



MINISTRY OF ENVIROMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the May edition of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change newsletter. This month, Somalia has demonstrated strong leadership and deepened its engagement in both regional and global climate forums.

Our participation in the 2025 BRS Conventions in Geneva reaffirmed Somalia's commitment to responsible chemicals and waste management. I had the honour of leading Somalia's delegation and contributing to key discussions on sustainable implementation. We also proudly launched the planning for Somalia's National Environment & Climate Change Summit, which will take place in Mogadishu on June 4–5, 2025. This will be a landmark moment to shape our national climate priorities.

At home, we hosted a validation workshop for Somalia's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0), aligning our climate ambitions with global targets under the Paris Agreement. Additionally, the Ministry welcomed new leadership at the director level and convened key working groups under the National Transformation Plan to coordinate environmental and resilience efforts across government.

These steps reflect our continued progress in building institutional capacity, fostering international partnerships, and ensuring climate action remains at the heart of Somalia's development agenda. Together, we will drive lasting change for a greener, safer, and more prosperous Somalia.

H.E. LIEUTENANT GENERAL

BASHIR MOHAMED JAMA

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The May edition of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change newsletter highlights Somalia's active leadership in shaping national and regional climate agendas. Throughout the month, we advanced critical policy work, strengthened institutional coordination, and deepened partnerships to support resilience and sustainable development.

Notably, Somalia participated in the 2025 BRS COPs in Geneva, where Minister H.E. Lieutenant General Bashiir Mohamed Jama presented the country's strategy on chemicals management. Domestically, the Ministry convened a successful validation workshop for Somalia's updated NDC 3.0 and launched preparations for the upcoming National Environment and Climate Change Summit, scheduled for June 4–5, 2025.

Internally, the Ministry has prioritized effective leadership transitions and strategic coordination. The Environment and Climate Resilience Pillar under the National Transformation Plan brought together government and partners to align efforts. Additionally, new departmental directors were appointed to bolster institutional efficiency. Regionally, the Ministry took part in the WISER–ACTIONFIRST workshop in Kenya to strengthen early warning systems and climate services across East Africa. This complements our national outlook issued for the Xagaa season, identifying climate risks and calling for preparedness.

These milestones reflect our collective commitment to climate action and institutional growth—laying the groundwork for a more resilient, coordinated, and environmentally secure Somalia.



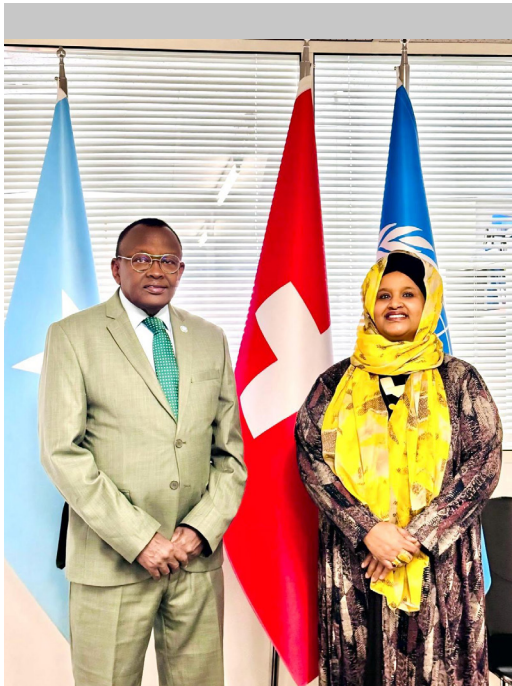
SOMALIA AT 2025 BRS CONVENTIONS



H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamud, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, led Somalia's delegation at the 2025 BRS Conventions in Geneva. He spoke at a high-level roundtable on "Means of Implementation", sharing Somalia's efforts to align the BRS Conventions with national goals. The Minister acknowledged challenges such as limited infrastructure and resources for managing chemicals and waste but highlighted progress in accessing climate finance and building partnerships. He called for greater technical support, regional cooperation, and long-term investment in local capacity. Somalia's participation reflects its ongoing commitment to environmental governance and sustainable future.



STRENGTHENING SOMALIA'S GLOBAL CLIMATE DIPLOMACY



H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamud Jama, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, visited the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia in Switzerland, where he was warmly received by H.E. Ambassador Khadra Duale and the embassy staff.

