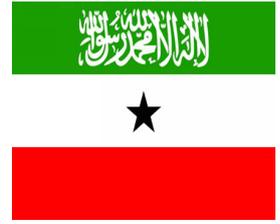




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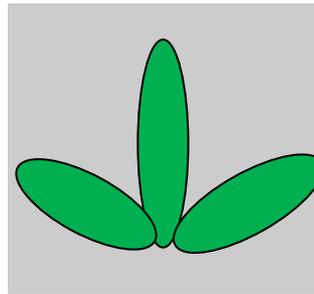
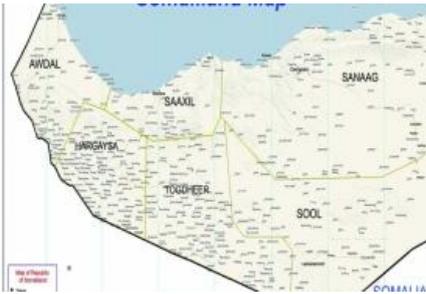
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### Minister's Message



The Ministry of National Planning and Development is the entry point for Somaliland development cooperation, and on behalf of the Government of Somaliland, I would like to express our gratitude to our development and humanitarian partners, including government institutions, donors, international and local non-governmental organizations, and the private sector for their invaluable contribution to the people of Somaliland.

The Ministry aims to be a true partner, and is slowly building its Capacity to facilitate the activities of all actors involved in development and humanitarian work in Somaliland.

The Ministry's charter sets out its goals to be customer-focused – I, and my staff will endeavour to continue to build on our efforts to better serve the development and humanitarian community in Somaliland.

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# Editorial

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*Development Times*, though issued by the Ministry of National Planning and Development (MoNPD), is a platform for the development and humanitarian community working in Somaliland to share information, highlight developments, and share challenges for the community to work towards solutions and share lessons.

The face of development cooperation in Somaliland is changing, as new actors enter the space as implementers. We hope all partners, including local NGOs, International Non-Government Organizations (INGOs), donors, private sector implementers contribute to future editions.

In order to facilitate coordination and cooperation, the Minister has included a list of all INGOs and UN Agencies registered with the Ministry. In the second edition, we hope to include a list of private sector contractors, to complete the picture.

The Ministry looks forward to the contributions in Somali and in English for the coming editions. We have an Interim Editorial Team for this edition of the *Development Times*. In order to make this a product of the development and humanitarian community in Somaliland, we would like to invite members of the community to join the Editorial Team.

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# News

## Somaliland Development Fund

The Somaliland Development Fund is funded jointly by DFID, DANIDA and NORAD. It provides support to the Government of Somaliland, by filling a critical gap through funding projects aligned to the National Development Plan (NDP)

The Somaliland Development Fund has given government ownership since the Joint Steering Committee (JSC), and National Planning Commission (NPC) decides the priority of the projects prepared by the Ministries, A key and innovative feature of the SDF is its integration into the government's planning and budgeting processes and the gradual transfer of fund control of the Fund Manager for the Government. This will be done in distinct phases based upon monitored progress against public financial management, revenue and other public sector reform benchmarks. The project is organized around four main outputs:

- ❖ Improved government capacity to prioritize development objectives and to plan and budget development activities.
- ❖ Increased funds and government capacity to deliver state functions.
- ❖ Increased government control of decision-making and the management of funds.
- ❖ Enhanced citizen awareness of government priorities, activities and expenditure.

BMB Mott MacDonald has been contracted as Somaliland Development Fund (SDF) Manager and will provide the SDF Secretariat responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Fund. Specific responsibilities include Project Development, Procurement, Financial and Fiduciary Risk Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, and State-Citizen Communication.

## Somaliland Special Arrangement (SSA)

The Somaliland Special Arrangement lays out a way forward for institutionalizing on-going Somaliland processes and initiatives within an overarching and equal partnership between the Somaliland government, its people and the international community. It is underpinned by a need to protect and build upon Somaliland's development gains, as a means for maintaining and expanding upon security and economic prosperity throughout the Horn of Africa. The Somaliland Special Arrangement represents an important element of a larger shift in approach to development partner engagement.

