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Somaliland Set to Emerge as East Africa's Trade Hub, President Irro Underscores at UAE Africa Debate

We hope Somaliland will soon join the international community, he says



By M.A. Egge.

Somaliland is emerging as a key player in East African trade, with Berbera Port positioned as a strategic gateway for global commerce, according to discussions of the 'Ports, Policy, and Possibility: Berbera and the New Gateway to East Africa' session during the Africa Debate in the UAE. At a side chat, Somaliland's President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdirahi (Irro) and DP

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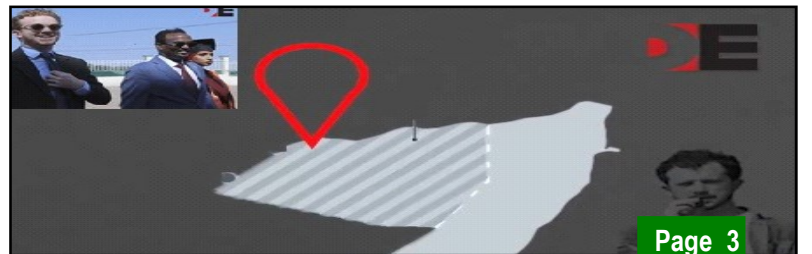
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By Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a heartwarming display of commitment to nurturing the next generation, the House of Representatives welcomed a vibrant group of students from

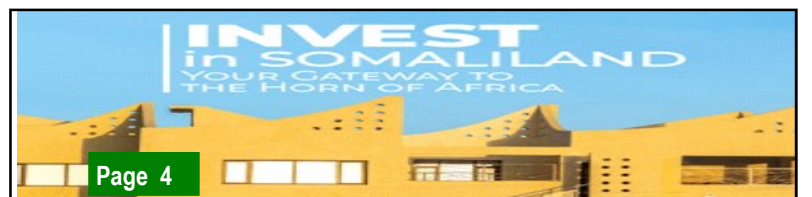
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By Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a beacon of optimism for Somaliland's thriving future, Director General of the Ministry of Investment and Industry, Mr. Abdifatah Ismail Duale, hosted an inspiring meeting with Ms. Alyne, the

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MP Ahmed Abdi Ibrahim, Chairman of the Committee of Public Affairs, Technology, Transport & Housing, delivered a compelling statement celebrating the Republic of Somaliland's remarkable

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Somaliland Set to.....



World Chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem highlighted the transformative potential of the Berbera Special Economic Zone, emphasizing Somaliland's stability, democratic governance, and investment-friendly environment. President Irro celebrated Somaliland's 34 years of nation's sovereignty since reclaiming independence on May 18, 1991, following its initial independence from Britain on June 26, 1960. "I came from Republic of Somaliland, not Somalia. We are a liberal country, ready for investment across all sectors," Irro declared, pointing to untapped opportunities in health, agriculture, minerals, tourism, and hospitality. He underscored Somaliland's 850 km coastline along the Gulf of Aden, noting that its robust coastal security has eradicated piracy, setting it apart from neighboring Somalia and reassuring investors. DP World's significant investment in modernizing Berbera Port, alongside developing a free zone and the Berbera Corridor, was hailed as a game-changer. Sultan revealed that the port currently handles 500,000 containers annually, with plans to scale to 1 million, positioning it as a vital trade hub for Africa, India, and beyond. "The support from the government, people, and even the opposition has been extraordinary," he said, citing a recent \$20 million agricultural investment by the Pharo Foundation as evidence of growing investor confidence.



On the topic of international recognition, Irro expressed optimism despite no responses to his May 18, 2025, letters to global leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump and Somalia's Hassan Sheikh. He noted support from politicians in the U.S. and UK, stating, "We hope Somaliland will soon join the international community." Sultan added that recognition would "double Berbera's importance," attracting more global firms to leverage its strategic location near the Red Sea and its logistics infrastructure. Addressing misconceptions, Irro clarified the distinction between Somaliland and Somalia, emphasizing Somaliland's democratic elections and stability. "The world is awakening to the difference," he said, crediting DP World's investment for inspiring others. Sultan highlighted the absence of piracy in Somaliland's waters, noting, "We've never encountered mishaps or pirates since we began operations here." With its strategic location, secure maritime environment, and burgeoning investment landscape, Somaliland is poised to redefine East Africa's trade future. The Berbera Special Economic Zone, backed by DP World's vision and Somaliland's open-door policy, positions the nation as a critical link in global trade, with recognition expected to unlock even greater economic potential.

Somaliland NEC Shines at the 21st.....



By Mohamoud Walaaleye
In a resounding affirmation of its commitment to democratic excellence, the Republic of Somaliland made a prominent mark at the prestigious 21st International Electoral Awards and Symposium, hosted in Gaborone from October 1-4. Co-organized by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) of Botswana and the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), this global gathering unites electoral leaders, innovators, and democratic champions from around the world to celebrate innovations in election management, transparency, and inclusive governance. Representing Somaliland with distinction was Mr. Musa Hassan Yusuf, Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (NEC). In a compelling keynote address, Mr. Yusuf illuminated Somaliland's remarkable journey in building a resilient democracy amid challenging circumstances. He highlighted key milestones, including the "successful conduct of multiple peaceful elections, ongoing reforms to enhance voter

registration and ballot integrity, and robust measures to ensure gender-balanced participation and youth involvement." Somaliland's story is one of perseverance and progress," Mr. Yusuf declared, stating further, "Through transparent processes and stakeholder collaboration, we have not only held credible elections but have set a beacon for stability in the Horn of Africa." Mr. Yusuf's remarks resonated deeply with attendees, sparking animated discussions on adapting best practices to diverse contexts. Drawing parallels between Somaliland's homegrown electoral model and Botswana's own legacy of fair voting since 1997, he emphasized the power of regional solidarity in fortifying democratic institutions. His address was met with enthusiastic applause, underscoring Somaliland's growing stature as a model of self-reliant governance. The symposium's agenda, rich with panel sessions on emerging technologies like biometric verification and AI-driven fraud detection, provided fertile ground for knowledge exchange.

