

## Land Reform Conference

The Academy for Peace & Development held the 1<sup>st</sup> National Land reform Conference at Egal Hotel, Burao on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April. This conference premeditated to bring together a large assortment of stakeholders representing all sectors of society in Somaliland.





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## Objectives of the conference

- Sensitization/awareness on the prevailing land management challenges.
- Regional level findings presented (challenges and possible solutions).
- Consolidate political will of decision makers.
- Validation of ‘policy development roadmap’.
- Developing roadmap for land policies and legal framework.
- Improvement and enhancement of enforcement mechanisms.
- Establishing effective coordination with other international and local organization conducting activities on land governance (such as UN Habitat, Rift Valley/SDF, Somaliland Pastoral Forum), to avoid duplication of activities and effectively allocate resources.
- Setting institutional arrangements for policy development and enactment of legal review.





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About three hundred participants attended the conference including, 12 ministries, all governors, Mayors, representatives of other national and regional authorities, traditional & religious leaders, respectful elders, representatives of women's youth organizations, number of local and international NGO'S and all sectors of society in Somaliland.



The participants were enabled to understand the memorandum of the conference via PowerPoint, documentaries and comprehensive discussion; there were also presentations and an open microphone for the audience to have an optimal chance of giving their perspectives.



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The participants were divided into four main groups in the conference where each group were assigned to discuss about the potential of land challenge solutions, specifically to set up land policy vision,' draw recommendations as the solutions of the land problems,' and road map for the implementation of the recommendation articles.



Each group presented their recommendations to the rest of the participants and eventually all recommendations were combined into conference declaration.



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## **The outcomes of the conference**

1. Harmonization (and completion) of policies and legislation dealing with land tenure and land use.
2. Dissemination of harmonized and completed policies and legislation to stakeholders.
3. Strengthen capacity in terms of finance and human resources in relevant institutions.



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4. Formulation of the established inter-ministerial committee on land governance, with APD playing role of secretariat.
5. Implementation of the Roadmap of the Land Reform

