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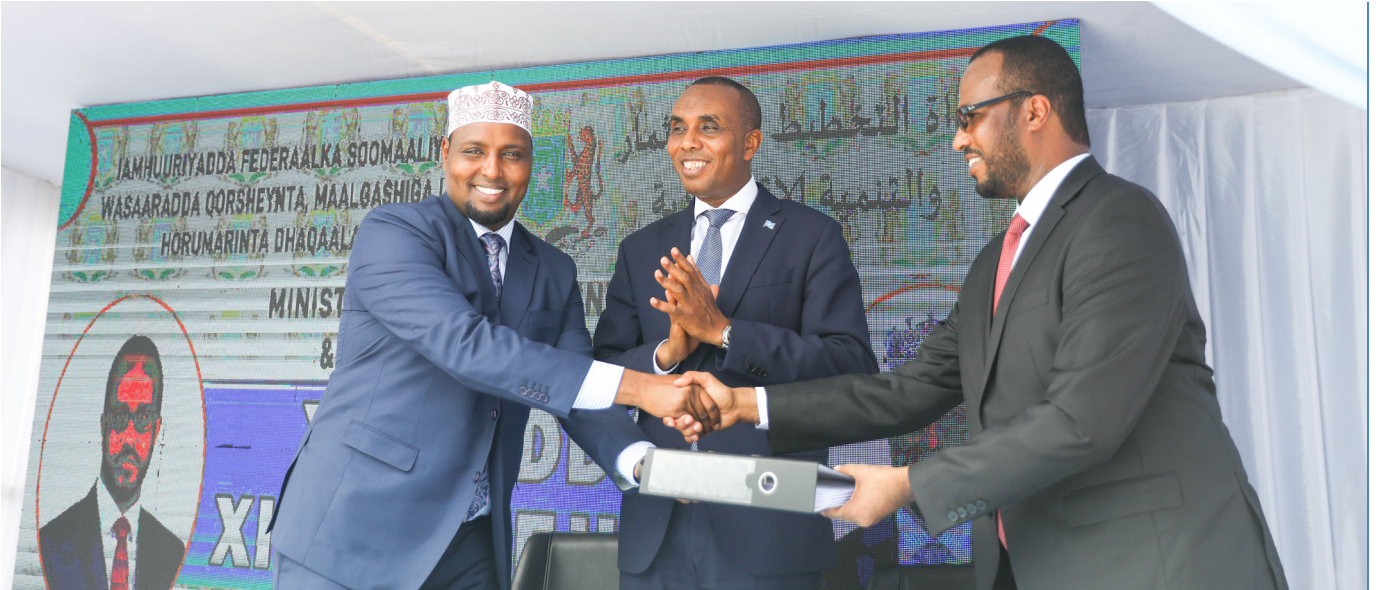
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The engagements that took place over the previous three months are designed to improve the Ministry's collaboration and coordination with the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA) of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), Federal Member States (FMS), as well as international partners.

Coordination of government institutions and advice to the government on medium- and long-term strategies for socioeconomic development and sustainable economic growth are essential responsibilities of the Federal Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development. Due to this, it was crucial to participate in conferences and seminars in certain domains related to policy-making and experience that live up to the high expectations of the general public.

Take Over of the Ministry Helm



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, took over the reins of the ministry from the outgoing Minister, Amb. Gamal M. Hassan at a handover ceremony, which took place at the ministry's headquarters, officiated by the Prime Minister, H.E. Hamza Abdi Barre. Asad Yusuff, the Director-General, Dignitaries from Parliament, directors of departments, heads of sections and a handful of the ministry's staff were in attendance. The former Minister Amb Gamal updated the incoming

Minister on the critical activities of the ministry and wished the new minister success. Likewise, Hon. Beenebeene thanked Amb Gamal and expressed his vision to build on successes and ensure that MoPIED Somalia takes a giant leap forward. The Prime Minister, H.E. Hamza Abdi Barre, concluded his remarks by saying that the ministry is of great importance to the country, and the new Ministers are expected to do a lot to improve the coordination process and increase productivity and meet the desired institutional goals and mandate.

