

# **Reconciling the Weaknesses and Gaps in Environmental Policies and Legal Instruments of Somaliland**

**Workshop Report**

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## **Executive summary**

The purpose of this workshop was to hold Reconciling the weaknesses and gaps in environmental policies and legal instruments of Somaliland for the issues of decentralized environmental governance and mainstreaming environmental management.

Participants have discussed upon the Importance of making environmental decentralization in Somaliland and implementing the obligations of Rio conventions by looking the role of ministries to address the quality environment protection in Somaliland.

## **Workshop Overview**

### Background and Objectives

Issues like environmental protection, poverty reduction, having quality water, and ensuring quality life for the citizen of a Nation is being a dominant phenomenon in Somaliland. The proposed Cross Cutting Capacity Development project provides an opportunity to strengthen institutional capacities to meet and sustain Rio Convention obligations. This project directly addresses three main categories of articles under the three Rio Conventions. The project will be implemented through three strategically linked components, each of which contains a set of outputs with their respective activities. At the end of the project, each of the three components will result in an expected outcome, namely: 1) Environmental governance is improved through strengthened policy coordination, 2) Global environmental governance is decentralized, and 3) Environmental attitudes and values for the global environment are improved.

One of the Purposes of this project is to support the ministry of Environment and rural development to coordinate the multi-lateral environmental agreements to meet obligations of the Rio Conventions, this support will rebuild and strength the institutions to ensure that the ministry will provide the platform to implement environmental agenda.

On July 28, 2020 Tuesday, stakeholders gathered to participate in the one day workshop program on reconciling the weaknesses and gaps in environmental policies and legal instruments of Somaliland. The program held in the hall of ministry of Environment and rural development. The workshop program has been attained with fruitful discussion upon the issues among various stakeholders from government institutions. As the workshop program was focused on the, reconciling the weaknesses and gaps in environmental policies and legal instruments of Somaliland, key stakeholders were eleven (11) ministries and NADFORD, Throughout the workshop, the presentations and discussions taken place were specifically on the topic of SWOT Analysis of Policy and Institutional Frameworks related to the three Rio Conventions, with particular reference to Decentralized Environmental Governance and Environmental Mainstreaming.

## **The aim and objectives of the workshop program**

Main aim of this workshop program is to consult and share the draft SWOT analysis of Somaliland Environmental Governance and Environmental Mainstreaming Report with the stakeholders to understand and reconcile the weaknesses and gaps in key environmental policies and legal instruments through learning-by-doing.

### **The specific objectives of this workshop are as follows:**

- Interact and exchange experience and knowledge related to current situation of decentralized environmental governance and mainstreaming environmental management in Somaliland government institutions.
- Identify bottlenecks in achieving decentralized environmental governance and mainstreaming environmental management.
- Aware and motivate stakeholders related to Environmental protection activities.

## **Activities**

In order to achieve the objectives of this workshop, following activities has been conducted.

- Presentation from Consultant on SWOT Analysis of Policy and Institutional Frameworks related to the three Rio Conventions, with particular reference to Decentralized Environmental Governance and Environmental Mainstreaming.
- Plenary discuss with the stakeholders to consult and let the opportunity to share their feedback, Q & A to provide more inputs and suggestions required.
- Discussion among participants of how to reconciling the weaknesses and gaps in environmental policies and legal instruments of Somaliland.

## **Recommendations**

After fruitful discussion and group work, the participants suggest some recommendations:

1. Developing environmental guidelines for land use planning in Somaliland is very important because it helps to reduce effects that damage the environment and it promotes efficient use of natural resources.
2. Thinking out of making and planning how to develop annual environmental plan that broadcast the plans of Somaliland to environmental protection whether short time term or long term. Annual
3. There has been a growing individual and collective awareness in recent years in Somaliland to influence the community in environmental decisions. Somaliland starts steps which make easy to increase in awareness of the threats to the environment from human activities on both a local and global scale, but also needs a massive increase to

localize the number of rules on international legal instruments governing environmental issues.