During the meeting, they discussed ways to enhance Somalia's global engagement—especially within the UN system—and to elevate Somalia's voice on key environmental and climate platforms. The Minister praised the embassy's efforts and emphasized the importance of close coordination between the Ministry and Somali diplomatic missions to advance national priorities in international climate and environmental governance.

SOMALIA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO A POLLUTION-FREE PLANET



H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamud Jama, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, represented Somalia at the Ministerial Working Lunch on Global Collaboration for a Pollution-free Planet during the 2025 BRS COPs in Geneva. He presented Somalia's national strategy aligned with the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) goals. Minister Bashir emphasized the need for cross-sectoral coordination, capacity building, and sustainable financing to advance effective chemicals and waste management in Somalia. He was joined by Ms. Leila Diriye, Director of the Environment Department, as part of the Somali delegation.

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN EASTERN AFRICA MOECC SOMALIA JOINS REGIONAL LAUNCH OF WISER ACTION FIRST IN KENYA



The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) Somalia participated in the regional launch of “WISER Action First” in Naivasha, Kenya—a £40 million UK-funded initiative aimed at enhancing early warning systems and climate services to strengthen climate resilience across Eastern Africa. The event brought together high-level representatives from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), FAO Somalia, the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), national ministries, and disaster management agencies throughout the region. This collaboration seeks to build sustainable solutions to climate-related risks and disasters.

Dr. Guleid Artan, WMO Representative for Somalia and Special Envoy to the Minister of MoECC, stressed the critical role of timely climate data and effective communication in protecting vulnerable communities from natural disasters.



NDC 3.0 VALIDATION WORKSHOP SUCCESSFULLY HELD

On 11 May 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) Somalia hosted a validation workshop for NDC 3.0 with federal institutions at Decale Hotel, Mogadishu. The workshop focused on finalizing Somalia's updated Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement, strengthening the country's climate commitments.

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The Deputy Minister of Environment and Climate Change, H.E. Hussein Ali Haji, launched a joint Awareness Workshop and Training in Mogadishu focused on coastal cleanliness, pollution reduction, and sustainable waste management.

The initiative brought together community leaders, experts, and stakeholders to equip participants with tools and knowledge to better manage waste and protect Somalia's coastline.

"A clean environment begins with informed communities," said the Deputy Minister, emphasizing the importance of collective action in safeguarding marine ecosystems. This workshop aligns with the Ministry's commitment to local engagement and climate resilience.





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FGS-FMS CONSULTATION FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRENGTHENS NATIONAL COORDINATION

On 24 April 2025, a high-level Consultation Forum was held in Mogadishu, bringing together the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and counterparts from Galmudug, Southwest, Hirshabelle, and SSC-Khaatumo. The forum aimed to enhance intergovernmental coordination on environmental governance and climate action. Key outcomes included:

- Agreement on the harmonization of environmental policies and legal frameworks
- Steps to mobilize climate finance and strengthen institutional capacities
- Establishment of a Federal-State Coordination Forum as a permanent platform for joint planning and policy alignment

Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to collaborative action and pledged targeted support to the newly formed Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in SSC-Khaatumo, including infrastructure and institutional development.

This marks a significant step toward building a cohesive national approach to climate resilience and environmental protection in Somalia.



TEMPERATURE UPDATE – MAY 2025

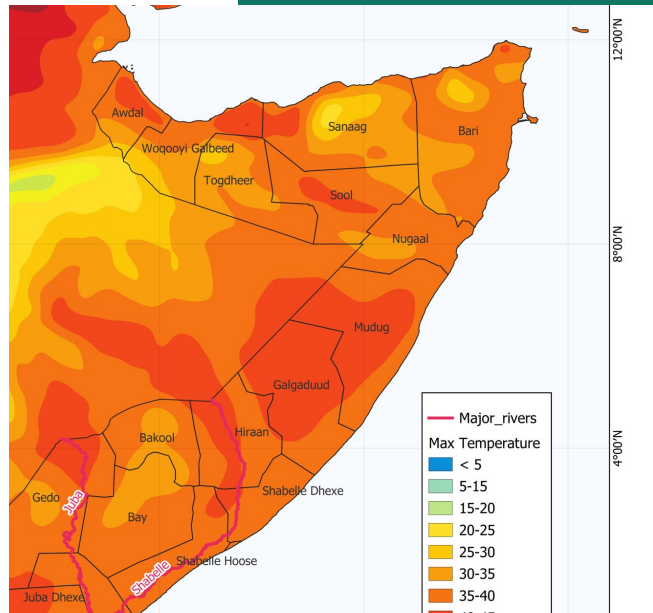
The national temperature forecast ranges between 20°C and 35°C. However, higher temperatures are expected in Mudug, Galgaduud, parts of Hiraan, and Gedo, where temperatures may rise to between 35°C and 40°C. Communities in these areas are advised to take precautions against heat-related risks.