Somalia Government Signs a Development agreement on behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia with the United States Government



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, alongside the Minister of Finance, Dr Elmi Mohamud Nur, co-signed a development agreement on behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia with the United States Government through the United States Agency for

International Development (USAID), represented by the United States Ambassador to Somalia, Larry André.

Worth 86.7 million USD, the arrangement is in line with and propels the government's vision of moving from humanitarian to development. The DOAG will support key sectors, including governance, education and economic development, in line with national priorities per the interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (iPRSP). The DOAG Agreement dated December 5, 2017, between the Government of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Somalia.

A workshop on Mid-Term Performance Review of the Annual Work Plans of FGS institutions



The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia had organized a training workshop on conducting the Mid-Term Performance Review of the Annual Work Plans of FGS institutions. The training workshop brought together various Ministries, Departments and Agencies from the Federal Government of Somalia. The participants were provided with the necessary tools and templates for the performance review data collection, analysis and reporting.

Deputy Minister delivered a keynote speech at the World Investment Conference



H.E. Abdikadir Hanshi, the Deputy Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia, has delivered a keynote speech at the World Investment Conference #WIC22 by the World Association of

Investment Promotion Agencies, highlighting the need for IPAs' collaboration to leave no country behind as countries recover from COVID19 and other shocks.

Workshop on Data Quality Assessment



The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia had concluded a three-day consultative workshop on Data Quality Assessment aimed at enhancing participants' knowledge and skills in the universally accepted data quality measurements and pinpointing current quality issues. The workshop, which was organized and facilitated by the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, proposed strategies to improve the quality of the government administrative data.

UN migration delegation Paid a Courtesy Visit at the Ministry



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, alongside the Director-General Asad Yusuff had a meeting with the UN migration delegation led by Mohamed Abdiker, Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa. Subjects discussed include the situation of IDPs, refugees & strengthening mutual cooperation in peace-building, poverty alleviation & long-term recovery for IDPs.

National Development Council Meeting



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, opened a two-day consultative meeting that brought together the National Development Council, which consists of all Federal Member States Ministries of Planning. State Minister Honorable Abdirashid Jire, also in attendance, stressed the role of collaboration among the members of the NDC in his opening remarks. The meeting focused on various national priorities, resilience, recovery, NGO bill, M&E Framework, ongoing effect of the current drought, etc. Strengthening the existing collaboration and coordination between the FGS and FMS were also discussed, along with depoliticizing the

Council's work. NDC is responsible for realizing and implementing the National Development Plan and plays a significant role in guiding and prioritizing ongoing and future projects.

The meeting concluded with a discussion focused on creating a long-term solution for recurrent droughts and developing resilience and recovery programs to lead displaced communities into a sustainable future. The participants also discussed strengthening the coordination of planning and economic activities of the National Development Plan. The Council agreed to improve capacity development, information sharing and dissemination. The meeting finally highlighted the importance of informing the Somali public.

Town-hall Meeting with Staff



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, had a town-hall meeting with the staff at the ministry in which the minister & the personnel exchanged views and addressed their concerns regarding the fast-tracking of the activities

that are in line with the mandate of the ministry. The minister encouraged continuous improvements and requested the staff to redouble their efforts to meet the ministry's priorities. He also promised his unwavering support to the entire staff.

Mercy Corps Delegation



Director of National Planning at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia, Musa Mohamed Osman, along with key MoPIED staff have today received a delegation from Mercy Corps Somalia at the Ministry's headquarters.

Among the main agenda items of the meeting included Mercy Corps' work in Somalia, and building synergy to

strengthen mutual collaboration on areas of national priorities. Alignment of Mercy Corp's ongoing and planned projects with the National Development Plan was emphasized. Finally, The Director thanked the officials and noted the importance of closely working together to contribute to Somali's grand vision of transitioning away from humanitarian to development through resilience building.

