



# MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT



**YOUR GATEWAY TO  
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT  
DEVELOPEMNT**

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*Message from the Minister of Investment and Industrial  
Development  
Republic of Somaliland*

“It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I present this booklet, which captures the vision, core functions, and strategic priorities of the Investment Development Department within the Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development.

This publication highlights key initiatives undertaken by the department, including investment facilitation mechanisms and the Somaliland Investor Roadmap—both designed to streamline the investor journey, improve regulatory clarity, and enhance the overall ease of doing business. It also showcases the vast and untapped investment opportunities available across priority sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure.

These efforts are not isolated—they are directly aligned with the overarching goals of the Somaliland National Development Plan III (NDPIII), which seeks to promote inclusive economic growth, industrial advancement, and sustainable development. Through this alignment, we aim to ensure that investment contributes meaningfully to national prosperity and resilience.

The progress reflected in this booklet is a direct result of the professionalism, dedication, and tireless efforts of our staff, whose work continues to strengthen Somaliland’s investment landscape and institutional capacity.

I take this opportunity to commend our team and reaffirm our unwavering commitment to fostering an enabling environment that supports long-term, strategic investment in the Republic of Somaliland.”

Hon. Saed Mohamed Bouralle  
Minister of Investment and Industrial Development



*Message from the Vice Minister of Investment and Industrial Development  
Republic of Somaliland*

It is with great pride that I contribute this message to a publication that represents not only the vision and mandate of the Investment Development Department but also the commitment of the Ministry to excellence, service, and national progress.

This booklet provides a comprehensive overview of our department's efforts to advance investment facilitation, implement the Somaliland Investor Roadmap, and promote the abundant investment opportunities that exist across key sectors of our economy. These initiatives are essential to building a more dynamic, diversified, and inclusive economic landscape.

As Vice Minister, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of our team in ensuring that Somaliland is positioned as a competitive investment destination. Their work reflects a shared determination to deliver results that are aligned with the Somaliland National Development Plan III (NDPIII) and to contribute meaningfully to sustainable economic growth and job creation.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all staff members of the Investment Development Department, whose professionalism and perseverance make our goals attainable. Together, we remain committed to advancing the national agenda and building a stronger economic future for Somaliland.

Eng. Mohamed Elmi Huuno  
Vice Minister of Investment and Industrial Development



*Message from the Director General  
Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development*

It is with great satisfaction that I present this booklet, which serves as an important reflection of the Ministry's strategic approach to investment promotion, facilitation, and institutional development.

As the administrative head of the Ministry, I take great pride in the operational leadership and coordination provided by our Investment Development Department. This publication highlights the department's key initiatives, particularly its role in implementing the Somaliland Investor Roadmap, strengthening investment facilitation frameworks, and identifying sector-specific investment opportunities across the country.

These efforts are not only timely but integral to the realization of the Somaliland National Development Plan III (NDPIII). Aligning departmental priorities with national objectives, we ensure that our actions contribute directly to sustainable economic transformation and industrial development.

The achievements and progress outlined in this booklet are the result of the professionalism, diligence, and integrity of our staff. Their commitment to institutional excellence and investor service continues to elevate the Ministry's impact and effectiveness. I commend the entire team for their dedication and reaffirm our resolve to continuously enhance Somaliland's investment environment in pursuit of long-term prosperity.

Mr. Abdifatah ismail dualleh  
Director General  
Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development





*Message from the Director  
Investment Development Department*

*I am honored to share this booklet, which serves as a comprehensive guide to the services, policies, and investment opportunities offered by the Investment Department of the Ministry of [MIID].*

*Our mandate is to foster a dynamic and transparent investment climate that supports national development objectives and drives inclusive economic growth. As part of this commitment, we serve investors through a streamlined and supportive framework, ensuring clarity, efficiency, and confidence at every stage of the investment lifecycle.*

*This booklet provides an overview of our department's structure, mission, and vision. It outlines the key services we provide—from investment registration and renewals to tax exemption facilitation. You will also find information on our strategic policies, the investor journey through the One-Stop Investment Center (OSIC), and a range of viable opportunities in key growth sectors.*

