



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA MINISTRY OF INTERNAL SECURITY

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NATIONAL INTERNAL SECURITY GOVERNANCE & COORDINATION CONFERENCE CONCLUDES IN MOGADISHU

Mogadishu, 2 September 2026 — The Ministry of Internal Security of the Federal Government of Somalia today concluded the National Internal Security Governance & Coordination Conference, held on 1–2 September 2026 at The Hangar in Mogadishu under the theme *"Strengthening governance of the internal security sector."* The conference focused on enhancing governance and oversight of internal security agencies, deepening inter-agency coordination, and building a financially sustainable and self-reliant security sector.

The high-level opening session featured remarks by H.E. Gen. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail, Minister of Internal Security, and was officially opened by the Speaker of the House of the People and Acting President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Hon. Abdulkadir Mohamed Nur (Jaamac). The conference brought together federal and Federal Member State (FMS) security institutions, the Federal Parliament, and key government ministries — including Interior, Defence, and Endowments and Islamic Affairs — alongside international partners from the United Nations Transition Mission in Somalia (UNTMIS), African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), as well as diplomatic missions, security experts, and other stakeholders.

Over the two days, delegates engaged in three technical sessions:

Technical Session 1 — Oversight of Internal Security Institutions. Participants examined the Ministry's oversight role over the Somali Police Force (SPF), the National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA), and the Immigration and Citizenship Agency (ICA), addressing reporting lines, accountability, and performance monitoring, as well as the appropriate balance between operational autonomy and oversight by the Ministry and Parliament.

Technical Session 2 — Inter-Agency and Ministerial Coordination. The session addressed coordination gaps among the Ministry, its agencies, and the wider security architecture, with particular attention to federal–FMS coordination on internal security, coordination mechanisms, de-confliction of mandates, and information and intelligence sharing.

Technical Session 3 — Security Sector Reform and Affordability. Delegates focused on building an affordable and sustainable security sector including right-sizing the forces, maximising value from existing spending, ensuring financial sustainability, and reducing donor dependency in alignment with the National Security Architecture (NSArch) and the Security Sector Development Plan (SSDP) in the context of the AUSSOM transition.

Next Steps

This conference marks a milestone in Somalia's security sector, as the first conference ever dedicated entirely to internal security. Its outcomes underscore the depth of commitment shown by Somalia's security institutions to strengthening internal security across the country.

The work, however, does not end with these two days. It begins now, with a series of dedicated initiatives that will carry the commitments made here into tangible improvements in Somalia's internal security.

Throughout the conference, the Ministry of Internal Security demonstrated that it is prepared to lead this process, and the engagement of Somalia's security agencies and institutions reflected a shared determination to translate the session recommendations into concrete actionable steps to strengthen accountability, coordination and institutional capacity across the security sector. It is this spirit of unity, as much as any single initiative, that will carry Somalia's internal security institutions toward a safer and more secure future for all Somalis.

The Ministry of Internal Security extends its sincere gratitude to all federal and Federal Member State institutions, the Federal Parliament, international partners, experts, and stakeholders whose participation contributed to strengthening internal security governance in Somalia.

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