Financial Governance Committee (FGC) Meeting Summary
70th Meeting – 1st September 2025, Mogadishu, Somalia

Overview

The Financial Governance Committee (FGC) held its 70th meeting on 1st September 2025 in Mogadishu. Members discussed core financial governance issues, including the constitutional review process, Somalia's performance in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), natural resources management, new port and airport initiatives, revenue mobilisation, and concessions oversight. The meeting reviewed reform progress, identified areas requiring furtheraction, and agreed on next steps to advance fiscal transparency and governance reforms in Somalia.

Constitutional Review

The Committee reviewed progress in the constitutional review process, with emphasis on clarifying provisions on land, public property, and the role of fiscal institutions such as the Central Bank.

Somalia's CPI Performance:

The Committee received a presentation on how the CPI is compiled and Somalia's performanceover the past decade. Members underlined the need for coordinated efforts across government to strengthen anti-corruption measures and improve future rankings. .

Natural Resource Management:

Updates were provided on the petroleum sector. The Committee was informed of progress in renegotiating some PSAs in line with FGC advice. The Committee also discussed the need for FGS to take action to resolve ongoing issues with other PSAs. Members also discussed the importance of acquiring technical support to conduct a competitive licensing round. On fisheries, the Committee reviewed 2025 tuna licensing progress and agreed on the importance of confirming revenues and ensuring intergovernmental sharing.

Ports and Airport Development

The Committee discussed capacity constraints at Mogadishu Port and planning for construction of a New Mogadishu Port. A full feasibility study has already been developed. The importance of transparent financing and tendering for the new port development was highlighted. On the New Mogadishu Airport, members reviewed plans to undertake a full feasibility study and investor engagement, underscoring the need for clarity on institutional responsibilities and compliance with both Somalia's and International regulations.

Revenue Mobilization

The Committee reviewed progress on domestic revenue collection and reforms. Updates highlighted ongoing reforms under the Medium-Term Revenue Plan, including the implementation of the new Income Tax Law and full transition to SOMCAS. Members noted progress towards IMF targets, while also stressing the fiscal risks linked to recent aid cuts.

Concessions and Contracts Oversight

The Committee considered several concession-related issues, including the passport tender, visa services extension, rental income tender, and security sector rations. Members emphasized the need for timely procurement processes, transparency, and avoiding prolonged contract extensions that risk undermining oversight. The Ministry of Finance confirmed important work is ongoing to support relevant institutions in preparing the tender documentations and to finalise tender process in the agreed timelines.

Conclusion

The Chair of the Committee, Minister of Finance, H.E Bihi Iman Egeh, concluded by reiterating the FGC's critical role in improving Somalia's financial governance agenda. Members reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening transparency, institutional resilience, and fiscal accountability. Action points were agreed across agenda items, and follow-up updates will be provided at the next meeting.