4. The most important point that agreed was building capacity in Environmental Impact Assessment to government institutions in order to ensure to do this, it requires funds and experts, and tools of Environmental Impact Assessment.
5. Strengthen collaboration, coordination and coordination of activities in national and regional information networks that will support the processes of improving local environmental management.
6. Also there is a great to make Annual Environmental Report which will concise summary of environmental performance of all activities undergoing in the environment of Somaliland and it contains guidelines for monitoring all information like the emissions, pollution.

### **Achievement of the program**

Workshop has been useful to identify systematic issues in achieving reconciliation the weaknesses and gaps in environmental policies and legal instruments of Somaliland. Recommendations from participants representing different institutions has shared their insights on decentralized environmental governance and mainstreaming environmental management context of Somaliland institutions. A common perspective of environmental decentralization and environmental management has been developed among participant.

This has also been a chance for government institution that work activities that relate environment to come together and work for social goals. Ministry of Environment and rural development and including all the participants have provided positive feedback on the program and the discussion took place on that day.



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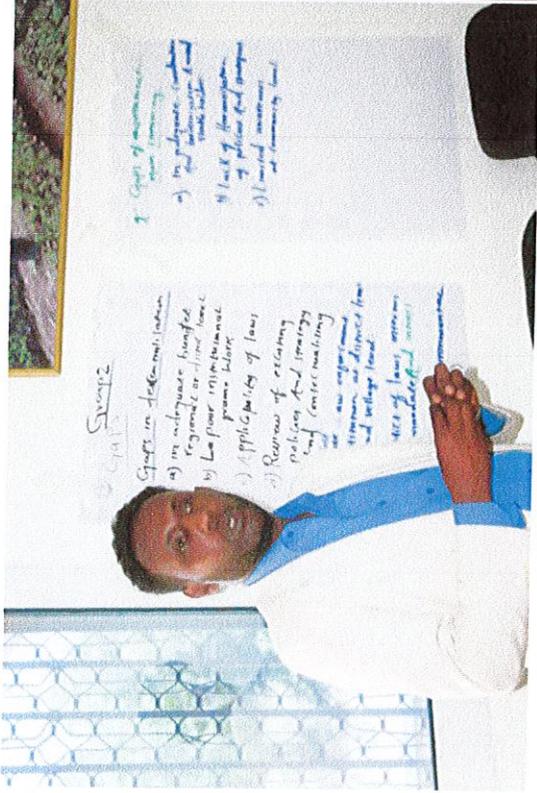
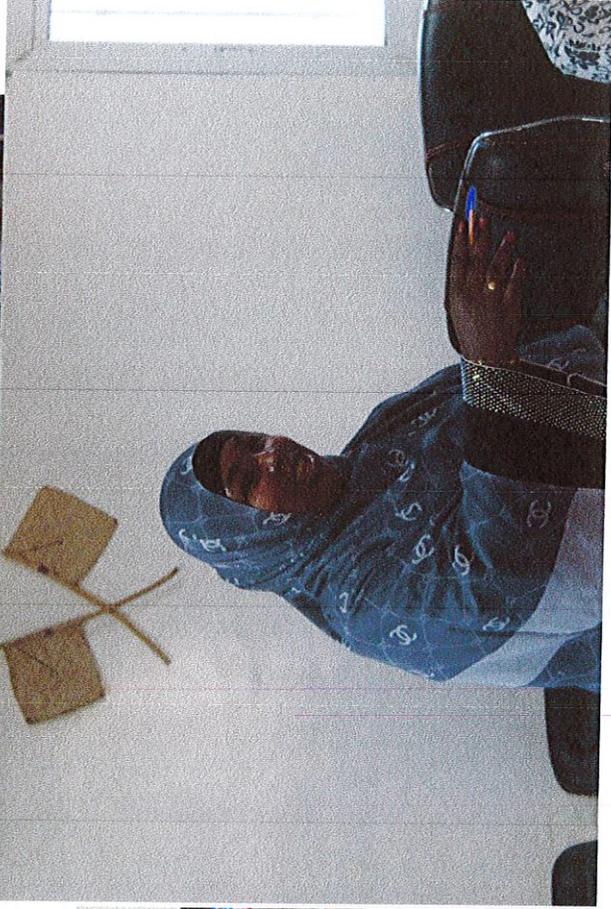
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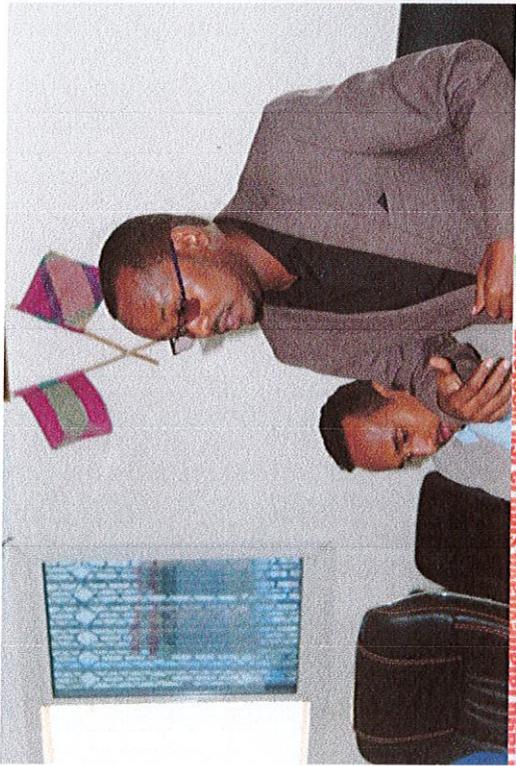
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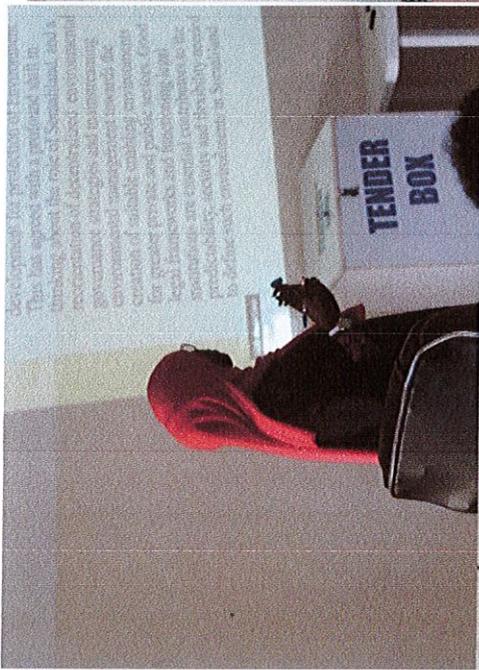






