



**Federal Republic of Somalia  
Office of the President  
National Economic Council (NEC)**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE for THE LEGAL CONSULTANT**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Legal Consultant – NEC Establishment Act
<b>Reporting to:</b>	Executive Director of the National Economic Council
<b>Type of Appointment:</b>	Individual Consultant
<b>Duration:</b>	6 months
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Mogadishu, Somalia
<b>Reference Number:</b>	xxx

### **1. Background**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia established the National Economic Council (NEC) as the principal advisory body tasked with advancing coherent, inclusive, and sustainable economic policy across the nation. The Council serves as the platform where economic policies and plans are formulated, and regional and international economic cooperation are addressed.

Originally launched in 2018 by presidential decree, the NEC was later restructured in November 2022 to strengthen its role within the Office of the President, underscoring Somalia's commitment to elevating economic governance and institutional capacity.

Under its mandate, the NEC undertakes evidence-based research and provides expert policy advice to ensure that government choices align with the national economic agenda. The NEC core functions:

- Produce rigorous, evidence-based research to inform policy.
- Provide the President and Government with advisory services on socio-economic policies.
- Monitor the implementation of programs and ensure coherence of economic decision-making with the national agenda.

As Somalia pursues its long-term development goals through the 'Centennial Vision 2060: Blueprint for a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Proud Somalia,' the National Economic Council (NEC) serves a pivotal role in providing the analytical foundations and policy instruments essential to achieving these ambitions.

Operating within this framework, the Centennial Vision Delivery Coordinator will contribute directly to the NEC’s work stream by providing sector-specific economic analysis, forecasting, and policy advisory support. This work is critical to informing government programs, strengthening institutional capacity, and enhancing the quality of evidence-based decision-making in Somalia’s emerging economy.

## **2. Objective of the Assignment**

The main objective of the consultant is to provide technical legal expertise in the formulation of the NEC Establishment Act by ensuring that the draft law is legally sound, constitutionally compliant, and institutionally aligned with Somalia’s governance framework. The consultant will lead the entire process from drafting and stakeholder consultations to validation and final submission ensuring the NEC Act reflects best practices in institutional governance, accountability, and coordination of national economic policy.

## **3. Scope of Work / Duties and Responsibilities**

- Review all relevant legal and policy instruments governing national institutions, advisory councils, and economic governance frameworks in Somalia.
- Conduct a comparative assessment of similar economic councils and advisory bodies in other countries to identify best practices applicable to Somalia.
- Prepare the initial draft of the NEC Establishment Act that clearly defines the mandate, structure, membership, functions, powers, governance arrangements, and administrative procedures of the NEC.
- Ensure consistency with the Provisional Constitution of Somalia, public sector laws, and other relevant national legal instruments.
- Conduct consultations with the NEC Secretariat, Office of the President, relevant government institutions, Federal Member States, and key stakeholders to gather input and feedback.
- Prepare a revised draft based on outcomes of consultations and technical comments received.
- Organize and lead a validation workshop to present the draft NEC Establishment Act to stakeholders for endorsement and final review.
- Incorporate feedback from the validation workshop and submit a final, legally vetted version of the NEC Establishment Act along with a legal briefing note summarizing key provisions and recommendations.

## **4. Expected Deliverables**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Description</b>
Inception Report	Outline methodology, work plan, and consultation strategy.
Legal Review Report	Summary of legal frameworks and benchmarking findings.
First Draft NEC Establishment Act	Comprehensive initial draft submitted to NEC Secretariat.

Stakeholder Consultation Report	Documentation of feedback and consultation outcomes.
Validation Workshop Conducted	Workshop organized and facilitated with key stakeholders.
Final NEC Establishment Act	Revised and legally vetted final draft submitted with executive summary.

## 5. Qualifications and Experience

### Education:

- Advanced degree in Law (JD or L.L.M) from a reputable institution, with certification as a practicing lawyer.

### Experience:

- Minimum of 7 years of proven experience in legal drafting, policy formulation, or institutional law development within government or international development settings.
- Demonstrated expertise in legislative drafting and familiarity with Somali legal frameworks and governance systems.
- Experience in conducting consultations, workshops, and stakeholder validation processes.
- Prior experience working with government institutions, policy think tanks, or legal reform programs in Somalia or the Horn of Africa region is highly desirable.

### Competencies:

- Strong understanding of constitutional, administrative, and public institutional law.
- Excellent legal writing and analytical skills.
- Ability to synthesize complex legal concepts into accessible language.
- Strong facilitation, communication, and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Proven ability to deliver high-quality legal outputs within tight deadlines.

## 6. Language Requirement

Proficient in written and oral English and Somali