Validation of the National Integrated Monitoring & Evaluation Framework



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, presided over the validation of the National Integrated Monitoring & Evaluation Framework.

The workshop was attended by stakeholders from MDAs at Federal & FMS levels. The Framework, prepared by the M&E Department of led by Zahra Abdi Mohamed aims at guiding the Monitoring & Evaluation of NDP-9 programs, projects, policies & strategies & fast tracking the implementation of the NDP-9.

Review Meeting on the National M&E Policy



The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia convened a one-day Consultative Review Meeting on the National M&E Policy bringing together the Federal & Federal Member States M&E stakeholders. The National M&E Policy aims to guide Monitoring & Evaluation in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The National Integrated M&E Framework and National M&E Policy



The leadership of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia led by the Minister, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, participated in a briefing session facilitated by the MoPIED monitoring and evaluation department on the National Integrated M&E Framework (NIMEF) and National M&E policy, which will guide Monitoring and Evaluation of the NDP-9 programs, policies and projects.

Capacity Building Workshop



The staff of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia benefited from an Audit & Finance training aligned with the admin & finance departments' annual work plan to maximize the staff capacity, boost internal controls, & emphasize implementing PFM reforms.

Capacity building training on organizational skills



The staff at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia benefited a capacity-building training on organizational skills to advance inter-personnel skills that directly impact their performance and maximize practical knowledge within the institution. The workshop, which the office of the Director-General facilitated, brought together heads of sections of the various departments of the Ministry.

Inception Workshop on the Saameynta Project



The Durable Solutions Unit at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia organized a two-day inception workshop on the Saameynta project that brought together all stakeholders and participants. The Saameynta Project is aligned with NDP9 & National Durable Solutions Strategy (NDSS) and will accomplish durable solutions for more than 75,000 IDPs & vulnerable host communities

in Somalia through provision of basic services, land tenure, economic opportunities, community infrastructure & addressing DRR & Climate Change. The project is being piloted in Baidoa. The project funded by Netherlands Embassy in Kenya, Swiss Development and Cooperation and Norway in Somalia guarantees the full participation of displaced & hosting communities.

The Minister Meets Mads U. Hansen, Kube Energy Chief Executive Officer



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, received Mads U. Hansen, Kube Energy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who briefed him on the company's ongoing & planned renewable energy investment projects in Somalia. Kube Energy's investment entry has been facilitated, supported by the Somalia Investment Promotion Office (SOMINVEST).

Briefing on the National Authorizing Office and Ongoing Biyoole Project



In continuation of the departmental & specialized units' briefings, the Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, along with the state minister, Abdirashid Jire, and Deputy Minister Abdulkadir Hashi, received a briefing from the National Authorizing Office (NAO) in order to accelerate effective coordination, facilitation of E.U. projects in Somalia.

Biyoole Project's Coordination Unit

The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, along with other Ministry leadership and directors, held a meeting with Biyoole Project's Coordination Unit & were briefed on the legacy milestones, ongoing activities, as well as project sustainability. This was part of the ongoing briefs to the new Ministry leadership.



Economic Development Department provided updates on its strategic vision and mission



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, Director General Asad Yusuff and Directors of Departments, presided over a departmental update meeting. Agenda items of the meeting centred around the Economic Development

Department, its mandate, strategic vision and mission. Ministry is cognizant of the importance of this portfolio to the country and its potential contribution to reducing poverty.

Discussion on the Ministry's Priorities aligned with the Annual Work Plan



The state minister at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia Abdirashid Jire, who was also acting minister alongside the Deputy Minister, Abdulkadir Hashi

had convened a meeting with directors and senior advisors at the Ministry to discuss the ministry's priorities aligned with the annual work plan to meet the ministry's overall mandate.