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**iyo Taniqayiryo Siiri la isu waatajin**  
**Wasaaraha lagu Maaraynayo Deegaanka**









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TIME	ACTIVITIES	Responsible
08h00 - 08h30	Arrival, Registration & introduction	All
08h30 - 08h40	Welcoming and introduction remarks towards the expected outcome of the workshop	Director General,
08h40 - 08h50	Official Opening Remarks by	H.E Shukri Ismail Bandare Minister
08h50 - 09h00	Remarks from UNDP about Cross-Cutting Capacity Development for Global Environmental Governance	UNDP Abdi Yusuf
09h00 - 09h30	<b>Session 1:</b> Brief Introduction of Draft SWOT analysis of Somaliland Environmental Governance and Environmental Mainstreaming Report.	Consultant
30h15 - 10h00	<b>Session 2:</b> Plenary discuss with the stakeholders to consult and let the opportunity to share their feedback , Q & A to provide more inputs and suggestions required.	All
10h00 - 10h30	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>All</b>
10h20 - 12h20	Session 3: Reconciling the weakness , gaps in environmental governance decentralization policies and in-depth analysis of institutional arrangement on Rio convention mainstreaming - SWOT analysis - Gaps - Recommendations	All
12h20 - 12h30	Propose and agree action points for the upcoming working group meeting.	All
12h30 - 12h45	Closing Remarks	Director General