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1. Introduction:

The National Economic Council convened a two-day Productive Sector Consultation Workshop on December 25-26, 2024, at the Jazeera Palace Hotel in Mogadishu. Themed “Shaping a Resilient and Sustainable Future for Somalia’s Productive Sector,” this workshop served as a crucial platform for strategic discussions focused on enhancing resilience and sustainability in Somalia’s productive sectors, including agriculture, fisheries, livestock, manufacturing, and energy. Nearly 200 participants attended, representing a diverse array of stakeholders dedicated to advancing Somalia's economic development and achieving the goals of the Centennial Vision 2060 (CV2060).

2. Overview:

Somalia is rich in natural resources and has a dynamic population, yet the potential of its productive sectors remains largely untapped. This is due to significant challenges, including infrastructure deficits, limited technological advancement, political instability, and vulnerabilities to climate change. To address these issues, the Centennial Vision 2060 aims to transform Somalia's productive sectors into engines of growth, innovation, and job creation. By focusing on sustainable development and strategic investments, this vision aspires to enhance productivity and resilience, ultimately supporting Somalia's goal of becoming an upper-middle-income country by its centennial year, fostering economic stability and improved livelihoods for its citizens.

3. Overall Objectives:

The consultation aimed to achieve the following objectives:

- **Engage Stakeholders:** Bring together representatives from government, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations to discuss opportunities and challenges within the productive sectors.
- **Refine Sectoral Strategies:** Identify actionable recommendations to optimize the potential of the agriculture, fisheries, livestock, manufacturing, and energy sectors.
- **Align with Global Trends:** Ensure strategies are aligned with global trends, including sustainable development, climate adaptation, and technological innovation.

- **Foster Partnerships:** Encourage collaboration between the public and private sectors, development partners, and investors to catalyze development across these productive sectors.

4. Participants:

The consultation brought together nearly 200 participants, including:

- Government Officials: Representatives from relevant ministries such as agriculture, fisheries, energy, and industry.
- Private Sector Representatives: Industry leaders within the productive sectors.
- Development Partners and International Organizations: Entities supporting economic development initiatives.
- Civil Society Organizations and Academia: Providing insights on social and environmental impacts and fostering inclusive dialogue.

5. Day One Activities:

5.1. Opening Session

The first day began with an engaging opening session that set the stage for the workshop's objectives and themes:

- ✚ Dr. Mahad Mohamed, National Economic Advisor, welcomed participants and outlined the workshop's significance. He emphasized the critical role of productive sectors in national economic growth and sustainable development.



- ✚ Hassan Adam Hosow, Chief Economic Advisor to the President and Executive Director of the National Economic Council, emphasized the productive sector's critical importance in the Centennial Vision 2060. He outlined the various phases of preparing the CV 2060 and expressed gratitude to participants for their ongoing cooperation in this vital sector.



- ✚ Mohamed Aded Ali, Executive Director of SONSA, Civil Society Representative, underscored the necessity of implementing long-term strategies and regulations to enhance public-private partnerships.



- ✚ Mrs. Hersio Abdulle Said, Chairwoman and Founder of SWB, highlighted the pivotal role of agriculture in achieving food security and fostering overall economic development.



- ✚ H.E. Asad Abdirisak Mohamed, State Minister of Agriculture, reinforced the importance of agricultural productivity for national development.



- ✚ H.E. Hassan Hussein Mohamed (Eelay), Minister for Livestock, Forestry, and Range, officially opened the event, stressing livestock's significance in contributing to national income.



5.2. Presentations and Discussion Sessions

Following the opening session, several key presentations and discussions were made to provide context for the theme:

- ✚ Dr. Abdinur Ali Mohamed delivered a comprehensive overview of the Centennial Vision 2060, emphasizing its critical importance for Somalia's economic landscape. He illustrated how this ambitious vision aims to transform the nation into an upper-middle-income country by its centennial year. Dr. Mohamed detailed the vital role that productive sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, livestock, manufacturing, and energy will play in driving sustainable growth, job creation, and innovation, ultimately contributing to the overarching goals of the vision for a prosperous Somalia.



- ✚ Mr. Hussein Abdillahi, Statistics and Data Technical Advisor at NEC presented the findings of the Productive Sector Assessment (Phase II), identifying critical gaps and opportunities for growth across various sectors. His presentation highlighted the key challenges facing Somalia's productive industries and proposed actionable pathways for improvement. By analyzing the current landscape, Abdilahi emphasized the need for targeted strategies to address these challenges, ultimately aiming to enhance productivity and drive sustainable economic development in the country's key sectors.



- ✦ Mr. Abdisalan Artan , Director of Economic Policy & Research at NEC ,facilitated engaging group discussions focused on baseline indicators and data, emphasizing the critical role of accurate metrics in informed decision-making. He encouraged participants to actively collaborate in refining these indicators to better reflect the realities of their respective sectors.



