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## Women's Role in Raising Good Governance Awareness

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## Acknowledgment

Somaliland Good Governance Commission would like to thank women's organizations, universities and government agencies for accepting the invitation of the Good Governance Commission, and for sending effective women to the Good Governance Awareness Meeting on the role of women held on September 22, 2021 in Hargeisa.

We would also like to thank all the officials from the ministries, women's organizations and universities of the country, who made keynote speeches at the opening of the meeting. Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the women who attended the meeting, especially those who participated in the panel discussion distributed by the Good Governance Commission. We say that your understanding is valuable and will help in the design of a good governance system led by the Public Awareness Department of the Good Governance Commission of the Republic of Somaliland.

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## 1. SUMMARY

The government of Somaliland and its people, are attentive that corruption and lack of transparency in the public and private sectors are seriously crippling the development and stability of the country, and thus, the Good Governance Commission has a duty to raise public awareness and all government employees to make the Government's performance more successful by serving the community.

Therefore, since public Awareness is a constitutional right that the society needs from the Government, the Good Governance Commission has a duty to educate all government institutions and the public on how good governance is to be given a due importance. Strengthening cooperation between the national institutions and the general public, the Public Awareness Department Somaliland Good Governance Commission (GGC) held a meeting to discuss the role of women in national governance awareness. Around 45 women selected from government institutions, local Universities and women organizations attended in the meeting which was held in Hargeisa on September, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at Baraar Hotel and was organized by the department of Public Awareness.

The opening remarks were presented by the Chairman of the Good Governance Commission, **Mr. Dayib Aden Haji Ali**, who stressed the importance of all stakeholders to work together for implementation of a sound community awareness in order to improve the process of national good governance. Key government officials and leaders from the women's local organizations made speeches in the meeting who all have outlined how it is important to ensure the role of women in promoting good governance and patriotism, as they are the heart of society. They all urged all Somaliland women to work hard to eradicate the scourge of corruption, since the mother is the foundation of the society.

The Director of the Awareness Department, **Mr. Muse Abdilahi Muhumed**, made presentation during the meeting and explained how the women could be engaged to play their role in raising awareness on good governance in order the people of Somaliland could have access to efficient services from the government institutions.

In the end, the participants made recommendations and called for the commission to hold more consultation meetings on good governance awareness raising in the public institutions and create a platform of work with Somaliland local women's organizations to educate the public on good governance and the fight against corruption.



## 2. OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

Since women are the backbone of the society and play a key role in promoting good governance and reducing corruption, the purpose of this meeting was to highlight the role of women in promoting good governance by strengthening collaboration with the Governance Commission and Women's Organizations of the Republic of Somaliland.

It also aimed to discuss how women in Somaliland, in general, can be more aware of good governance and patriotism in order to have a society and a government that encourages the implementation of good governance principles that can lead to a better understanding of governance.

The methodology was included by power presentation, lectures, discussions and comments from the participants. Similarly, the participants conducted informal talks to address their feedback and participation.

## 3. OVERVIEW

The Good Governance Commission is an Independent Commission established by Law No. 58/2012. It was created to streamline the administration of Somaliland's public institutions, and to prevent and combat corruption that threatens the country's economy and development. The Commission's plan for 2021, among other things, was to organize a meeting on the role of women in Good Governance Awareness and to raise public awareness of mismanagement through women and their organizations.

Thus, the Good Governance Commission of the Republic of Somaliland recognizes that healthy democracy is based on the principles of good governance, which, if properly used and sensitized by the community and its stakeholders, can effectively promote good governance that takes effect in all regions and districts of the Republic of Somaliland.

Therefore, the Government of Somaliland is committed to improving the governance system of all national institutions by raising awareness of the pillars of good governance and the country's laws, in order to advance accountability and transparency which will strengthen the improvement of good governance. and the government believes that everyone can take action, either large or small, to curb mismanagement and strengthen the culture of transparency and accountability.

We all recognize that Somaliland women took a great on establishment of peace, stability and development that the country has achieved, however, without our women, such issues have not been attained. It is also undeniable that women in the Republic of Somaliland have an important role to play in patriotism, good governance, economic development, reduction of corruption and public awareness.



In recent times, the Government of Somaliland has increased the role of women in good governance, patriotism and their role to play in promoting good governance and public awareness. As a result, they have made significant strides in the field of development, which has led to the development of good governance in Somaliland.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In the closing session, the participants expressed their enthusiasm, commitment and engagement to the meeting and demanded further consultation meetings between women and good governance commission. Additionally, there were several expressions of gratitude on the part of the participants who said they look forward to meeting regularly and working together with Somaliland Good Governance Commission in the future.

The Chairman of the Somaliland Good Governance Commission, Hon. Dayib Adan Haji Ali closed the one-day meeting and thanked all the Participants for their hard work during the meeting. He urged Them to continue working with the Commission to raise Awareness Good governance.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of women's primary role in raising public Awareness on good governance and patriotism and called on the Participants to work closely with good governance offices. Finally, the chairman pledged to strengthen good governance awareness and organize consultative meetings with all members of the public and government officials.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

A lot of discussions have been made aimed at the role of women in raising awareness on national good governance in the public institutions. The participants underlined that women are the backbones of any society and thus, they have a great role to combat corruption and promote transparency and accountability.

Finally, the participants have agreed the following recommendations to be in action by the Good Governance commission (GGC): -

1. *Somaliland Good Governance Commission has to strengthen its awareness-raising activities to improve the governance of public institutions, by holding more meetings on good governance*
2. *Somaliland Good Governance Commission has to strengthen its relationship Somaliland National Women's Organizations in order the awareness programs have to be cooperated.*
3. *In order to make the public understand, the GGC should convene a yearly National Consultation Conference where key government officials and the public*



can exchange and propose ideas to develop the good governance awareness raising.

4. The Good Governance Commission should work closely with the country's Universities and Civil Society Organizations in conducting independent researches to find out the best way to educate the public on good governance and the fight against corruption.
5. GGC must capacitate the departments of public awareness and Anti-corruption, so that the public can have a government authority that can provide good governance awareness and strengthen the process of reporting complaints related to corruption, mismanagement and abuse of power against government employees.
6. The commission and Women Organizations should work together to raise awareness of good governance and Anti-Corruption on the Public Offices since women have been recognized to be less corrupt than men.
7. Somaliland Good Governance Commission should strengthen its cooperation with the judiciary sector, such as the courts, police and Attorney General to implement the principles of good governance.
8. The senior managements of both the Good Governance Commission and Judiciary sector should have consultation meetings aimed at developing awareness training programs that can be given to the officials and the staff in the judiciary institutions.
9. Somaliland Good Governance Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Development and the National Health Professionals should conduct an audit of foreign doctors operating in the country.
10. Finally, the women who attended the meeting suggested that the government has to strengthen the executive power of the Good Governance Commission to reform the administration of all national institutions.



## PHOTOS OF THE MEETING



Key officials in the opening remarks



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Some of the participants in the meeting



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Some of the participants in the Meeting



Some photos of the Participants in the discussion

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