*We are proud to support many successful investment initiatives, including industrial corridors, strategic ports, and leading logistics companies. These achievements reflect the potential that exists in our country and the strength of our partnerships with the private sector. We warmly welcome both local and international investors to explore the opportunities highlighted here and to engage with our dedicated team. Our Registration Unit at the Ministry's headquarters is available to assist with any inquiries or formal procedures.*

*Together, let us advance a resilient, diversified, and prosperous economy.*

*Sincerely,  
Hibak Ali Abdo  
Director, Investment Development Department  
Ministry of [MIID]*



## About The Ministry

The Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development was established on 14 December 2017 by the 5th President of Somaliland, H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi, to serve as the main government body for managing and coordinating all investment activities in the country.

The Ministry provides a single-window platform to make it easier for investors to access information, support, and approvals. It is responsible for developing investment policies, strategies, and programs that attract both local and foreign investors, improve the country's image as an investment destination, and create quick business opportunities. The Ministry also works closely with the United Nations and international partners to support economic growth and development projects.



### Vision

To position Somaliland as a world-class investment destination and a regional manufacturing and industrial hub.



### Mission

To build a globally competitive, investor-friendly environment by attracting, facilitating, and promoting sustainable investments that support national development and prosperity.

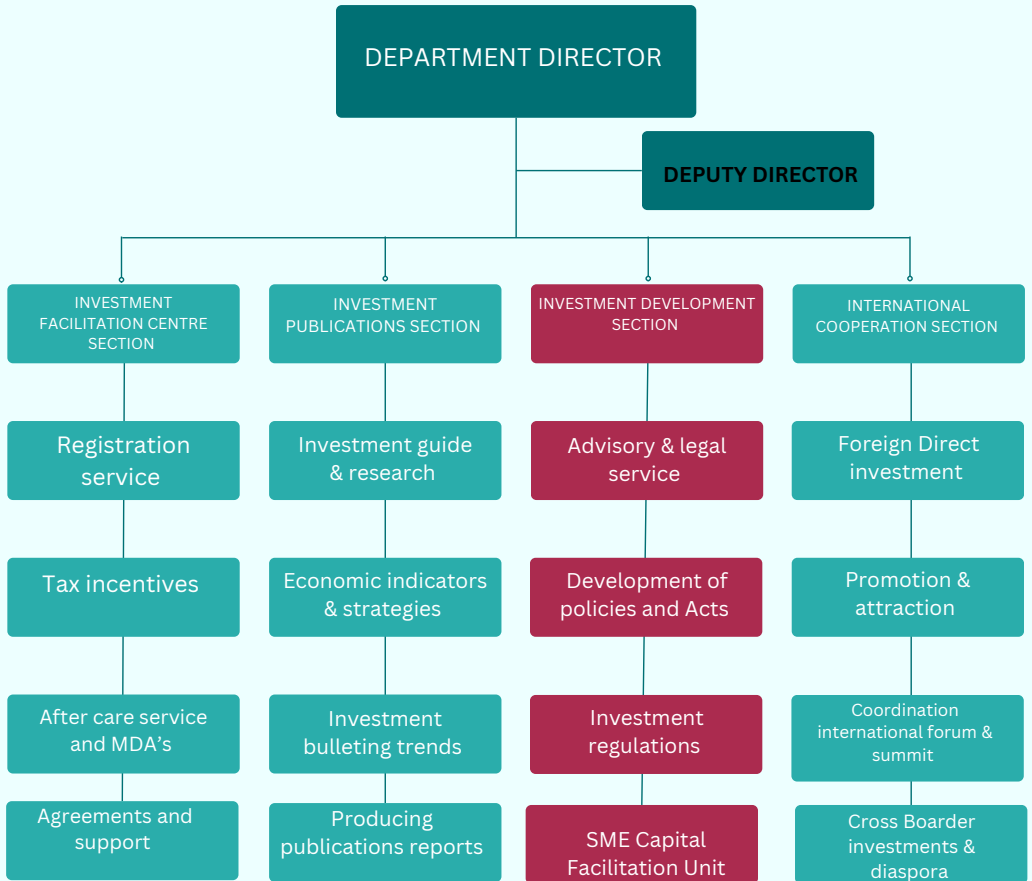


### Mandate

The Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development is mandated to formulate and implement investment and industrial development policies, strategies, and programs. It is responsible for overseeing the development of specialized economic zones, coordinating regional integration, and promoting private sector growth.