Mr. Yusuf actively engaged in these dialogues, sharing insights from Somaliland's innovative use of mobile apps for real-time voter education and results dissemination. Participants from over 50 nations praised Somaliland's proactive approach, with one international observer noting, "Somaliland's delegation exemplifies how resource-constrained environments can pioneer equitable electoral solutions." This high-profile participation reaffirms Somaliland's strategic outreach on the world stage, fostering partnerships that amplify its voice in global forums. By contributing to conversations on peacebuilding through elections, Somaliland not only bolsters its domestic reforms but also inspires neighboring nations to prioritize credible polls as pillars of regional harmony. As the symposium progresses toward its awards ceremony, eyes are on potential recognitions for trailblazers like Mr. Yusuf and the NEC. Their presence here is more than ceremonial; it's a catalyst for continued collaboration, ensuring that Somaliland's democratic dividends ripple across borders.

Somaliland's Parliament Opens Doors.....

schools across the country, including SOS School and Pharo Foundation. This educational visit not only sparked curiosity but also ignited a passion for civic engagement among Somaliland's youth. The enthusiastic students embarked on an immersive tour of the parliamentary chambers, gaining firsthand insights into the pillars of governance: from the intricate structure of state institutions to the dynamic workings of legislative processes. Through interactive sessions and guided explorations, they discovered the vital role of Parliament in law-making, oversight, and holding the government accountable—essential knowledge that empowers them to become informed, active citizens. "This is more than a field trip; it's an investment in our shared future," said Abdirisak Said, the House's Secretary General, highlighting



how the programme fosters civic education to build a stronger, more democratic society. By demystifying the halls of power, these visits inspire young learners to envision themselves as tomorrow's lawmakers and leaders, equipped with the tools to drive positive change. Far from a one-off event, this initiative underscores the House of Representatives' ongoing dedication to youth empowerment. Parliament vows to expand such opportunities, inviting more schools to join in creating hands-on learning experiences that bridge the gap between classrooms and corridors of influence. Educators and parents alike are buzzing with excitement, praising

the programme for its role in cultivating civic pride and responsibility from an early age. As Somaliland continues to build a resilient democracy, these budding leaders are stepping up—proof that inspiration today paves the way for progress tomorrow. The House of Representatives extends a warm invitation to all schools nationwide: let's keep the momentum going! Organize your next civic adventure to Parliament and other state bodies, and watch your students' horizons expand. This uplifting story celebrates Somaliland's proactive steps toward inclusive governance and youth development.

Somaliland Welcomes Taiwan for Pivotal Economic.....



visionary leader of the Taiwan Business Association.

As the esteemed Director General steering Somaliland's investment vision, Mr. Duale's warm welcome marked a landmark encounter, signaling a new era of vibrant collaboration, unlocking endless possibilities for growth, innovation, and shared success between Somaliland and Taiwan.

At the heart of the discussions were bold strategies to supercharge Somaliland's economic momentum:

- Turbocharging Investment and Bright Horizons: The talks buzzed with excitement over amplifying investment opportunities across Somaliland's powerhouse sectors—industry, trade, and vital services. With Somaliland's rock-solid stability and wealth of untapped potential, Director General Duale

and his counterparts brainstormed innovative ways to draw in global capital, fueling job creation, infrastructure upgrades, and a booming local economy that benefits every citizen.

- Igniting Business Synergies: Ms. Alyne shone a spotlight on the Taiwan Business Association's enthusiastic pledge to champion Taiwanese entrepreneurs. "We're thrilled to guide our investors toward Somaliland's golden opportunities," she declared, highlighting the association's proactive role in sparking joint ventures that blend Taiwanese tech savvy with Somaliland's entrepreneurial spirit—promising breakthroughs in efficiency, sustainability, and community upliftment.

MP Ahmed Ibrahim Vows to Showcase Somaliland's.....

progress, particularly the global ascent of Berbera Port. Urging the international community to recognize Somaliland's distinct achievements, he called for an end to misleading narratives that conflate Somaliland's successes with Somalia's challenges.

Berbera Port's Global Triumph
The World Bank's port performance rankings highlight Berbera's extraordinary rise:

- 2020: Ranked 245th globally.
 - 2021: Jumped to 184th.
 - 2022: Climbed to 144th.
 - 2023: Soared to 103rd globally and 7th in Sub-Saharan Africa, as reported by TechLabari and confirmed by the World Bank.
- In contrast, Mogadishu Port trails significantly:
- 2020: 260th globally.
 - 2021: 259th.
 - 2022: 221st.
 - 2023: 176th.

These indisputable figures underscore Somaliland's effective governance, stability, and forward-thinking vision.

