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## SEPTEMBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS





## GENERAL OVERVIEW

September 2025 marked a significant milestone for the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), demonstrating the Ministry's leadership in advancing Somalia's National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and fostering evidence-based collaborations for sustainable development.

Throughout the month, MoPIED conducted high-level national consultations and engaged with key international partners to ensure alignment of development efforts with Somalia's strategic priorities. Key achievements included the NTP Pillar Coordination Meetings in Mogadishu, the Busan Global Partnership Forum 2025 in Seoul, the inauguration of the Somalia Evaluation Society (SOMES), and enhanced cooperation with the United Nations system and other stakeholders.

These endeavours underscore Somalia's progress in promoting good governance, sustainable economic growth, human capital development, and climate resilience, while emphasising the significance of inclusive and accountable approaches to accomplish long-term development objectives.





## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



*September 2025 marked a notable milestone in Somalia's journey towards national transformation and sustainable development.*

*The Ministry's active participation at the Busan Global Partnership Forum highlighted Somalia's advocacy for effective, country-led, and evidence-based collaborations that are aligned with our national priorities.*

*Domestically, the successful conclusion of the NTP Pillar Coordination Meetings and the establishment of the Somalia Evaluation Society (SOMES) illustrate our commitment to transparent planning, inclusive participation, and the improvement of accountability mechanisms.*

*These achievements reaffirm our vision of ensuring Somalia's development is driven by data, collaboration, and local ownership. As we look ahead to the coming months, we remain committed to fostering partnerships that yield tangible outcomes for the Somali people and lay the groundwork for a resilient and prosperous future.*

**H.E. Mohamud C. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene)**  
**Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development**



## SOMALIA TAKES PART IN THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



On 30 September 2025, the Director-General of the Ministry of Planning, Investment, and Economic Development (MoPIED), Mr Mohamed Shire, participated in the 2025 Busan Global Partnership Forum held in Seoul. Mr Shire served as a panellist during a high-level discussion on Development Effectiveness, a timely engagement amid a decline in global Official Development Assistance (ODA). In his address, he underscored Somalia's National Transformation Plan (NTP 2025–2029) and Vision 2060 as the central frameworks guiding the country's development strategies. He offered practical examples illustrating how the Somali Aid Architecture facilitates coordination among the government, development partners, and communities to produce tangible results. Furthermore, he emphasised the importance of evidence-based, country-led partnerships in achieving sustainable development, particularly in the context of declining aid flows. "We seek international cooperation to be more effective and aligned with our national priorities. Somalia must assume full ownership of its development agenda, driven by data and inclusive collaboration," stated Mr Mohamed Shire. The Busan 2025 Forum served as a strategic platform for developing nations to exchange experiences, strengthen development partnerships, and bolster the capacity of national institutions to realise sustainable outcomes.

## MOPIED AND THE UNITED NATIONS COLLABORATE TO ACCELERATE NATIONAL M&E SYSTEMS



On **30 September 2025**, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Department of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) convened a significant meeting with the Deputy Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General and the Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia (UNRCO).

Discussions centred on enhancing cooperation between the government and the United Nations, finalising the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) framework, preparations for the second National M&E Conference, the establishment of the Somalia Evaluation Society (SOMES), and the development of the 2026 Work Plan.

Both parties concurred to expedite collaboration efforts and to ensure that all United Nations support is fully aligned with the NTP 2025–2029.

## ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN (NTP)

On **29 September 2025**, MoPIED convened a consultation meeting aimed at expediting the implementation of the National Transition Plan (NTP) for 2026 and strengthening collaborative planning between the Federal Government and international development partners. The session was inaugurated by the Acting Director General, Mr Abdinasir Omar Katib, and included senior officials from various federal institutions. Attendees reviewed the pillars of the NTP and their



respective development targets. This meeting was instrumental in fostering enhanced collaboration between the Federal Government and development partners to accelerate progress towards Somalia's national development objectives.

## PRELIMINARY MEETING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOMALIA EVALUATION SOCIETY (SOMES)



On 28 September 2025, the Deputy Minister of MoPIED, Mr Mohamed Aden Mohamed, presided over an initial meeting regarding the establishment of the Somalia Evaluation Society (SOMES). The discourse focused on SOMES's role in enhancing evidence-based national planning and the assessment of government initiatives, thereby ensuring that development policies

and projects are founded on dependable data. Mr Mohamed articulated the Ministry's dedication to supporting SOMES, describing it as: "A vital platform for good governance, accountability, and rebuilding Somalia." Attendees comprised representatives from the Somalia Chamber of Commerce, civil society, academia, and the Office for the Coordination of International Agencies, underscoring the importance of extensive collaboration in strengthening the nation's evaluation frameworks.

## CONSULTATION ON FORMALISING SOMALIA'S INFORMAL BUSINESSES



On 27 September 2025, MoPIED's Department of Economic Development held a consultation and workshop aimed at exploring strategies for integrating informal businesses into the formal economy. The session, officially opened by Director-General Mr Mohamed Shire, brought together government agencies and private sector representatives. Discussions covered data on informal enterprises, the challenges they face, and potential opportunities for their growth. Mr Abdinasir Omar Katib, Director of the Department of Economic Development, emphasised the importance of transitioning private enterprises into the formal sector and highlighted the government's initiatives to streamline business registration processes and improve support for entrepreneurs. Director-General Shire stressed the need for national measures to reduce informality and secure access to critical economic data vital for job creation, financial inclusion, and infrastructure development.