The Somaliland Special Arrangement is a separate and distinct part of the Somali Compact. The Somaliland Special Arrangement is the sole framework for engaging with Somaliland's development process under the New Deal partnership.

The simultaneous endorsement of the New Deal principles was conducted in the spirit of the 13 April Ankara Communiqué signed by the Government of Somaliland and the Federal Government of Somalia as part of their on-going dialogue process, in which the two sides agreed to work together to encourage greater and more effective

international development assistance. While the two arrangements were developed through separate processes and will be implemented using separate government systems and mechanisms, their concurrence and mutually reinforcing implementation will help to ensure greater cooperation, trust and goodwill between all Somali people.

### National Development Plan Review (NDP)

The Somaliland National Development Plan covers the period from 2012-2016, and is consistent with the Somaliland Vision 2030. The NDP is the country's strategic plan development plan.

The Ministry of National Planning and Development led by the planning department has conducted a review of the NDP projects since 2012.

The department of planning collected concept notes and implemented projects from 22 Ministries and 10 government Agencies, which shows the projects implemented for 2012.

The number of projects assigned in the NDP was 322, and implemented projects were 179 while 96 are aligned to the NDP and 83 are extra

The NDP funds come from the Government of Somaliland, Development partners and Diaspora as shown in the table:

Source of fund	Amount in US \$
Donors	39,158,262
GoSL	21,000,000
Diaspora	365,000

The total for projects implemented in 2012 was 55.5% of NDP.

## Somaliland Statistical Law

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The Somaliland Statistical Law has been approved by Parliament.

## Regional Development Plan

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The Ministry of National Planning and Development through the financial support of IOM-TIS MIDA has conducted an assessment workshop to identify the gaps and functionality challenges facing the Regional Development Committees (RDCs). The capacity building training was based on the identified gaps relevant to the mandates and the functionality of the RDCs.

The main goal of the training was to equip the RDCs' members with relevant skills and knowledge to enable them to effectively deliver the envisaged regional developmental needs. The main areas of training were:

- ❖ Participatory Community Needs Assessment
- ❖ Strategic Planning/Regional Development Plan
- ❖ Fundraising/Proposal Development.

# Publications and Reports

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## **Somaliland Population Estimation Survey**

The Central Statistics, Department of MONPD is currently completing the Somaliland Population Estimation Survey in the all regions of Somaliland.

The population survey has been conducted with the technical assistance, supported by United Nations Population Activities Fund (UNFPA). The data of this survey is now available and indicates population figures, such as population size, crude birth and death rates, population growth rate; and other demographic indicators, which are vital for other socioeconomic indicators, such as per capita indicators.

## **The Somaliland Government hosts its latest High Level Aid Coordination Forum,**



**Discusses with donors ways to move New Deal partnership from concept to reality** the Somaliland Government concluded its sixth High Level Aid Coordination Forum (HLACF), a two-day event which brought together Somaliland government officials, civil society and their development partners to discuss ways to make the

New Deal cooperation plan a reality on the ground.

The meeting comes at a pivotal moment for Somaliland and the region. With Somaliland's 2015 latest round of presidential and parliamentary elections only a year away, and with terrorist attacks and threats increasing in neighboring countries, there is a need to ensure that Somaliland gets the support it needs to continue contributing to internal and international efforts to promote democracy, security and stability.

The HLACF was first established in 2011 as a means for ensuring harmonization and complementarity between donors and the government in implementing Somaliland's National Development Plan. It has since been integrated into the aid management and coordination structures of Somaliland's separate and distinct New Deal partnership framework, the Somaliland Special Arrangement (SSA), as its platform for facilitating policy dialogue and sequencing the implementation of priority projects towards the achievement of the SSA's Peace building and State building Goal (PSG) milestones.

Those who made the trip to Hargeisa, the capital of Somaliland, for the event included key policy makers from ten foreign governments, as well as representatives from the EU, African Development Bank, UN agencies, international NGOs and private sector development actors. On behalf of the donor community, Head of DfID Phil Evans used the occasion to note the vast potential of Somaliland's economy, particularly in the context of government's sweeping investment climate reforms and progressing trade talks with Ethiopia, and

congratulated the government for its strong political commitment to the New Deal principles of ownership, leadership and use of country systems.