Rejecting Misinformation

MP Ibrahim denounced efforts to undermine Somaliland's achievements through fabricated claims. "Berbera's success reflects



Somaliland's peaceful, democratic model—a stark contrast to Somalia's challenges," he stated. "The international community must acknowledge Somaliland's distinct progress and reject distortions that falsely attribute our achievements to Somalia."

Somaliland: A Beacon of Stability
Berbera Port's rise mirrors Somaliland's broader commitment to democracy, peace, and development. Unlike Somalia, Somaliland has built a thriving system that drives tangible results, positioning it as a model for regional stability and global trade. MP Ibrahim called on global partners

- Building a Golden Bridge of Economic Harmony: The dialogue celebrated the power of streamlined pathways for investment and partnership, envisioning a future where both nations reap mutual triumphs. By fostering these seamless connections, Somaliland and Taiwan are poised to cultivate enduring economic wins that deliver lasting prosperity, from empowered businesses to enhanced livelihoods for families across the region.

This uplifting summit underscores Somaliland's magnetic appeal as a premier investment haven in the Horn of Africa—transparent, resilient, and brimming with promise. Under the forward-thinking guidance of officials like Director General Abdifatah Ismail Duale, the nation is not just opening doors but flinging them wide to global allies like Taiwan, who recognize Somaliland's pivotal role in Africa's renaissance.

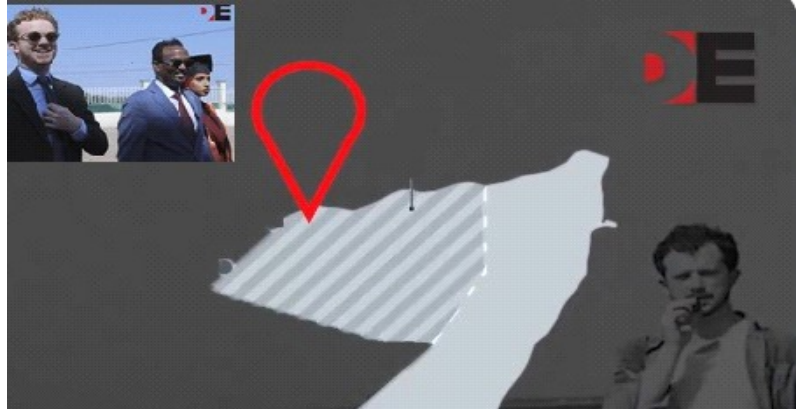
As follow-up initiatives take shape, the air is electric with anticipation. Somaliland's story of progress is just getting started, and with partners like Taiwan on board, the horizon looks brighter than ever—heralding a wave of innovation, wealth, and hope for generations to come. Stay tuned for more triumphs in this exciting chapter of international friendship!

to engage with Somaliland's proven framework and support its contributions to Africa and beyond.
A Call for Recognition

"Berbera's success is Africa's success. Somaliland's stability strengthens the world," MP Ibrahim affirmed. "The facts are clear, and the time to recognize Somaliland's sovereignty and achievements is now."

Highlighting Somaliland's historical independence—achieved before many recognized nations and prior to Somalia's—the MP emphasized that the union between Somaliland and Somalia was never legally formalized, as confirmed by the African Union's Fact-Finding Committee. He urged the Somaliland government and institutions to counter false narratives, particularly claims that misattribute Berbera Port's progress to Somalia. The House of Representatives will thoroughly investigate recent reports of biased evaluations by S&P Global and the World Bank, which allegedly downplay Berbera's achievements. MP Ibrahim called for a unified effort to ensure Somaliland's distinct governance and sovereignty are globally acknowledged.

Gus Anderson's DET item on.....



By M.A. Egge

It has come to Somalilanders not as a mere surprise, but indeed a jolt that shook many when a shot piece by DET purported editor Gus Anderson completely distorted and grossly misinforms the essence, facts, status quo and situation of Somaliland is.

One might be inclined to believe that when the DET guy came to Somaliland posing as a top-notch journalist, was indeed on a mercenary mission to distort issues and had his intentions tailored to cater for the perpetual distractors of the Republic of Somaliland's essence and aspirations.

Gus Anderson did not live to the expectations of an ethical journalist of profound calibre, but indeed behaved as a man hired to hoodwink the world by peddling falsities and tarnishing image of a thriving nation.

The piece he highlighted borders fanning discord and perpetrating more volatility given the discourse presented.

To make it even worse was the presenting of Somaliland's Awdal region as a cut-off province.

Gus Anderson's sentiments mimicked the Somali administration of Mogadishu who have perpetually made such rhetoric, forgetting the genocides that they perpetrated for eons in Somaliland, still playing down the fact that Somaliland and Somalia were two different countries which got different independences from two different colonial masters, namely Britain and Italy respectively. The insinuations he made testates to his conduct akin to guns for hire and that he wasn't in the first place bent on being true to his profession. Otherwise why would he blatantly lie about Awdal region?

Gus Anderson, landed in Hargeisa with Foreign Minister Abdirahman Adam's blessing, camera rolling for an "exclusive" on Somaliland's ironclad case for recognition.