The Ministry works to create a favorable investment climate that encourages both domestic and foreign investment, supporting Somaliland's transition to a market-oriented economy. It is also tasked with drafting, negotiating, and approving bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs) and serves as the central authority for all investment and industrial development matters in Somaliland.

# INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



# Our Investor Services



## Information & Statistics Services

- Up-to-date insights on Somaliland's investment priorities
- Information on available investment opportunities
- Guidance on investment laws, policies, and regulations
- Updates on investment climate and trends
- Details on investor and sector-specific permit requirements



## Investor Guide Services

- Complete investor guide to doing business in Somaliland
- Step-by-step support for business setup
- Guidance on obtaining an investment certificate
- Assistance with licenses and permits
- Investor handbook on relevant laws and policies



## Facilitation Services

- Support for FDI and PPP project facilitation
- Help with government permit applications
- Assistance with investor visas and immigration
- Coordination of travel and security arrangements
- Site visit support for prospective investors



## Registration Services

- Streamlined registration through our dedicated unit
- Investment certificate processing and approvals
- Investment project appraisals
- Clear registration guides for new investors



## Aftercare & Tax Incentives

- Ongoing support for tax exemptions and incentives
- Government support for expanding investments
- Monitoring services for active investment projects
- Post-establishment assistance for investor needs

## Tax Incentive Requirements & Guidelines

Somaliland offers a variety of tax incentives to attract and support investors. These incentives apply to different sectors and project stages and are designed to reduce operational costs and encourage business growth. To benefit from these incentives, investors must submit specific documents as outlined below.

### Required Documents for Tax Incentive Applications



#### Request Letter

- Clearly state the type of tax incentive requested (e.g. Import Tax, Profit Tax).
- Explain the reason for the exemption request.
- Mention the port of entry if goods are involved.



#### Letter from Relevant Line Ministry

- A formal letter of support issued by the Director General or Minister of the respective ministry (if required).



#### Tax Clearance Certificate

- A valid certificate confirming the company is up to date with its tax obligations in Somaliland.



#### Valid Licenses and Permits

- Copies of all operational licenses and permits held by the company within Somaliland.



#### Investment Certificate

- Proof that the investment has been officially approved in accordance with Somaliland's investment regulations.



#### Product Invoice

- Detailed invoices for products related to the investment.
- Include supporting documents:
  - Bill of Lading (BL): Shipment detail
  - Package List: Inventory of imported goods



Office of The Investment Development Directorate

Investor Registration Requirements



Request letter  
( English/Somali)



Detailed investment  
proposal



Form of investment



Company by laws (Article  
of Association)



Passport size photo



Notarized shareholder  
Agreement (partnership)



National ID /  
Passport scan



Investment Capital  
-\$100,000 (Local)  
-\$200,000 (Foreign)



Copy of current visa



Prove of investment  
capital (Bank Statement)



Legal representative  
letter



Presentation of project  
proposal



Company profile



Prove of payment for  
investment certificate fee



Both Companies Exiting  
License (joint venture)



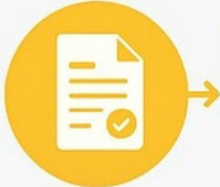
## 1. INFORMATION & STATISTICS SERVICE

The investor receives general investment guidance, data, and relevant sector information from the investment Department.



## 2. NAME CONFIRMATION

The investor submits a request to confirm the name of their investment company. This ensures the proposed name is available and acceptable.



## 4. INVESTMENT FORM SUBMISSION

The investor completes the investment registration form and submits all required documents to the Registration Office.



