SOMALIA-EUROPEAN UNION BUSINESS FORUM

Invest in Somalia: Unlocking High-Potential Markets

Monday 5 October 2026	
09.00 – 10.00	**REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE**
10.00 – 10.45	**Welcoming** **Speakers:** H.E. László Eduárd Máthé – Ambassador of the European Union to Somalia H.E. Mohamud Abdirahman Sh. Farah – Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir – Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation H.E. Gamal Mohamed Hassan – Minister of Commerce and Industry **Master of Ceremony**: **Mr. Abdulaziz Billow Ali**
10.45 – 11.15	**High-level opening session** **Opening remarks:** Chief Guest
11.15 – 11.45	**Launch of projects** Access to EU Markets for Somali Companies – EU Enabling economic and livelihood opportunities in Somali fisheries sector – Italy Energy for Sustainable Growth in Somalia – Sweden Economic development & Entrepreneurship programme - Germany
11.45 – 12.30	**Visit of exhibition and Group photo**
12.30 – 13.30	Networking lunch
13.30 – 14.00 Conference Hall	**Somalia's Investment Outlook: Opportunities, Priorities and Prospects** **Mr. Ismail Aballa Ali - Director, Somalia Investment Authority**
14.00 – 15.30 Conference Room 4	**Panel Discussion 1 – Agribusiness opportunities under the Global Gateway** Explore opportunities in agriculture, livestock, and agro-processing; discuss infrastructure, finance, standards and market access needed to build competitive value chains linking Somali producers to regional and global markets. **Speakers:** Mr. Ahmed Keinan – Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Mr. Abdiwali Abdullahi Moumin – Executive director, Moumin Group Mr. Hussein Nur Hassan – Operation Manager, Gaalooge Mr. Mahat Mohamed Ahmed – Vice President Horn of Africa, Shuraako Capital Mr. Adam Hussein Derow – Director of Animal Production & Research, MoLFR **Moderator: Dr. Mohamud Hussein - Agricultural expert**
14.00 – 15.30 Conference	**Panel Discussion 2 – Powering growth with sustainable and affordable energy** Discuss Somalia's energy mix (offgrid, minigrid, renewables), regulatory reforms

Hall	and investment opportunities to expand reliable and affordable power for businesses and households, aligned with green transition and climate resilience. **Speakers:** Mr. Abdifatah Mohamed – Director of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources Mr. Sharmarke Abdukhadir – CEO, Tamarso Ltd Mr. Mohamed Abdullahi - Acting CTO, BlueSky Energy Mr. Mohamed Okash, - REED Program Coordinator Mr Dragos Cortacea – CEO, Eurotechnica Electrical and Security System Mr Philipp Wagner – CEO, Weelectrify Africa **Moderator: Mr. Abdishakur Mohamed Ahmed – Energy Specialist Cowater International**
14.00 – 15.30 Conference Room 2	**Panel Discussion 3 – Fisheries and the Blue Economy: turning Somalia's coastline into sustainable prosperity** Explore how marine resources can drive sustainable, inclusive growth and decent jobs, while protecting ocean ecosystems; actors will discuss policy reforms, derisking instruments and concrete investment opportunities across the fisheries value chain. **Speakers:** Mr. Abdi Dirshe – Director General, Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy Mr. Christophe Crug – Business Development, KTI Mr. Issa Haji Farah Yusuf – CEO, Northeastern Fisheries Company Mr. Fabio Minniti – Head of Office, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Mr. Abdi Ali Rage – CEO, SOM MARINE Ltd **Moderator: Mr. Najib Abdi – Programme Coordinator & O.i.C, UNIDO Somalia**
15.30 – 16.00 Conference Hall	**Voices from the Somalia Private Sector** SOMFRESH – Mr Abdikadir Mohamed Nur, CEO SOMMARINE Ltd – Mr Abdi Ali Rage, CEO SOMSEED AGRI Ltd – Mr Luqmaan Ahmed Farah, Operations and Business Development Manager INNOVII DIGITAL SERVICES - Yasir Osman, Enterprise Manager WADAAGSAN LLC - Dr. Ali Abdullahi Warsame, Senior Advisor for Business Development and External Engagement **Mr. Yassin Mohamud Ibar - Chair Person, Chamber of Commerce**
All day	**Networking / Visit of booths / B2B/B2G – Conference room nr 3**
17.00	***Reception and High-Level Dinner***