He was welcomed to showcase factual truths about the nation of Somaliland: a sovereign republic since 1960, reclaimed in 1991, with elections that shame the Horn, a booming Berbera port, and alliances from Taiwan to the UAE. His October 3 DET piece spit on that trust, peddling a warped narrative that fractures our nation into "clans" and "regions" needing his fix. In his item he slipped in "darafyada" (factions) jargon, slicing the sovereign map to prop up separatist notions like SSC-Khatumo in Sool, echoing the tired lies of those who deny the realities of the borders.

This isn't journalism—it's sabotage. Somalilanders are enraged, hence the distortions and disinformation ought to be shredded with the contempt they deserve.

"Clan Challenges" Lies are Insults to the national Unity

Gus urges Somalilanders to "fight fire with fire" by juggling clan representation in Awdal and the east to counter "external exploitation." Pure nonsense. Somaliland's strength is the national unity—woven through our 2001 constitution, not the imaginary clan quotas. The nation held dozen multiparty elections since 1991, with EU and U.S. observers calling them models of stability.

It is sad to see that the pictures presented in the item are mostly of Somaliland and not Somaliland.

Awdal's bustling Borama markets and Zeila's ports thrive under the system, not the invented "tensions" in the item. The call for lack of "cohesion" reeks of external agendas, amplifying voices that want the east carved up.

Redrawing Our Map is obliterating Somaliland

The piece slyly uses "sides" and "factions," questioning the borders like they're up for debate. Somaliland's map was set in 1884 by colonial treaties, reclaimed in 1991, and upheld by honest cartographers—BBC maps in September 2025 showed us separate, despite Mogadishu's tantrums. Freedom House scores us 47/100 for freedoms—miles above Somalia's pathetic 8. Gus, after walking through Somaliland streets, published a distorted piece that casts Sool and Sanaag as contested, feeding narratives that undermines the Ethiopia MoU for Berbera access. This isn't reporting—it's meddling, and it stabs at the heart of our nation-building triumph.

Questioning a Nation-Building that has surpassed expectations

He framed Somaliland's progress as a "struggle" needing foreign wisdom. The country is a successful one: \$442M DP World investment in Berbera, Taiwan's tech partnerships, and U.S. GOP support from Adam's May 2025 D.C. visit. No al-Shabaab menace, no banditry. The "representation" fix is a veiled push to fracture the nation, smirking of ulterior motives by Gus Anderson.

Gus, was expected NOT to rewrite Somaliland's story—but to tell it as it were.

Somaliland stands tall—its flag flying freely, with stability and unity its basic foundation.

The article has to be scoffed at with the contempt in deserves.

MP Abdikarim Me’aad: A Beacon of Progress.....



Since his election as a parliamentarian in 2011, Abdikarim Meecaad has emerged as a transformative figure for the people of the Republic of Somaliland and Sanaag region particularly. With unwavering dedication, he has championed the needs of his constituents and the broader community, leaving an indelible mark on the region through his tireless efforts in development, peacebuilding, and community empowerment. Me'aad's contributions to Sanaag are nothing short of remarkable. His visionary leadership has led to the construction of an 80km road connecting Sheikh Road to other areas, fostering greater connectivity

and economic opportunities for local communities. This vital infrastructure has not only eased travel but also opened doors for trade and collaboration, breathing new life into the region. One of his most ambitious projects is the establishment of the largest mineral factory in the Horn of Africa, a game-changer for Sanaag's economy. This state-of-the-art facility has created jobs and showcased the region's potential on a global stage. Additionally, Me'aad has spearheaded the development of the Irshiid base, the largest water reservoir in Greater Sanaag, ensuring access to clean water for

countless residents and supporting sustainable growth. Beyond infrastructure, Me'aad's commitment to the youth of Sanaag is truly inspiring. By employing approximately 200 young people, he has provided opportunities for the next generation to thrive, empowering them to contribute to their communities and build brighter futures. His efforts have instilled hope and pride in the region, proving that progress is possible even in challenging circumstances. A staunch advocate for peace, Me'aad has consistently promoted unity and coexistence among Sanaag's diverse communities. In a recent address, he reaffirmed his commitment to peacebuilding, welcoming all efforts to foster harmony and calling on residents to strengthen their collective resolve for a peaceful future. His words and actions have made him a unifying force, inspiring others to work together for the greater good. Abdikarim Meecaad's legacy is one of progress, compassion, and resilience. Through his transformative projects and dedication to peace, he has not only uplifted Sanaag but also set a shining example for leaders everywhere. The people of Sanaag are fortunate to have a champion like Meecaad, whose vision continues to pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous future.

Somaliland Strengthens Partnership.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdilahi Hassan Adan, alongside Director General Mr. Mohamed Hassan Saleeban, hosted Dr. Tedla M. Damte, Head of the UN Office and UNICEF in Somaliland, to discuss deepening collaboration.

The meeting focused on accelerating joint efforts between Somaliland and UN agencies, prioritizing development and humanitarian projects. Key areas included UNICEF's initiatives in children's rights, healthcare, education, and nutrition to address critical community needs.

Somaliland UK Mission Hosts.....