- ✦ The participants were divided into focused groups representing key productive sectors: agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and energy. Each group engaged in dynamic discussions that addressed several crucial aspects including:



Identifying Challenges: Participants analyzed the barriers hindering growth within their sectors. Common challenges included infrastructural deficits, limited access to markets, and inadequate technological advancements. These discussions illuminated the persistent issues that must be addressed to realize the full potential of Somalia's productive industries.

Exploring Opportunities: Groups explored potential opportunities for innovation and investment that could enhance productivity and sustainability. Participants shared insights on emerging trends and technologies that could be leveraged to drive growth.

This collaborative approach not only allowed participants to share best practices and experiences but also fostered rich dialogue. The discussions set a solid foundation for developing actionable recommendations aimed at overcoming challenges and capitalizing on opportunities within Somalia's productive sectors. Ultimately, these efforts support the goals of the Centennial Vision 2060 and contribute to the nation's economic development.

6. Day Two Activities:

The second day of the workshop commenced with renewed enthusiasm, continuing under the theme "**Shaping a Resilient and Sustainable Future for Somalia's Productive Sector.**" The day's agenda was designed to encourage deeper engagement and collaborative discussions among participants.

- ✚ Dr. Mustafe Abdi, deputy lead of CV2060, facilitated work groups focused on critical topics, including:
 - ✓ Sub-sector Indicators and Data Discussions: Participants engaged in discussions to refine and propose indicators that would effectively measure progress within each productive sector.
 - ✓ Discussion on CV2060 Strategies and Flagship Initiatives: Groups deliberated on strategies outlined in the Centennial Vision 2060, emphasizing flagship initiatives that could drive meaningful change in the productive sectors.
 - ✓ Sub-sector Indicators and Data Discussions: Further exploration of data needs and indicators to monitor sectoral performance, ensuring that each sector's unique challenges and opportunities were addressed.



Participants were encouraged to actively contribute to these discussions, fostering an environment of collaboration and shared learning.

After the group discussions, representatives from each sector presented their findings and recommendations to the larger gathering, including:

- Agriculture Group: Proposed initiatives for enhancing irrigation systems and promoting climate-resilient farming techniques.
- Livestock Group: Suggested measures for improving livestock health and expanding market access for farmers.
- Fisheries Group: Advocated for sustainable fishing practices and investment in processing facilities to enhance value addition.

- Energy Group: Highlighted the necessity of expanding renewable energy sources and public-private partnerships to boost energy access.

Following each presentation, a Q&A session allowed participants to provide feedback, ask questions, and suggest additional ideas. This interactive segment encouraged cross-sectoral dialogue and the sharing of best practices.

The day concluded with a synthesis session led by the ED: Hassan Adam Hosow, who emphasized the importance of the insights gathered throughout the workshop. He encouraged participants to reflect on how their contributions could be integrated into actionable strategies for the productive sectors. Participants expressed their commitment to ongoing collaboration and emphasized the need for regular follow-up meetings to monitor progress and share updates on implemented strategies.



7. Outcomes of the workshop:

The workshop yielded several key outcomes, which will underpin the CV2060 initiatives in Somalia's productive sectors:

- **Actionable Strategies:** Participants identified specific strategies to enhance productivity across key sectors, including agriculture, fisheries, and energy.
- **Strengthened Collaboration:** A framework was proposed to be established for ongoing collaboration between government bodies, private sector stakeholders, and civil society to ensure aligned efforts toward sustainable development.
- **Commitment to Innovation:** Emphasis was placed on adopting innovative practices and technologies to maximize the potential of productive sectors.
- **Focus on Sustainable Practices:** Participants agreed on the necessity of integrating sustainability into all sectoral strategies to protect natural resources.
- **Implementation Framework:** An actionable implementation framework was proposed, outlining roles and responsibilities among stakeholders to ensure accountability and progress monitoring.



Figure-infographic of the main outcomes

8. Conclusion:

The two-day Productive Sector Consultation Workshop represents a crucial advancement toward the realization of Somalia's Centennial Vision 2060. By systematically identifying and addressing the challenges and opportunities within key productive sectors, Somalia can unlock its economic potential and propel sustainable development. This consultation provided a platform for consensus-building, partnership cultivation, and strategic planning towards a prosperous and resilient future for the nation.

In his concluding remarks, Hassan Adam Hosow, Chief Economic Advisor to the President and Executive Director of the National Economic Council, expressed his appreciation to all participants for their invaluable contributions, highlighting the significance of collaboration in achieving the Centennial Vision 2060 for Somalia's sustainable economic growth.

Ultimately, the workshop successfully nurtured an atmosphere of innovation, collaboration, and strategic insight, making a substantial contribution to the overarching objectives of the Centennial Vision 2060.