Consultative Meeting on Public-Private Partnerships for long-term solutions



The Durable Solutions Unit at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia team led by Habibo Ali, organized Private Sector Engagement Consultative Meeting to discuss contributions & Public-Private Partnerships for long-term solutions for displacement in alignment with the Durable Solutions Strategy (2020 - 2024). The consultative meeting was held in Baidoa in coordination with the Ministry of Planning of Southwest State of Somalia.

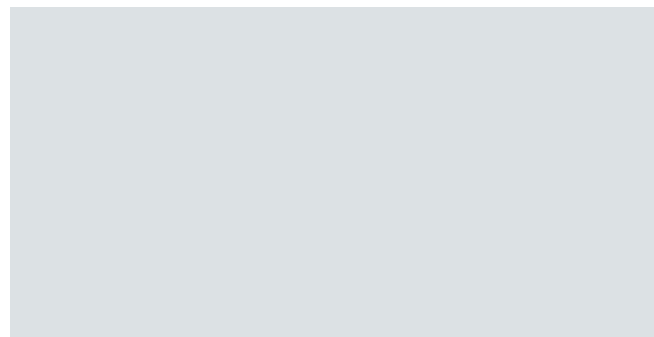


Likewise, the office also had the same consultations in Kismayo in coordination with the Ministry of Planning of Jubaland State of Somalia.

Introductory meeting with the Ministry's Senior Team



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, along with the state minister, Abdirashid Jire and Deputy Minister, Abdulkadir Hashi had an introductory meeting with the Ministry's Senior Team, led by the Director-General AsadY usuff, Directors and other key staff. Departments and special offices/ units delivered departmental updates, milestones and on-going major activities as well as pipelined activities. The new ministry leadership has been well informed and are now ready to serve to deliver strategic national priorities.



Briefing session with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Somalia Crisis Recovery Project (SCRCP)



The Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, other ministry leadership & directors had a briefing session with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Somalia Crisis Recovery Project (SCRCP)— which is co-managed by MoPIED Somalia and @Ministry of Finance.

Launching ceremony for Financing the Durable Solutions Initiative Project for IDPs



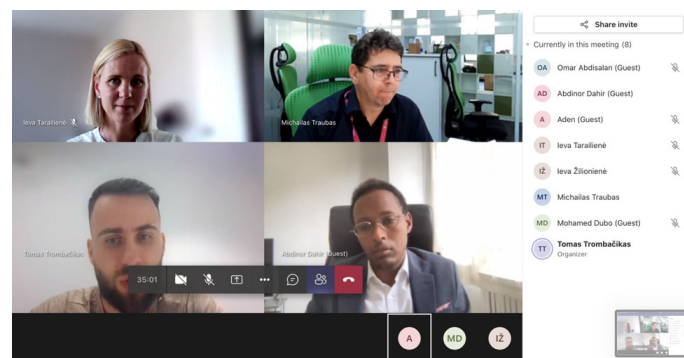
Durable Solution Unit, represented by Zakariya Harbi, presided over the launching ceremony for Financing the Durable Solutions Initiative Project for IDPs in the Baidoa district, which aimed to enhance skills & improve the livelihoods of the IDPs & strengthen local governments. The project, cleared by the Federal Ministry of Planning, is aligned with the NDP-9 and National durable solutions strategy and will be implemented in Baidoa and Bosaso. The event was attended by senior officials from Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States and representatives from the South West State of Somalia. The project will be implemented by the UNCDF and sponsored by the Swiss Development and Cooperation.

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Invest India



In Geneva, the Director of Somalia Investment Promotion Office Mohamed Dubo and MD & CEO of invest india Deepak Bagla signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhancing bilateral investment relations & strategic institutional collaboration to allow FDI flow. SOMINVEST and Invest India will, going forward, exchange sectoral and market information, organize joint investment promotion event and experience to strengthen the overall bilateral investment relations and develop reciprocal investments cooperation, as per domestic laws.