On September 29, 2025, a landmark event unfolded in London, orchestrated by the Somaliland UK Mission with the patronage of esteemed envoy Hon. Said Hassan Bihi and a team of dedicated Mission diplomats. The gathering welcomed Second Deputy Speaker Ali Hamud Jibril, former government officials, and a diverse array of invited guests, alongside an enthusiastic Somaliland diaspora community. This pivotal summit centered on promoting Somaliland's pursuit of self-determination, fostering socioeconomic growth, and deepening its partnership with the United Kingdom. The event buzzed with energy as leaders and community members participated in robust dialogues about investment prospects, political cooperation, and innovative strategies to secure Somaliland's bright future. Highlighting Somaliland's economic strides, the summit showcased the nation's GDP, which soared to \$3.97 billion in 2023—a 5% rise from the previous year, according to the Central Statistics Department. This growth underscores Somaliland's enduring resilience and untapped economic promise. The Somaliland flag, prominently displayed, stood as a potent emblem of the collective

aspiration for stability and prosperity, reflecting the nation's 34-year journey of democratic development since its 1991 reclamations of independence. The diaspora emerged as a cornerstone of this progress, channeling significant remittances and expertise to bolster sustainable development. The event also spotlighted ongoing UK-backed initiatives, including transformative infrastructure projects launched since 2020, such as road improvements and enhanced water systems, which are uplifting communities across Somaliland. Hon. Said Hassan Bihi conveyed heartfelt thanks to all participants and UK allies, declaring, "Together, we are not merely envisioning a brighter future—we are actively constructing it." This summit strengthens Somaliland's international footprint and reaffirms the diaspora's critical role in forging a prosperous tomorrow. Hon. Jibril shared insights from his recent tour of Nordic and Benelux capitals, where legislators expressed preliminary support. Should this support materialize into policy, it could prompt the EU's External Action Service to prioritize Somaliland in regional discussions, potentially paving the way for new trade and development agreements.

Somaliland Shines as Premier Investment Hub at UAE’s Africa.....

In a vibrant showcase of untapped potential, the Republic of Somaliland emerged as a beacon of opportunity at The Africa Debate in the UAE, captivating international investors with its brochure titled Invest in Somaliland: Your Gateway to the Horn of Africa. Distributed to attendees, the document—endorsed by President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi and Minister of Investment Hon. Mr. Saeed Mohamed Bourale—paints a compelling picture of a nation thriving amid regional challenges, ready to forge transformative partnerships. For over three decades, Somaliland has defied the odds, building a stable, multi-party democracy that stands in stark contrast to the volatility elsewhere in the Horn of Africa. "Our nation stands as a beacon of democratic governance and peaceful development," President Abdullahi wrote in his personal letter, highlighting the country's unwavering commitment to transparent institutions and investor protections. With a population of 4.8 million—70% under 30—Somaliland boasts a dynamic, entrepreneurial workforce eager to fuel innovation across sectors like agriculture, livestock, fisheries, minerals, and renewable energy.



The brochure spotlights Somaliland's crown jewel: its strategic geography. Nestled at the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, the country offers an 850-kilometer coastline along the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea, positioning it as a vital trade corridor. The expanded Berbera Port, spearheaded by global giant DP World, and the Berbera Corridor linking to Ethiopia's massive market, are supercharging connectivity. "We are transforming this geographic advantage into unprecedented economic opportunity," the President noted, underscoring how these assets make Somaliland an indispensable gateway for continental and global commerce. Economic indicators further bolster the optimism: a GDP of \$4.28 billion growing at 2.8% annually, driven by key exports like livestock, hides, and skins, and frankincense. Investors are already flocking in—Genel Energy's exploration in oil and gas joins a wave of diaspora-led ventures and public-private partnerships. Minister Bourale's message emphasized the government's

proactive stance: "Our policies are designed to ensure transparency, streamline procedures, and offer a wide range of incentives, including tax holidays, customs exemptions, and land facilitation." Attendees at the event buzzed with enthusiasm, praising Somaliland's unique blend of natural riches—from fertile farmlands and marine bounty to vast mineral deposits—and forward-thinking policies like its Public-Private Partnership law and special economic zones. "Somaliland isn't just stable; it's a launchpad for sustainable growth," said one UAE-based investor, echoing the brochure's call for "mutual respect, shared prosperity, and sustainable growth." As the Horn of Africa awakens to new possibilities, Somaliland's invitation rings clear: Join us in unlocking the Horn of Africa region's immense potential. With rising urbanization sparking demand in retail, housing, education, and digital services, the opportunities are as diverse as they are promising. For those eyeing the next big frontier, Somaliland isn't a risk—it's a revelation.

Ethiopia’s Strategic Stance on Somaliland Recognition Amid U.S. Momentum



In a recent interview on the Global Power Shift podcast, Getachew Reda—former interim president of Ethiopia’s Tigray region and current advisor to Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on East African Affairs—addressed the ongoing buzz around potential U.S. recognition of Somaliland.

Responding to host Jim Stenman (a veteran journalist with stints at CNN and Reuters), Reda wove in a historical anecdote to underscore Ethiopia’s calculated approach. During a conversation about 15 years ago, then-Prime Minister Meles Zenawi discussed the possibility of recognizing Somaliland (a former British protectorate) with a British MP. He quipped that Ethiopia “will not be the first to recognize Somaliland, but it won’t be the third either.” Reda reaffirmed this pragmatic posture, signaling that if the U.S. moves first, Ethiopia would likely follow suit without hesitation, viewing it as a catalyst for broader international acceptance. This isn’t mere diplomatic posturing. Reda framed it as a pivotal opportunity for Ethiopia’s long-standing quest for reliable Red Sea access—a “route to sea access” that’s become existential for a nation of 130 million people landlocked since Eritrea’s independence in 1993.