## 5. PROJECT APPRAISAL & APPROVAL

The investment Department reviews the submitted documents and conducts a project appraisal

- **If approved:** The project proceeds to the certificate stage.
- **If rejected:** The documents are returned to the investor for revision.



## 6. REGISTRATION & FACILITATION SERVICES

Upon approval, the investor is guided through facilitation and registration support services, ensuring compliance with legal and policy requirements.



## 6. RECORD FILE CREATION

The Director verifies and confirms the investment. The investment company is entered into the official investor database.



## 7. Aftercare Unit

The Department of Investment provides aftercare by guiding investors, informing them of their legal rights, and ensuring access to all investment services for continued growth and attraction.

## OUR KEY OBJECTIVES

- Promoting investment across all sectors vital to national development
- Supporting industrialization and manufacturing expansion
- Identifying and facilitating new investment opportunities
- Securing land and capital for economic zones
- Building investor networks and public-private partnerships
- Creating jobs and advancing sustainable infrastructure
- Enhancing the visibility of Somaliland on the global investment map

## Why Invest in Somaliland?

### Strategic Red Sea location for global trade



Located along one of the world's busiest maritime routes, Somaliland offers direct access to international shipping lanes, linking Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

### Political stability and sound governance



With a long-standing tradition of peaceful transitions and democratic institutions, Somaliland provides a stable and secure environment for investment.

### Investor-friendly legal frameworks



Clear and transparent legal systems support business registration, property rights, and dispute resolution, ensuring confidence for both local and foreign investors.

### Untapped markets with rapid growth potential



Somaliland's emerging sectors from fisheries to renewable energy offer high returns for early investors in a largely underdeveloped yet opportunity-rich economy.

### Skilled, youthful workforce



A growing population of educated and adaptable young people presents a valuable labor force ready to support diverse industries.

### Attractive tax and regulatory incentives



Investors benefit from competitive tax rates, duty exemptions, and streamlined procedures designed to reduce costs and facilitate business operations.

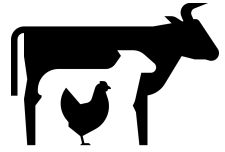
# SOMALILAND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Livestock and Animal Products

Somaliland has one of the largest livestock populations in the Horn of Africa, with a long-established export market (especially to the Gulf).

Opportunities:

- Modern slaughterhouses and meat processing.
- Leather and hides processing industries.
- Veterinary services and animal feed production.

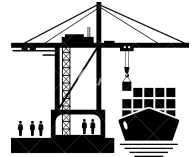


## Port and Trade Logistics (Berbera Corridor)

The Port of Berbera is a major gateway for trade to Ethiopia and beyond. With DP World's investment and new road infrastructure, it's a critical logistics hub.

Opportunities:

- Warehousing and cold storage facilities.
- Freight forwarding and customs clearance services.
- Transport fleets and logistics software solutions.



## Agriculture and Agro-processing

Somaliland's agriculture sector is underutilized despite fertile valleys

Opportunities:

- Irrigation and sustainable farming systems.
- Agro-processing for sesame, sorghum, fruits, and vegetables.
- Value chains for honey, frankincense, and myrrh.



## Fisheries and Marine Resources

Somaliland has an 850-kilometer coastline rich in untapped fish stocks.

Opportunities:

- Fish processing and packaging plants.
- Cold chain logistics and export to Gulf/Asian markets.
- Training and equipment for local fisherfolk cooperatives.



## Renewable Energy and Off-grid Solutions

High demand for affordable, reliable energy; the country enjoys abundant sun and wind.

Opportunities:

- Solar mini-grids and wind farms for towns and villages.
- Clean cooking solutions and solar-powered water pumps.
- Energy-efficient appliances for homes and SMEs.





## Investment Related Policies & Act's

**Somaliland  
Investment Policy  
& Act**

**Somaliland  
Industrialization  
Policy & Act**

**Public Private Partnership  
Policy & Act**



## Connect With Us

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*Empowering Growth. Building the Future.*

