Foreign Office officials are reluctant to recognize Somaliland before any nation in the region does so, but “Britain should stand ready to come second with recognition. Or have we forgotten the enormous contribution made by soldiers from British Somaliland during the second world war and that of Somaliland’s seamen since the middle of the 19th century, as well as the contribution that S o m a l i l a n d e r s make nowadays in the UK?”

Alun Michael
MP for Cardiff South and Penarth (1987–2012); former chair, all-party parliamentary group for Somaliland and Somalia

Somaliland’s National Economic Development.....



Development Committee of the Council of Ministers, focusing on strategies to advance Somaliland’s economic growth. Chaired by Finance Minister Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Aden, the meeting featured in-depth discussions and reports on key economic priorities. The committee addressed critical issues, including challenges to national production, investment

and industrial development, and the state of livestock rearing. A key focus was reducing Somaliland’s reliance on imports by boosting domestic production and addressing the outflow of hard currency. The meeting also explored ways to enhance the technical skills of workers in agriculture and livestock sectors. This meeting is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen Somaliland’s

economy, supported by a ministerial-level committee and technical sub-committees under the leadership of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. The ministry’s mandate has recently been expanded to include economic development, reflecting its commitment to fostering Somaliland’s emerging economy. The outcomes of the meeting are expected to guide policy formulation and drive sustainable economic progress in the nation.

Dahabshiil Celebrates Madaraka Day with.....

As Kenya marks its 62nd Madaraka Day, a day commemorating the nation’s attainment of internal self-rule in 1963, Dahabshiil Money Transfer has joined millions of Kenyans in celebrating the spirit of independence, resilience, and unity. In a heartfelt message shared on X earlier today, the financial services provider reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Kenyans worldwide through secure and affordable money transfer services.

Madaraka Day, observed annually on June 1, holds deep historical significance for Kenya. It marks the day in 1963 when the country achieved internal self-governance, a crucial step toward full independence, which was later realized on December 12, 1964, now celebrated as Jamhuri Day. The term “Madaraka,” meaning “authority” in Swahili, reflects the transfer of power to the Kenyan people after decades of British colonial rule since 1920. This year,

under the hashtag #KenyaAt62, citizens both in Kenya and across the diaspora are reflecting on the nation’s journey, with celebrations featuring parades, cultural events, and community gatherings. Dahabshiil’s message, posted on X, resonated with the day’s themes of freedom and unity. “Freedom won, unity strong, Kenya rising.” In its statement, Dahabshiil emphasized its role in fostering connections for Kenyans, particularly the diaspora, during this significant holiday. “As

Pierre Tozzi Highlights Somaliland

During the 34th Independence Restoration Celebration event in Washington DC, Pierre Tozzi, Staff Director of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, delivered a compelling address that positioned Somaliland as a beacon of democracy not only for Africa but for the world. Tozzi’s remarks, emphasized the parallels between Somaliland and Taiwan, both of which exemplify democratic resilience despite lacking widespread international recognition. Tozzi recounted a symposium held last summer in Taipei, co-organized with Mohamed Haggi, former representative to Taiwan, and Taiwan’s Ambassador to Somaliland, Lieu. The event critically examined China’s governance model in Africa, with one panel discussing how China entraps nations in debt, corrupts governance, and imposes its authoritarian and totalitarian systems. In contrast, another panel explored the alternative democratic models being built by Somaliland and Taiwan, highlighting their potential as counterexamples to China’s influence.



Tozzi argued that the United States recognizes the strategic location and geography of Somaliland, making a strong case for its international recognition. Yet, he asserted that the most compelling argument for recognition is moral: Somaliland’s status as a democracy. He expressed optimism that, with the support of the United States and Democratic Taiwan, Somaliland could serve as a powerful example for Africa and the global community, inspiring other nations to embrace democratic governance.

The event, attended by distinguished guests including Somaliland Foreign Minister Abdirahman Adam, Somaliland USA Envoy Bashir Goth, and other friends of Somaliland from the United States and the Somaliland diaspora who participated, reinforced the growing ties between Somaliland and Taiwan, both of which continue to navigate complex international landscapes while upholding democratic principles. As discussions about the future of unrecognized states and the role of democracy in global politics persist, Somaliland’s journey remains a significant narrative for advocates of stability and international cooperation.

Reflecting on his experiences in the Horn of Africa, Tozzi described a stark contrast between his visits to Mogadishu, Somalia, and Hargeisa, Somaliland. In Mogadishu, the environment was marked by instability, requiring security measures such as sleeping in bunkers and wearing bulletproof jackets. However, upon arriving in Hargeisa, Tozzi witnessed a vibrant celebration of democracy that deeply moved him and his team, showcasing Somaliland’s stability and democratic spirit.



you celebrate with your loved ones, we remain committed to making it easier, safer, and faster to stay connected through our trusted money transfer services — wherever you are in the world,” the company wrote. Dahabshiil, a leading money transfer service provider in Africa with a presence in over 120 countries, has long been a trusted partner for Kenyans sending remittances home. According to the Central Bank of Kenya, diaspora remittances are a

critical contributor to the country’s economic growth, with monthly surveys tracking inflows through formal channels like banks and international transfer services. The United Nations has praised Dahabshiil as “the only safe and efficient option to transfer funds to projects” in the region, a testament to its reliability over its 50 years of operation. The company’s services are particularly vital in the Horn of Africa, where it facilitates instant transfers to platforms like eDahab in Somalia, Somaliland as well as to countries like Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Sudan. Beyond financial services, Dahabshiil has also been recognized for its corporate social responsibility initiatives, which focus on empowering communities through health and education programs across the region.



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

Objectives of the Assignment

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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Prof. Lumumba Lauds Somaliland's Peaceful

during the 34th anniversary celebration of the Republic of Somaliland's restored independence, held in Nairobi on May 31, 2025, marking the May 18 declaration. In a heartfelt message to Somaliland's President, Lumumba congratulated the nation and its leader for conducting one of Africa's most peaceful presidential elections, urging them to showcase their model of stability to a continent grappling with conflicts.

Reflecting on his first visit to Hargeisa, Lumumba shared a striking anecdote about local money changers leaving cash unattended during prayers, a testament to Somaliland's trust and security. "I told them, don't try this in other parts of Africa—you will not find the money," he quipped, highlighting the nation's unique social fabric. Lumumba also celebrated the progress of Unity University in Hargeisa,



which he helped establish through his foundation. Now boasting over 1,300 students, the university will soon host the Pan-

African Institute, with a trade delegation planned for August, an initiative approved by the President's office. Addressing critics who claim recognizing Somaliland threatens Pan-African unity, Lumumba eloquently countered: "When children leave home to build their own, the family grows stronger." He argued that Somaliland's self-determination strengthens Africa's collective future, urging the President to champion this vision and the African Union's reparations agenda across the continent. With confidence in Somaliland's diplomatic potential, Lumumba praised the President's humility and experience, predicting global acceptance through persistent diplomacy. "May God bless Somaliland and Africa," he concluded, calling for the continent to learn from Somaliland's peace and resilience.



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)

Project ID: P-SO-KF0-015

Grant No: 5900155018607

Assignment Title: Public Investment Management Policy TA

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;
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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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