In his keynote address, Somaliland President Ahmed Mohamed Silanyo shined the spotlight on Somaliland's unique stage of development, and the two decades of bottom-up peace building, state building and democratization that enabled Somaliland to reach that point. Noting that the institutional foundations are already in place for the Somaliland government to effectively administer social service provision and development in a secure, efficient and results-oriented manner, the President announced that the focus is now on ramping up reform across key sectors and themes, such as justice, security, elections, public financial management and civil service.

With a clear commitment and division of responsibilities among Somaliland's international partners, the government was confident that it could develop the transparency, accountability, institutional capacity and popular responsiveness to undertake even the largest of tasks. For a government seeking to continue providing peace dividends for its people while also acting as a responsible actor in strengthening regional stability, such tasks include continuing to successfully combat the growing threat of terrorism, ensuring transparent and inclusive natural resource management, fostering more equitable development across Somaliland's regions and guaranteeing access justice, human security and economic opportunity for all.

In addition to highlighting the current state of affairs, the HLACF provided the space for the Somaliland government and

development partners to discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by Somaliland in meeting its Peace building and State building Goal targets; converge upon potential areas of cooperation for concrete project implementation; explore the various funding mechanisms deemed acceptable for ensuring Somaliland ownership over its developmental decision-making; and discuss a proposed monitoring and evaluation framework based on the unique aspirations of the Somaliland people.

The Somaliland Government reiterated its position that the Somaliland Development fund was its preferred financing mechanism for implementing the Somaliland Special Arrangement, as it is fully aligned with the New Deal principles. This fund, established and funded by the UK and Danish Governments, and which the Norwegian Government recently joined, is currently operational and implementing its first batch of projects.

Reflecting upon the outcomes of the event, Somaliland's Minister of National Planning and Development, who coordinated the event noted, "This was a highly successful meeting. Our development partners, which have shown Somaliland tremendous support over the years, provided us with great insight into where they see our partnership going in the future. In return, Somaliland made clear what an acceptable arrangement looks like for us, in the spirit of arriving at a shared commitment to a common vision."

He went on to add, "The goal of all these events and plans is ultimately to provide development support, economic opportunity and dignified livelihoods to the Somaliland people in a way that empowers

them. With every high-level discussion, we hopefully move closer to this goal.”

## Interview

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Development Times has interviewed the Minister of Environment & Rural Development Miss Shugri H. Ismail about the achievements of the Environmental Sector Coordination Committee.

“The meetings play an important role in strengthening coordination and cooperation between the Ministry and its partners concerning environmental issues and in particular information sharing between the organizations and the Ministry.

It has also improved follow up on programs that organizations are implementing, identifying the challenges they face and searching for solutions to these challenges. The meetings have also minimized program overlap.

Many of these achievements were the result of the Environmental Sector Coordination Committee (especially the Chair, Co-chair and Secretariat) although the role of the development partners that attended the meeting regularly, should also not be forgotten. In particular the donor partners were able to support interns, although now that the UNDP funding has finished this help is no longer available.

Continued partner support is urgently needed to continue these highly important meetings.”

## Coordination News

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### High Level Aid Coordination Forums (HLAF)

HLAF is composed of representatives of the Somaliland State (Ministries), non-state actors (NGOs and civil society), the parliament, and development partners; it has the mandate of defining a joint strategy and making decisions on the policy and operational issues brought forward by NACF and development partners which relate to development priorities, as well as implementation and progress reports. HLAF is chaired by Somaliland’s Minister of National Planning and Development and is co-chaired by a representative of the development partners, who is selected on a rotational basis.

HLAF was held on 29th October 2013 at Ambassador Hotel. The Government of Somaliland and Donors fully participated

HLAF normally meets semi-annually at preset dates. In case of necessity, HLAF may meet upon the invitation of the chairs of the forum; with at least two weeks advance notice.

