



## **DIASPORA DEPARTMENT**

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### **Communique / Declarations from the Somaliland Diaspora Week 2025**

**Theme "Redefining the Role of Diaspora from Benefactor to Strategic Partner"**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Guleid Hotel, Hargeisa, Republic of Somaliland**

The Diaspora Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation is honoured to communicate the official outcomes and declarations following the successful conclusion of Somaliland Diaspora Week 2025, held from August 2nd to 5th at Guleid Hotel, Hargeisa, under the theme “Redefining the Role of Diaspora from Benefactor to Strategic Partner.”

This landmark event brought together over 700 participants, comprising diaspora leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, government representatives, youth and women’s organizations, investors, civil society actors, and local government officials. The Week provided a valuable platform to enhance engagement with Somaliland’s global diaspora and to explore avenues for strategic partnership and collaboration.

Key resolutions and declarations from Diaspora Week 2025 include:

1. **Endorsement of Continued Diaspora Engagement:** Participants expressed gratitude to the government for establishing Diaspora Week and called for its continued expansion as a forum to promote cooperation with the diaspora.
2. **Condemnation of External Aggression:** The diaspora firmly condemned Somalia’s aggression in Eastern Sool, fully supporting the decisions of the Somaliland Cabinet of Ministers’ session held on August 2nd, 2025.
3. **Acknowledgment of Economic Contributions:** Recognition was given to the diaspora’s vital socio-economic role, notably their remittances exceeding one billion dollars annually, and recommendations were made to establish an investment mechanism fostering broad diaspora partnership through well-regulated investment schemes.
4. **Call for Diaspora Unity:** The diaspora communities were urged to strengthen solidarity and unite in advancing Somaliland’s development and safeguarding national interests.



5. Strengthening Community Networks: Emphasis was placed on organizing diaspora professional groups and enhancing coordination to support Somaliland's efforts toward international recognition.
6. Improvement of Investment Environment: Calls were made to improve the investment climate, including streamlined service delivery and strengthened legal frameworks on land management, intellectual property, and incentives.
7. Mobilization of Diaspora Expertise: The creation of a centralized database and utilization of modern technology were proposed to effectively harness diaspora skills for national development.
8. Focus on Diaspora Youth: Special initiatives to preserve the language, culture, and identity of younger generations born abroad were highlighted as critical.
9. Enhanced Government Coordination: Strengthening inter-institutional collaboration to maximize diaspora participation was recognized as essential.
10. Establishment of Diaspora Trust Fund: A dedicated trust fund to channel diaspora investments and resources was proposed.
11. Formation of National Diaspora Advisory Council: The creation of a formal advisory council to bridge diaspora communities and the government, facilitating policy implementation, was endorsed.
12. Strengthening Diplomatic Missions: The improvement of Somaliland's diplomatic offices abroad was deemed vital to better serve diaspora communities.

The Diaspora Department remains committed to advancing these strategic goals and fostering a robust partnership with Somaliland's diaspora worldwide.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all participants and stakeholders whose contributions ensured the success of Diaspora Week 2025 and look forward to continued collaboration in future initiatives.

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