## DIRECTOR GENERAL CONDUCTS MEETING WITH UNFPA REGIONAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR



On **25 September 2025**, the Director General of Mopied, Mr Mohamed Shire, engaged in discussions with a delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), led by Mr Dominic Allen, Regional Deputy Director for the Arab States. The meeting focused on aligning UNFPA programmes with the National Transition Plan (NTP) 2025–2029, which outlines Somalia’s national development priorities for the coming five-year period.

Mr Shire expressed his gratitude for UNFPA’s continuous support to the Ministry and other government bodies, emphasising the vital role of strategic partnerships in achieving national development goals.

## MOPIED’S AID COORDINATION DEPARTMENT MEETS WITH THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR’S



On **September 24, 2025**, MoPIED’s Aid Coordination Department convened a meeting with officials from the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office (RCO) at the Ministry’s headquarters. The discussions focused on strengthening the Pillar Working Group (PWG) meetings, enhancing mutual accountability between the Government and the United Nations, and preparing for the upcoming

Development Cooperation Forum (DCF). This engagement is part of the ongoing efforts to enhance development cooperation and advance the priorities outlined in the National Transformation Plan (NTP) 2025–2029.

## SHOWCASING THREE YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THE DANQARAN GOVERNMENT



On September 18, 2025, MoPIED participated in an exhibition that showcased the accomplishments of the DanQaran Government over the preceding three years. The President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and other senior national officials attended the event. During the exhibition, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), Minister of Planning, provided an overview of the Ministry's advancements in national planning, investment promotion, and the modernisation of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems. The event highlighted the Ministry's leadership in promoting strategic planning, accountability, and sustainable development within Somalia.

## NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN (NTP) PILLAR COORDINATION MEETING CONCLUDES IN MOGADISHU



From **15 to 18 September 2025**, the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) convened the NTP Pillar Coordination Meeting, a four-day conference designed to foster enhanced collaboration among government entities, development partners, United Nations agencies, civil society organisations, and the private sector. The objective was to align efforts with the priorities outlined in the NTP 2025–2029.

**Day 1** was dedicated to the Governance Pillar, emphasising issues such as constitutional review, federalism, the rule of law, reconciliation, and civic engagement.

**Day 2** addressed the Sustainable Economic Development Pillar, covering topics including food security, resilient infrastructure, employment generation, domestic revenue mobilisation, and climate-resilient investments.

**Day 3** focused on the Human Capital and Social Development Pillar, discussing inclusive education, healthcare services, access to clean water, urban planning, and support initiatives for youth, women, persons with disabilities, and displaced populations.

**Day 4** concluded with discussions on the Climate and Environmental Resilience Pillar, highlighting land restoration, strengthening disaster management at the state level, preparations for COP30, and enhancing the resilience of coastal and vulnerable communities.

The meeting reaffirmed Somalia's commitment to adopting integrated approaches that promote effective governance, sustainable economic development, inclusive social services, and resilience against climate change, in pursuit of a shared and prosperous future.

## MINISTER OF PLANNING MEETS UN WOMEN COUNTRY HEAD



On September 9, 2025, Minister of Planning, H.E. Mohamud A. Sheikh Farah (Beenebeene), convened a meeting with Dr Rukaya Mohammed, the Country Representative of UN Women in Somalia. The discussion centred on fortifying collaborative efforts toward the implementation of the National Transition Plan (NTP) 2025–2029, aligning UN Women’s initiatives with national priorities,

enhancing joint Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) activities, and improving data collection concerning women to monitor and assess progress in promoting gender equality in Somalia.

## PRELIMINARY NTP PILLAR COORDINATION MEETING WRAPS UP IN MOGADISHU



From August 31 to September 3, 2025, MoPIED’s Aid Coordination Department concluded the Preliminary NTP Pillar Coordination Meeting. This assembly brought together government agencies, development partners, civil society organisations, and the private sector to harmonise the NTP 2025–2029 with the forthcoming UN Cooperation Framework (UNCF 2026–2030) and to prepare the agenda for the principal NTP Pillar Coordination Conference, scheduled for mid-September.

Each day over the four days was dedicated to a specific pillar of the NTP:-

**Day 1:** Governance Pillar – evaluating progress against the 2025 targets, identifying funding deficiencies, and aligning with the UNCF 2026–2030.-

**Day 2:** Sustainable Economic Development Pillar – reviewing progress, challenges, and opportunities for accelerating growth.-

**Day 3:** Human Capital and Social Development Pillar – concentrating on access to fundamental services such as education, health, water, and protection for vulnerable populations.-

**Day 4:** Climate and Environmental Resilience Pillar – discussing land restoration, resilience building for vulnerable communities, and Somalia’s preparations for COP30.

The meeting emphasised the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in ensuring the effective implementation of the NTP 2025–2029, thereby promoting good governance, economic development, social services, and climate resilience.



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