### Inter-sectoral coordination forum

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Inter-sectoral coordination meetings bring together the sector chairs (government institution) and co-chairs (international institution). The main objective is to discuss challenges and recommendations from the sector forums.

The last Intersectoral Coordination meeting was held 12th August 2012 in the Ministry of National Planning and Development Hall.

## Sectoral Coordination Forums

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Sectoral coordination forums bring together representatives from the following sectors:

- ❖ **Economic Sector**
- ❖ **Governance Sector**
- ❖ **Health and Nutrition Sector**
- ❖ **Infrastructure Sector**
- ❖ **Environment Sector**
- ❖ **Water and Sanitation Sector**
- ❖ **Education Sector**
- ❖ **Production Sector**

There will be an SCF for each of the Pillars of the National Development Plan.

SCFs will meet on a monthly, bi-monthly and quarterly basis.

The agreed purpose of sector coordination meetings is to enhance coordination and align all programs to national priorities in order to increase effectiveness of the development aid and to maximize its impact.



SCFs are composed of representatives of relevant line ministries, donor and implementing agencies, NGOs, and the private sector.

After consultation with the National Planning Commission (NPC) it has been agreed that the SCFs will be chaired by line ministers and co-chaired by one of the development partners.

## Events

### Somaliland Food and Water Security Exhibition Week



The conference and its partner exhibition was officially opened on March 02, 2014 by H.E Mr.Abdirahman Abdilahi Ismail 'Saylici', Somaliland Vice president, with the presence of some cabinet members who are also National Food and Water Steering Committee members namely: Dr.Saad Ali Shire, Minister of National Planning and Development; Prof.Faarax Elmi Gedole, Minister of Agriculture, Dr.Abdi aw-dahir Ali, Minister of Livestock; Mr.Ali Jama Farah Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resource; Mr.Hussein Abdulle, Minister of Water resource and also representatives from FAO and IFAD.



The conference was one of the successes achieved by the organized ministries. This crucial event was invited a total of 100 participants from various sectors and academic backgrounds. Participants ranged from public institutions to private institutions, local producers to input suppliers, University deans to students, sector cadres to cooperatives and many more.

Shortly after when he came to the office as Minister of National Planning and Development, Dr. Saad Ali Shire created the first "Somaliland Food and Water Security Strategy" which analyses the present state of food and water security, and identifies constraints, opportunities and recommendations.

The strategy highlighted the wide gap between the domestic production and the imported quantities of the food we consume by recognising that almost all of the food we consume is imported from overseas.

However, two main objectives of the strategy are:

- ❖ Utilizing sustainable agricultural resources (including livestock and fisheries) for income generation and food security;
- ❖ A society whose citizens enjoys good access to safe water.

The strategy brings together the various sectors and stakeholders to work to achieve food and water security objectives. For that reason the Ministry of National Planning and Development with its leading minister proposed the National conference and its partner exhibition to focus on the food and water security strategy. Its purpose was to:

- ❖ Raise awareness of the strategy;
- ❖ Discuss the constraints and challenges;
- ❖ Identify potential opportunities;
- ❖ Explore ways of maximizing production and minimizing losses of produce;
- ❖ Share success stories and solutions;
- ❖ Discuss the role of government; and
- ❖ Engage private sector entrepreneurs.

The expected outcomes included:

- i. Sensitization of the public and policy makers;
- ii. Estimation of production and produce protection targets;
- iii. An initial action plan to achieve such targets;
- iv. A framework for public policies to create an enabling environment; and
- v. The formation of a stakeholders' steering committee.

During the whole day the conference room was a place where knowledge was exchanged and first-hand experience shared, and also where the reality on the ground in Somaliland was brought to the table.

### Working together Conference

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The MNPD held the second Working Together conference among Government Ministries and Development partners on 17th November 2013.

The objectives of the conference were working together, and information sharing and parallel discussions about the Development Toolkit guide. This provides development partners with user-friendly directions about operating in Somaliland, including the registration process, employment, tax exemption, visa, security service; and related policies and laws.

At the Conference the Government reaffirmed its commitment to support the work of the development partners.



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