STATE MINISTER OPENS VALIDATION WORKSHOP FOR SOMALIA'S NDC 3.0

The Validation Workshop for Somalia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) 3.0 was officially opened by H.E. Ahmed Omar Mohamed, State Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

In his opening remarks, the State Minister welcomed participants to this vital consultation and endorsement session, emphasizing that NDC 3.0 is a Somali-led initiative aligned with the National Transformation Plan (NTP). He highlighted that the updated NDC reflects Somalia's climate ambitions and the aspirations of its people in addressing the worsening impacts of climate change.

He also commended the collective efforts behind the NDC process and called for continued cooperation to implement meaningful climate action across the country.



SOMALIA ADVANCES CLIMATE RESILIENCE AT WISER-ACTIONFIRST WORKSHOP



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STRENGTHENING UNITY AND COLLABORATION: MINISTER BASHIR HOSTS HIGH-LEVEL DINNER IN MOGADISHU

H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamud Jama, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, hosted a high-level dinner in Mogadishu honoring President Cabdiqadir Firdhiye of SSC Khaatumo. The event brought together federal ministers, Members of Parliament, and officials from regional states, emphasizing Somalia's spirit of unity and cooperation.

Minister Bashir praised President Firdhiye's efforts in peacebuilding and reconstruction, underlining the importance of strong intergovernmental collaboration. In response, President Firdhiye thanked the Federal Government for its continued support and reaffirmed his commitment to Somali unity and solidarity.

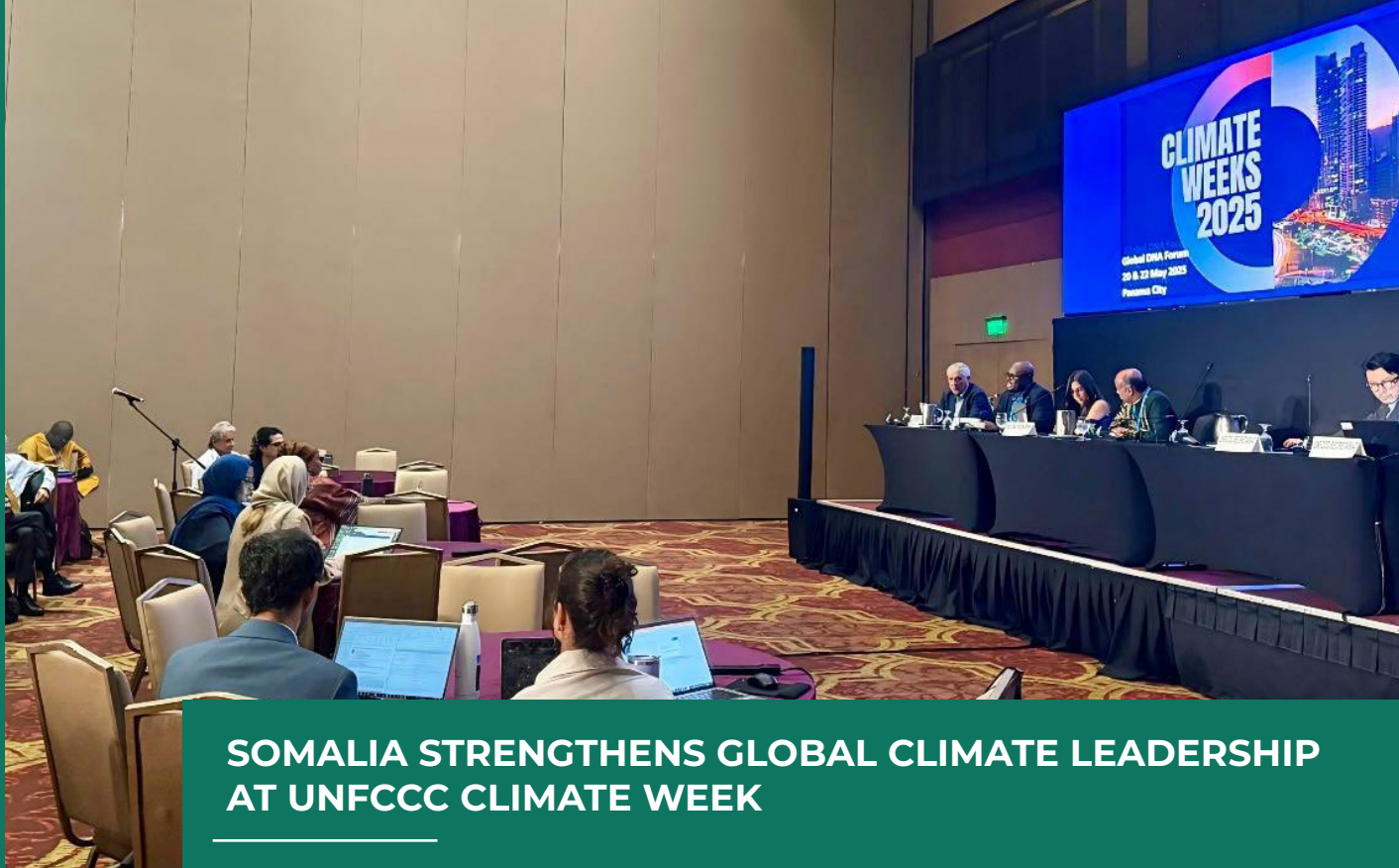
LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of the Federal Republic of Somalia continues to expand its influence in global climate governance. During the UNFCCC Climate Week held in Panama, Somalia was proudly represented by Ms. Ayan Harare, Climate Finance Coordinator, who was elected Vice-Chair of the CDM DNA Forum.