He cautioned against conflating access with outright “ownership of real estate,” advocating for “give and take” arrangements to avert escalation. “One way or another, something’s got to give,” Reda said, while expressing hope to sidestep “all-out war” with neighbors like Eritrea, whose Assab port has been floated in past talks. As a “hard-nosed realist,” he warned that once regional tensions spill over—like “once the worms are out of the can”—containment becomes elusive.

On the U.S. front, momentum has built since Donald Trump’s 2024 reelection. Project 2025—a conservative policy blueprint—explicitly calls for recognizing Somaliland to counter Chinese influence at the U.S.’s Camp Lemonnier base in Djibouti. Somaliland’s President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi has teased that “recognition is on

the horizon” after talks with Trump officials, dangling offers of a Berbera military base and mineral deals. Senator Ted Cruz amplified the call in August 2025, urging formal ties to bolster U.S. security in the Gulf of Aden. A bipartisan bill, H.R. 3992 (the “Republic of Somaliland Independence Act”), is

also advancing in Congress. If the U.S. greenlights recognition—potentially as early as late 2025—it could unlock a “domino effect,” per Reda, easing Ethiopia’s path to commercial and naval footholds at Berbera.

This aligns with Abiy’s vision of diversified sea routes, reducing reliance on volatile Djibouti (which handles 95% of Ethiopia’s trade) and tense Eritrea negotiations. Economically, it promises lower logistics costs and boosted exports; geopolitically, it positions Ethiopia as a counterweight to China’s Belt and Road ports in the area.

In essence, Reda’s pledge echoes Zenawi’s: Ethiopia eyes the prize but won’t lead the charge. As U.S.-Somaliland talks heat up, this could redefine Horn stability. Watch the full interview here (link-to-interview) for the unfiltered take.

Somaliland Empowers Regional Staff with Weather Forecasting Training to Bolster Agriculture



In a proactive step toward enhancing food security and disaster preparedness, the Ministry of Agricultural Development, in collaboration with the IMC Center, has rolled out specialized training for regional staff tasked with gathering critical weather and rainfall data.

The sessions, conducted across the Awdal and Togdheer regions, equipped participants with essential professional skills, hands-on instruction on forecasting tools, and best practices for accurate data collection. Over the course of the program, trainees delved into advanced techniques to improve the precision and timeliness of meteorological reporting in remote areas.

This initiative is a cornerstone of our vision for sustainable agriculture,” said the ministry’s

statement. “By upskilling our teams, we are not only driving agricultural growth but also fortifying our communities against the impacts of climate variability, from droughts to flash floods.”

The training’s core aim is to elevate workforce capabilities, positioning these experts to contribute meaningfully to key sectors: advancing crop yields through informed planning, optimizing water resource management, and preempting natural calamities that have long challenged Somaliland’s pastoral and farming communities.

With climate change amplifying risks in the Horn of Africa, such capacity-building efforts underscore Somaliland’s commitment to resilient development. Officials anticipate that similar programs will expand to other regions, potentially integrating digital monitoring systems for even broader impact

Admiral Hurre Leads Somaliland Coast Guard to Record 158 Training Sessions in Milestone Year



In a landmark achievement, Admiral Ahmed Hurre Haariye, Commander of the Somaliland Coast Guard, announced that the force conducted an impressive 158 training sessions over the past year, from October 2024 to October 2025. Speaking at the 30th anniversary celebration of the Coast Guard’s establishment, Admiral Hurre highlighted the force’s robust operations, including 80 missions, 42 of which tackled illegal fishing, and 38 rescue operations saving 28 boats.

The ceremony, held at the Coast Guard Command Headquarters,

was graced by Somaliland’s Vice President and Acting President, H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, alongside national and international dignitaries. Admiral Hurre emphasized the Coast Guard’s critical role in securing Somaliland’s 850 km coastline, enforcing maritime laws, and boosting the nation’s economy. With 60 diverse training programs, including 6 abroad in Kenya and Seychelles, and support from EUCAP and UN ODC, Admiral Hurre’s leadership has significantly strengthened the Coast Guard’s capabilities, marking a pivotal year for maritime security in Somaliland.

