The National Economic Council (NEC) of Somalia

Terms of Reference for FMS Liaison Economist

1. Background

The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia established a National Economic Council (NEC) on the 11th of July 2018 that provides objective evidence-based economic policy analysis and advice to the President of the federal government of Somalia and the government institutions on the development and implementation of domestic and international economic policy issues. The NEC stands to provide opportune assistance in re-building institutional and human resources capacity within the economic and financial institutions of the country, pioneer home-grown policy initiatives, and building on an existing and ongoing effort to strengthen economic management processes and development systems in Somalia in line with the government's economic agenda, the Ninth National Development Plans and Centennial Vision 2060.

The National Economic Council (NEC) of Somalia is mandated to support the articulation of the country's economic and social transformation strategy and formulate effective policies for the future direction of the nation's economic recovery and inclusive economic growth.

NEC plans to fully engage with the FMS's in economic and financial policy formulations in order to create synergies in producing quality research products and coordination of economic policy studies. Therefore, NEC is looking for an experienced Economist who can partake in coordination and liaison at the FMS level and assist in research outputs and products.

2. Objective of the Positions

The purpose of the "**FMS Liaison Economist**" is to provide technical support related to national economic agenda development and formulating sound economic policies coordinated and consulted across the board and ensure that each FMS's contributes to the economic development agenda, participates in policy discussions and conferences in the development of medium and long-term high-value and objective economic studies based extensive consultations and dialogue in building a national consensus that reflects the collective efforts of the country.

3. Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The overarching responsibility of the liaison is to coordinate research and support the NEC in policy formulation at the Federal Member State level. The consultant is expected to contribute to overall policy design, undertake research, and help aggregate stakeholder views to inform the development of the economic program. He/she will also play a critical role in day-to-day coordination, undertaking analytical work, reporting, and management of NEC activities at the state level.

The Liaison Economist will be responsible for the following duties:

- Oversee the overall activities of the NEC at the FMS level, including research, administrative, and other technical aspects.
- Ensure effective representation and coordination of the NEC activities at the state level and lead regional liaison offices.
- Carry out participatory assessments and consultations for the relevant government agencies in the FMS in order to feed the National Economic Council with valuable inputs.
- Undertake policy papers in areas of specialization, such as macroeconomics, international trade, economic and social sectors, or any other relevant areas, and support the dissemination of research outputs and other information as assigned
- Provide recommendations on policies or plans to resolve the economic and social challenges of the relevant FMSs.
- Share progress reports on ongoing activities with NEC on a regular basis.
- Performs related duties as required, evolving out of the Office's mandate, including various administrative tasks necessary for the final execution of the council mandate.

4. Required Qualifications and Experience

- A minimum of a master's degree in economics or closely related fields; Ph.D. preferred.
- 4-7 years of relevant professional experience, including teaching, and consultancies.
- Proven track record in economic policy research.
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills
- Excellent knowledge of statistical and econometric techniques and economic analysis.
- Ability to leverage technical knowledge and experience to help identify, analyze, and execute best practices.
- Good leadership abilities, strong interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated history of teamwork.
- An excellent record of professional integrity including confidentiality around data, effective communication, and any other relevant professional capacities.
- Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills in English and Somali languages.