This important recognition underscores the Ministry's dedication to advancing Somalia's climate diplomacy and amplifying the voices of developing nations on the international stage. We commend Ms. Harare's valuable contribution and anticipate strengthened partnerships for climate-resilient development ahead.





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MINISTER BASHIR HIGHLIGHTS GEED PROGRAMME'S ROLE IN SOMALIA'S CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOALS

H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamud Jama, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, spoke at the GEED Programme launch and first Steering Committee meeting on 21 May 2025 in Mogadishu. He expressed gratitude to the EU and German Cooperation for their ongoing support to the Somali people.

Minister Bashir emphasized that GEED is more than just an energy initiative—it is closely aligned with Somalia's national priorities, including the National Transformation Plan, National Adaptation Plan, and the upcoming submission of NDC 3.0 next month, demonstrating Somalia's commitment to the Paris Agreement.



DIRECTOR GENERAL OPENS ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP MEETING

Mr. Abdirisak Ahmed Ali, Director General of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) Somalia, officially opened the Environment and Climate Resilience Pillar Working Group Meeting under the National Transformation Plan (NTP).

The meeting gathered government institutions, donors, and civil society representatives to align priorities and accelerate coordinated action within the Environment and Climate Resilience Pillar.



LEADERSHIP HANDOVER AT MOECC: NEW DIRECTORS TAKE OFFICE

Deputy Minister of MoECC Somalia, Mr. Hussein Ali Haji, together with Director General Abdirizak Ahmed, officially handed over duties to newly appointed directors Hamdi Farah (HR Department) and Kheirto Aweis (ICT Department).

The leadership praised their competence and urged all staff to provide full support as they begin their new roles in strengthening the Ministry's work.



PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK: XAGAA (JUNE–SEPTEMBER, JJAS 2025).

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Federal Government of Somalia issues the national climate outlook for the Xagaa season (June–September) JJAS 2025, highlighting key rainfall trends, potential climate risks, and recommendations for action.



ANNOUNCEMENT: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2025

H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir Mohamed Jama, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Somalia, officially announces the National Environment & Climate Change Summit, scheduled to take place in Mogadishu on June 4–5, 2025.

"I'm proud to officially announce this high-level summit to strengthen climate resilience and accelerate sustainable development," said Minister Bashir.

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