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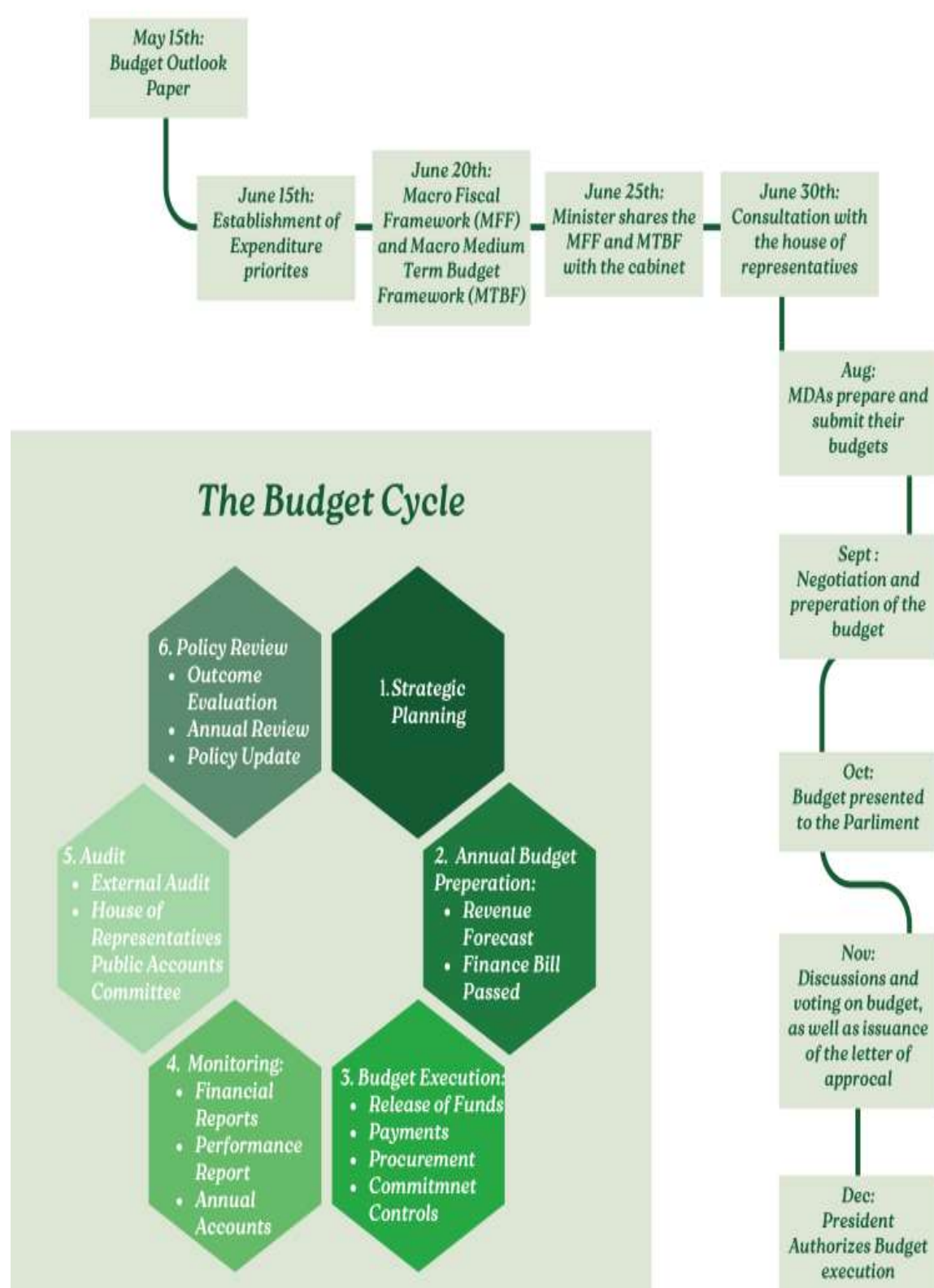
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BUDGET DEPARTMENT

2025 Citizen's Budget Book

Budget Preparation

During the year the Government of Somaliland works on its strategic positioning. For this we analyse the **GLOBAL AND LOCAL TRENDS** to forecast future directions of our **GDP** and **REVENUE**. This is then used to inform, the available **BUDGET** to fulfill the countries **STRATEGIC NDPIII** goals.



Somaliland Ministry of Justice Holds Strategic Meeting to Boost Efficiency



Minister of Justice, Hon. Yoonis Ahmed Yoonis, chaired a pivotal meeting with department directors at the Ministry of Justice headquarters. Joined by Director General Mr. Mohamed Abdi Hashi, the minister focused on accelerating strategic plans and fostering inter-departmental collaboration to enhance the quality and efficiency of public services.

The meeting addressed key areas, including a comprehensive review of departmental performance, identifying achievements and challenges, and exploring solutions for sustainable progress. Discussions emphasized unified efforts to streamline operations and the development of a cohesive, long-term plan to strengthen accountability and justice delivery across Somaliland.

#Somaliland #JusticeMinistry
#Governance #StrategicPlanning

Somaliland's Coast Guard Thwart Cheetah Smuggling Operation, Rescuing 11 Cubs



In a triumphant victory for wildlife conservation, Somaliland's Coast Guard and police have successfully rescued 11 young cheetahs from an illegal smuggling attempt on the eastern coast of the Saaxil region, between Siyaara and Ceel Daraad. Acting on their commitment to protect the nation's precious wildlife, authorities apprehended foreign individuals and their local accomplices involved in the operation. The vehicle used in the smuggling attempt was also seized, demonstrating Somaliland's swift and decisive action against illegal activities.

Somaliland's robust laws banning the smuggling and hunting of wildlife species continue to safeguard its biodiversity, with violators facing imprisonment. This successful intervention underscores the nation's dedication to preserving its natural heritage and sends a powerful message to wildlife traffickers.