Tuesday 6 October 2026	
08.45 – 09.15	**REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE**
09.15 – 09.30 Conference Hall	**Setting the scene - Somalia's economic transformation outlook** **Mr. Kamal Gutale - Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister**
09.30 – 10.30 Conference Hall	**Plenary session: Somalia's investment climate and reform agenda** Present Somalia's macroeconomic outlook, key reforms (e.g. business environment, financial sector, governance), and priority sectors for investment under the EU–Somalia partnership. The discussion will give investors clarity on risks, mitigation measures and available support instruments. **Speakers:** Mr. Suleiman Sheikh Umar - DG of Ministry of Finance Mr. Mahdi Abdikarim Daud, Executive Director - Somalia Central Bank Mr. Feisal Hassan – Director General, Somali Investment Authority Mr. Ahmed Khaddar Abdi Jama, Chief Executive Officer of the Somali Bankers Association (SBA) Mr. Souleiman Abdi Dualeh - CEO Gargaara **Moderator: Mr. Abdirahman Abdullahi Ali – Investment Climate Reform Expert, Somalia Investment Authority**
10.30 – 12.00 Conference Hall	**Panel Discussion 4 – Trade facilitation and logistics - Connecting Somalia to Regional and EU markets** Discuss ports, corridors, customs, transport and logistics services needed to reduce trade costs and improve reliability; highlight investment and PPP opportunities in ports, roads, dry ports, logistics hubs, and trade facilitation. **Speakers:** Mr. Mohammed Ali Nur – Director General, Mogadishu Port Authority Mr. Angus Miller – Director Horn of Africa, TradeMark Africa Mr. Sadaq Mohamed – Trade Facilitation Committee coordinator, OPM Mr. Ahmed Farah – Executive Director, East African Business Council Ms. Fahmo Hassan Mohamud – Managing Director, Falcon Logistics **Moderator: Katharina Stumpf - GIZ Cluster Coordinator for East African Community**
10.30 – 12.00 Conference Room 4	**Panel Discussion 5 – Building a connected and inclusive digital economy** Showcase Somalia's progress in connectivity, mobile money and fintech; discuss regulations, digital skills, and investment opportunities in telecoms, data infrastructure and eservices, aligned with humancentric digital principles. **Speakers:**

	Mr. Mustafa Y. Sheik – Director General, National Communication Authority Mrs. Kaltun Mohamed Hassan – Country Officer, IFC Mr. Abdirisak Aden – Founder and CEO, Farsight Africa Mr. Abdullahi Mohamed Nuur – Business Development Manager, Hormuud Telecom Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Jama – CEO, Dalkom Somalia **Moderator: Abdullahi Bihi Hussein – Managing Director, Somalia Payment Switch**
12.00 – 14.00	Prayers and Networking lunch
14.00 – 15.30 Conference Hall	**Plenary Session – Financing Somalia's Growth (EU Investment Hub, blended finance, guarantees and DFIs)** Showcase how public and development finance (EU, DFIs, IFIs) can de-risk and crowd-in private capital for Somalia's priority sectors. Concrete examples of instruments and transactions are presented. **Speakers:** Ms. Caroline Adriaensen – Head of Partnerships Somalia, EU Ms. Hodan Osman – President, Somalia Development and Reconstruction Bank Ms. Caroline Bastholm – Programme Manager, Embassy of Sweden Mr. Simon Hagemann – Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Germany Mr. Abdishakur Mohamed Afrah – Head of Business, Premier Bank **Moderator: Mr. Abdirizak Birre - Key Expert, COWATER**
15.30 – 16.00 Conference Hall	**Award ceremony for Young Entrepreneurs** **Moderator: Ahmed Mohamed - Regional Coordinator, Shaqadoon**
16.00 – 16.45 Conference Hall	**High-level Closing Ceremony** **Key Notes** H.E László Eduárd Máthé – Ambassador of the European Union to Somalia H.E. Mohamed Adam Moalim Ali – Minister of Communication and Technology H.E Abdillahi Bidhan Warsame – Minister of Energy and Water Resources **Closing Remarks:** Chief Guest **Master of Ceremony**: **Mr. Abdulaziz Billow Ali**
16.45 – 17.30	**Networking / Visit of booths / B2B/B2G**