

## AGENDA FOR 2024 SOMALILAND ECONOMIC FORUM (8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024)

- **Opening remarks (7:30 AM – 8:30 AM)**
  - Arrival and registration
  - Quran Recitation
  - National Anthem
  - SEF Technical deputy chair Mr. Abdi Ali – Discusses purpose of the forum and Overview of the agenda
- **Review of the previous economic forum 2023 report and progress achieved from last year's discussion (08:30 AM – 08:40 AM)**
  - Facilitator: Muna Abdillahi Macallin
  - Participants: All forum attendees
- **Opening remarks: (8:40 AM – 9:20 AM)**
  - **Speakers:**
    - **H. E Ahmed Mohamed Diirye (Toorno), Minister of Planning and National Development** - Discuss progress in NDP 3, and the specific projects and programs that are underway and contributing to the economic development
    - **H.E Abdirisak Ibrahim Mohamed, Minister of Investment and Industrial Development** – Role of the Investment facilitation in Economic Development.
    - **H.E Ali Abdillahi Dahir, Chairman of Central Bank of Somaliland** - Discuss the financial sector development and strategies
    - **H.E. Dr. Sa'ad Ali Shire, Minister of Finance Development** - Discuss the government's plans and priorities for promoting economic development.
- **Keynote address (9:20 AM – 9:40 AM)**
  - **Speaker: President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E Musa Bihi Abdi**
  - President leaves the forum
- **Break for refreshment (09:40 AM – 10:20 AM)**

## Session 2: Speech, Research presentations and discussion (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

- **Session opening remarks:**
  - Brief showcase by an investor’s view point on investment process registration, challenges and way forward
  - MoTT Director General, Mr. Abdirashiid Ibrahim Sh Abdirahman – Doing Business reforms in Somaliland, Starting Business category
- **Research brief presentation:**
  - Presentation of a research brief on “**Somaliland Business Establishment Process Assessment 2024**” by Barkhad A. Hassan – Director of Planning, MoTT (15 minutes) Q&A with the audience
  - SLNIA Director General, Mr. Abdirahman Muusa – Discusses private sector growth and current challenges regarding business process
  - Hon. Chairman of Somaliland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jamaal Aideed
  - H.E Minister of Transport and Roads Development, Raabi Cabdi Mahamed
- **Break for prayer and lunch (12:00 PM – 1:20 PM)**

## Session 3: Panel discussion on Streamlining Business Process (1:30 PM – 2:45 PM)

Time	Activity	Details
1:30 PM - 1:33 PM	Moderator Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief introduction of the panel discussion topic.</li> <li>• Introduction of panelists and their expertise.</li> </ul> Set the context and highlight the importance of streamlining the business formalization process.
1:33 PM - 1:48 PM	Questions for the Private Sector Expert (Abdikarim Gole)	<b>Response Time:</b> 15 minutes for Abdikarim
1:48 PM - 2:03 PM	Questions for the Economist (Ahmed Dalal)	<b>Response Time:</b> 15 minutes for Ahmed.
2:03 PM - 2:18 PM	Questions for the Legal Expert (Garyaqaan Hassan)	<b>Response Time:</b> 15 minutes for Hassan.
2:18 PM - 2:43 PM	Audience Q&A and Discussion	Floor for audience questions and engagement with the panelists.
2:43 PM - 2:45 PM	Moderator Closing Remarks	

- **H.E Minister of ICT, Ahmed Yuusuf Idiris- Discusses automation of Government services – E Government**
- 2024 Somaliland Economic Forum closure (2:45 PM), closed by **H.E Minister of Energy and Minerals, Abdillahi Farah Abd**