Conservation organizations, including @CCFCheetah, @CCFCheetahUK, @WildAfricaOrg, and @somalilandcoas1, are celebrating this win for cheetah conservation. #SaveTheCheetah

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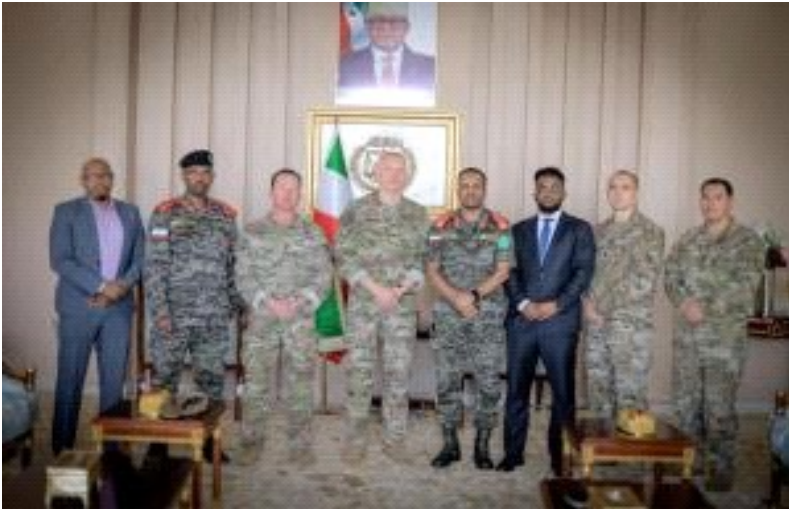
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No	Magaca Shirkadaha
1.	Heegan construction company
2.	Brothers trading construction company
3.	SL general contractors
4.	Hargeysa trading construction company
5.	Al cise ceel-sheekh construction company
6.	Guul alla construction company
7.	Sheikh madar construction company
8.	Galool construction company
9.	Kaah construction company
10	Taabuk construction company
11	Sheybe construction & design company
12	Idil estab for construction company
13	Farah construction company
14	Fatah contracting & construction
15	Al sacaada construction company
16	Riyaq trading & construction company
17	Red sea construction company
18	Nageeye construction company
	Punt engineering corporation
	Range construction company
	Taani construction company
	Somaali construction company (scc)
	Gargaar construction company
	Saaxil construction company
	Raage trader & construction company
	Guul construction and general service co.
	Waaheen construction company
	Dubar construction company
	Al fuadi construction company
	Al fawsi construction company

Somaliland’s Military
Commander Hosts U.S.
Special Operations
Commander in Historic
Security Talks



A New Chapter in Military Collaboration

In a significant development for regional security, Brigadier General Nim'an Yusuf Osman, Commander of the Somaliland Armed Forces, welcomed the U.S. Special Operations Commander in the Horn of Africa and his team to Somaliland today. The high-profile meeting, held at a military headquarter in Berbera, marks a pivotal step forward in U.S.-Somaliland security cooperation and underscores Somaliland's growing strategic importance in the Horn of Africa.

The visit, shared by General Osman on X, featured the U.S. commander and his delegation engaging with Somaliland's military leadership on the tarmac, followed by formal discussions indoors. The images depict a warm reception, with the two commanders standing side by side, flanked by the U.S. and Somaliland flags, symbolizing a broadening of international military ties. A larger group photo showcased additional U.S. and Somaliland officials, highlighting the collaborative nature of the talks.

General Osman, appointed on January 23, 2025, by President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro, expressed his honor in hosting the U.S. delegation. In a post on X, he stated, "Honored to welcome the U.S. Special Operations Commander in the Horn of Africa & his team to Somaliland. Their visit marks a step forward in U.S.-Somaliland security cooperation & a shared commitment to regional stability." The 40-year-old commander, the youngest to hold this post in Somaliland's history, brings a wealth of experience from leading the Gamadiid Special

Forces and the Presidential Guard Unit.

Addressing Regional Threats

The discussions focused on fortifying regional stability and countering the rising threats of extremism and piracy. Somaliland, which reclaimed its independence from Somalia in 1991 and has since maintained relative peace, is positioning itself as a reliable partner amid ongoing instability in Somalia. Recent reports from EUNAVFOR Atalanta indicate a resurgence of piracy off Somalia's coast, with 14 ship hijackings since late November 2024, driven by reduced naval patrols due to Houthi conflicts in the Red Sea. U.S. officials commended Somaliland's long-standing efforts against terrorism and piracy, pledging increased training and technical support. This follows earlier 2025 engagements and aligns with a potential U.S. military base near Berbera, as reported by The Guardian on May 30, 2025, which could enhance U.S. strategic reach in the region.

Looking Ahead

Under General Osman's leadership, the Somaliland Armed Forces have initiated reforms, including a 50% salary hike for personnel in 2025 and the implementation of the IRIS Biometric Registration System to curb payroll fraud. These efforts, combined with the U.S. partnership, signal Somaliland's ambition to modernize its military and solidify its de facto independence.

As tensions rise in the Horn of Africa, this historic meeting may pave the way for deeper bilateral ties, with analysts watching closely for its impact on stability and international recognition for Somaliland



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: 05th October 2025

A. Background

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has received funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP) and intends to apply part of the grant to engage 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 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.

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. 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:

1. Inception Report with a detailed work plan and methodology.
2. A comprehensive PIM Policy and Operational Framework.
3. Standardized templates:
 - Project proposal format
 - Feasibility study report
 - Cash flow projections
1. Guidelines and manuals for:
 - Project identification, preparation, appraisal, monitoring, and evaluation
 - Project selection criteria and methodology
 - Risk management and appraisal techniques
1. Integrated framework for PIM and PPP projects.
2. Functional specifications for Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.
3. Training materials and delivery of capacity-building workshops.
4. Final report summarizing key findings, recommendations, and roadmap for implementation.
- A. 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.

A. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT: The Organization Development Technical Assistant shall be contracted for an initial 6 months. Additionally, the duty station shall be at the Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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 **05th October 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.

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