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A crucial milestone in the cooperation between UNOPS and the Federal Government of Somalia

The Host Country Agreement marks an important milestone in strengthening cooperation and supporting Somalia's national development priorities

- UNOPS Somalia presented the Host Country Agreement to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somalia for signing.
- The agreement will provide a framework for UNOPS' operations and continued cooperation with the Federal Government of Somalia.
- UNOPS Somalia remains committed to supporting Somalia's broader development priorities.



MOGADISHU, 9 September 2026. -- UNOPS Somalia has presented the Host Country Agreement to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Government of Somalia for signing, marking an important milestone in strengthening cooperation between UNOPS and the Government of Somalia.

On behalf of the Under-Secretary-General and UNOPS Executive Director, Jorge Moreira da Silva, UNOPS Somalia Country Director and Representative, Ala'a Nemer, presented the Host Country Agreement to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Abdisalam Abdi Ali.

A Host Country Agreement is a bilateral agreement between UNOPS and the Government that establishes the framework and conditions under which UNOPS operates and implements projects in the country. The agreement provides an important foundation for strengthening the organization's partnership with the Federal Government of Somalia and supporting the delivery of projects that respond to national priorities.

Through its partnership with the Federal Government of Somalia and other development partners, UNOPS remains committed to supporting sustainable development and contributing its expertise in infrastructure, procurement, project management, and other areas to help deliver lasting impact for communities across Somalia.

The Host Country Agreement will further strengthen the framework for UNOPS engagement in Somalia and facilitate continued collaboration with national institutions, development partners and other stakeholders.

UNOPS Somalia looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Federal Government of Somalia to support national priorities and contribute to sustainable development, resilient infrastructure and improved services for the Somali people.

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