Meeting with NRD Group of Companies from Norway



SOMINVEST team had a virtual call with NRD Group of Companies from Norway. NRD provides cutting-edge public, private and financial sector tailored systems and solutions to advance digitalization, unified e-registry, and e-government in general. The company supports IPAs & Governments to deploy solutions that enhance general efficiency, reduce the cost of operations, and increased revenues. The company is exploring existing investment opportunities in Somalia, following investments in Rwanda, Ghana, and Uganda.

SOMINVEST



SOMINVEST team had a meeting with Astaan Media Group management. Both sides explored possible collaboration in the upcoming Somalia International Investment Conference (#SIICO22) planned to take place in Mogadishu on the 28-29th of November 2022.

Virtual meeting with invest India



SOMINVEST team—led by Abdul Billow Ali, Advisor, Head of Asia Desk and Abdinor Dahir, Senior Strategic Investment Advisor—held a virtual meeting with Invest India ahead of the World Investment Conference (#WIC22) set for 13-14th September 2022 in Geneva,

Invest India is the current President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies. Sides discussed Somalia-India investment cooperation as well as other important #WIC22 & WAIPA related issues. Somalia and India enjoy historical Investment & Trade ties.

The Minister meets JICA Vice President



On the sidelines of the #TICAD8 Conference, the Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman, had a meeting with Vice President of JICA H.E Nakamura Toshiyuki.

Discussions centred around JICA's interventions & support within Somalia, including educational opportunities for youth, FDI to Somalia & capacity building.

Validation workshop in strengthening inter-institutional coordination and collaboration assessment

In a validation workshop held in Mogadishu today, Somalia Investment Promotion Office of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development - Somalia, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Somali National Bureau of Statistics had committed and expressed mutual interest in strengthening

inter-institutional coordination and collaboration.

The cooperation roadmap will lead to the harmonisation of macroeconomic data collection, evaluation & dissemination to enhance data impairment for the NDP, development programs, the FDI regime and the debt-relief process.



Signing MOU with Uganda Invest



With the support of International Financial Cooperation, SOMINVEST and Uganda invest had signed an MOU that will foster exchange of info, knowledge & tech to promote reciprocal investments in both territories

The MOU was signed by the Director-General at the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development of Somalia Mr. Asad Yusuff and Uganda Invest Chairman Mr. Rwakakamba Morrison in the presence of their Excellencies Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and Kaguta Museveni in Kampala.

SOMINVEST Meets with the Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye



Abdulkadir Mohamoud, Investment Sourcing Advisor at SOMINVEST, met with the Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye. Sides exchanged insight on investment opportunities in both territories & agreed to promote mutual investments between Somalia and Türkiye. Modalities of implementation of the recently signed MoU between the Somalia Investment Promotion Office and Invest in Türkiye were discussed. Somalia and Turkey's strategic partnership is being translated into actionable programs at all levels.

SOMINVEST team has paid a visit to @IremboGov, the Rwanda government service delivery gateway to the citizens that has facilitated easier, affordable and efficient service delivery. The Initiative has almost eliminated corruption, increased revenue & enhanced public confidence.



Mohamed Dubo, Director of Somalia Investment Promotion Office, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Zephaniah Niyonkuru, Deputy CEO of Rwanda Development Board (RDB), after the necessary approvals from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somalia and the State Attorney General. The agreement will Strengthen investment cooperation between Somalia and Rwanda.

The agreement will foster the exchange of information & reciprocal investment promotion, especially in ICT, agriculture & manufacturing. Somalia Investment Promotion Office & @RDBRwanda will encourage & support each other's investment promotion efforts at regional, continental & global platforms.

The investment cooperation between Somalia and Rwanda will be anchored on the existing bilateral cooperation between the Government of the Federal Republic of #Somalia and the Government of #Rwanda

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