



SOMALIA FISHERIES FORUM 2017

OUTCOME REPORT

This report details the results of the Somalia Fisheries Forum held in Garowe, Puntland, October 24–26, 2017.



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FOREWORD

In 2017, Shuraako, Secure Fisheries, and Puntland’s Ministry of Fisheries co-hosted the Somalia Fisheries Forum in a collaborative effort to highlight and expand opportunities for the fisheries sector to improve livelihoods, economic prosperity, and security for coastal communities across the Somali region. Shuraako, Secure Fisheries, and Puntland’s Ministry of Fisheries are proud to have hosted this inaugural Somalia Fisheries Forum in Puntland, where fisheries represent a leading opportunity for development along 1,600 kilometers of coastline.

While Somali waters have the potential to support some of the most productive fisheries in the world, the domestic fishing sector is currently relatively small. Somalia is not maximizing the opportunities the fishing sector can provide for business development or livelihoods. The Somalia National Development Plan (2017–2019) notes that fishing is a small livelihood activity despite the Somali coastline being the longest in continental Africa. The Puntland Second Five-Year Development Plan (2014–2018) further underscores the importance of fisheries to livelihoods and as a contributor to security across the region. Fishing has the potential to provide jobs and income and thus be an engine of growth in Puntland and across Somalia, but the sector remains underdeveloped in comparison to livestock, agriculture, and frankincense.

One Earth Future’s Secure Fisheries and Shuraako programs partnered with Puntland’s Ministry of Fisheries to emphasize the importance of government leadership in highlighting opportunities and catalyzing partnerships to overcome the challenges facing the Somali fishing sector. These challenges are significant but surmountable. First, foreign fishers operating without legal licenses dominate fishing activities in Somali waters, catching roughly three times as much fish as local fishers. These illegitimate fishers are depleting fish stocks, damaging ecosystems, and causing harm to local fishers. Second, the domestic fishing sector is limited by insufficient infrastructure, including inadequate roads for transport and a lack of ice-making and freezer capacity and processing facilities. Third, Somali fisheries do not have a comprehensive management plan, which puts the resource at risk of overuse and decline. Fourth, increased technical knowledge and human capacity are needed in order to grow the fishing sector.

Maximizing the opportunities available to Somalis through their fisheries resources will require coordination across stakeholders. This forum provided the much-needed platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration toward progress in Somalia’s fishing sector.

Sincerely,



Kaija Hurlburt
Director
Secure Fisheries
A program of One Earth Future



Mahad Awale
Country Director
Shuraako
A program of One Earth Future



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Somalia Fisheries Forum 2017 (SFF 2017) was convened from October 24–26, 2017, in Garowe, Puntland, by One Earth Future’s Shuraako and Secure Fisheries programs together with the Puntland Ministry of Fisheries. In 2015, Secure Fisheries produced the [Securing Somali Fisheries report](#), which sought to examine and unlock the potential of the Somali fishing sector. Shuraako has also hosted five successful [thematic forums](#) examining the Somali private sector. Following the strong positive receptions of both the seminal report and Shuraako’s forums, Secure Fisheries and Shuraako worked together to build upon those achievements and revisit the opportunities and challenges facing the Somali fishing sector today.

The Somalia Fisheries Forum was held in the spirit of openness and common purpose to strengthen coordination between the Somali federal government and the regional member states, as well the international community, private sector, and NGO community. The forum was a remarkable success with more than 600 participants, approximately a third of whom were women. It achieved its goals of highlighting opportunities and catalyzing partnerships. The forum included a trade show with 32 booths representing fishing companies, Somali NGOs, and international NGOs. The conveners were honored to have Puntland’s president, Dr. Abdiweli Gaas, provide the closing remarks.

The forum concluded with the Somali Deputy Federal Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources and regional member states’ Ministers of Fisheries and Marine Resources agreeing to the following points:

- ▶ We agree to end illegal fishing.
- ▶ We agree to issue offshore fishing licenses for the benefit of the Somali people.
- ▶ The federal and regional ministers agree to meet quarterly to build the fishing sector.
- ▶ We agree to build education around marine sciences and fisheries.
- ▶ We agree to pursue future projects that are oriented toward long-term skills development.
- ▶ We agree to support and build the capacity of fisheries institutions.
- ▶ We agree to make this forum an annual event.



STATISTICS AND FIGURES

The first goal of SFF 2017 was to convene stakeholders to gain momentum on fisheries industry goals. Initially, the forum’s anticipated attendance was between 100–150 people. In the end, approximately 600 people attended the opening ceremony, 200 people attended the various sessions, and 450 people attended the closing ceremony.

See Appendix A for a detailed agenda and List of Speakers chapter for a detailed list of all speakers, panelists, and facilitators participating in the forum.

600 ATTENDEES
for general remarks

ATTENDEES **200**
for panel sessions

15 SESSIONS



64 PANELISTS



REPRESENTING



86% SOMALI

32 COMPANIES



MEDIA COVERAGE

SFF 2017 garnered print, television, and online media coverage. Thirteen registered media representatives attended the closing ceremony on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Below is a sample of some of the media coverage the forum received.

Madaxweyenhaha Puntland Oo Soo Xiray Shirkii Kalluumaysiga iyo Warmurtiyeed Ka Soo Baxay-Sawiro

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Puntland TV airs footage of Puntland's President Gaas and Deputy Minister at the Forum.



AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

FINANCE

STRATEGY

MANAGEMENT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

07:00–14:00	Registration
09:00–10:00	Welcome Remarks
10:00–11:00	Keynote Address
11:00–12:15	<i>Transition Break</i>
12:15–14:00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
14:00–15:30	Plenary 1: The Future of Fisheries in Somalia
15:30–15:45	<i>Transition Break</i>
15:45–17:00	Plenary 2: Business Climate, Obstacles and Needs for Investments in Fisheries
17:00–18:30	<i>Transition Break</i>
18:30–20:30	Evening Reception

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

08:00–09:00	Welcome Remarks	
09:00–10:00	Breakout 1: The Impacts of Overfishing and IUU Fishing on the Somali Fishing Sector	Breakout 2: Fish Handling, Quality Control and Certification Requirements
10:00–10:45	<i>Transition Break</i>	
10:45–12:15	Breakout 3: State Policies and Support of Somali Fishing Sector	Breakout 4: Skill Gaps and Opportunities in the Fishing Sector
12:15–14:00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>	
14:00–15:30	Breakout 5: SME Finance Needs for the Fishing Sector	Breakout 6: Building Management and Reporting Capacity
15:30–15:45	<i>Transition Break</i>	
15:45–17:15	Breakout 7: Developing Value Chains	Breakout 8: Introduction to Project Badweyn: Mapping Somali Coastal Resources
17:15–18:30	Networking and Trade Show	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

08:00–08:15	Welcome Remarks
08:15–09:30	Plenary 3: International Support for Somali Fisheries
09:30–10:00	Plenary 4: Closing Remarks and Ways Forward
10:00–14:30	Training Workshop: Youth Training Workshop on Practical Skills such as the Basics of Fish Handling and Processing Techniques

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Inside Somali Fishing Video

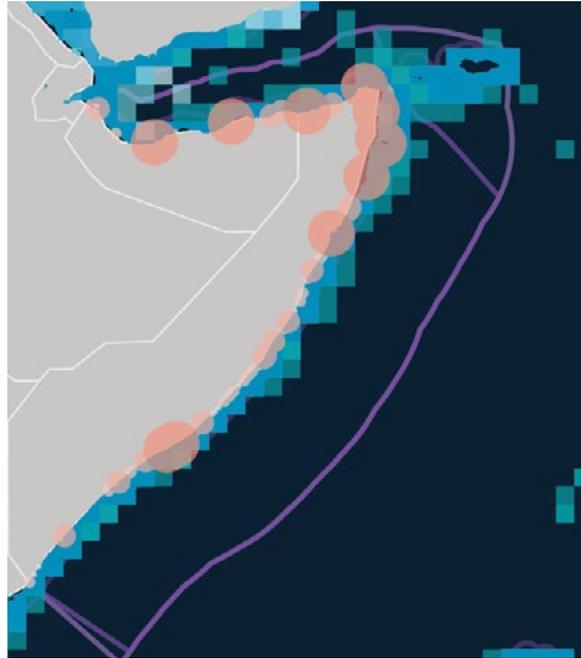
In anticipation of the Somali Fisheries Forum, OEF produced a video about maritime livelihoods, profiling a Somali fisher. The story illustrates the fishing industry's value chain and presents how the sector can boost food and economic security in the region.

The video, entitled [Inside Somali Fishing](#), was filmed on location in Berbera Somaliland, featuring Jama Ahmed Mohamed, a Shuraako fishing client, and highlighted research presented in the 2015 Secure Fisheries report, [Securing Somali Fisheries](#).

The video was screened at the forum's tradeshow and distributed electronically through a press release, OEF websites, and social media.

Project Badweyn

Secure Fisheries' new tool for understanding the connections between coastal activities, needs, and resources entitled, [Project Badweyn: Mapping Somali Coastal Resources](#), was introduced to the Somali community at a workshop during SFF 2017. It provides a highly visual and interactive online map of these connections to inform strategies that build economically and ecologically sustainable communities while avoiding future conflicts that could undermine the viability of development projects and management efforts. This tool provides information to enable Somali communities, managers, decision-makers, and investors to identify places in need of management and development plans that will lead to long-term success for coastal projects.



During the forum, Secure Fisheries gathered feedback about the map from participants to ensure the tool will be useful to stakeholders. The audience engaged in an extended discussion about the tool, contributing ideas for the future of the project and its potential to aid in coastal and fisheries-development plans. Information-gathering is ongoing and Secure Fisheries is accepting suggestions and feedback about the usability of the tool and additional data to incorporate.

- ▶ View the map at projectbadweyn.org
- ▶ To submit feedback or receive more information:
 - Fill out the survey on the website in English or Somali
 - Email proberts@securefisheries.org
- ▶ Visit the website often for updates and new information!

Website

Shuraako and Secure Fisheries also developed a [conference website](#) where you can find the program booklet and photos from the event.

KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conference attendees made numerous calls to action and recommendations throughout the forum. These were summarized at the event's close and presented to the entire audience by Puntland's president, Dr. Abdiweli Gaas. Below, we share these findings organized in the three forum tracks (Management, Strategy, and Finance) as well as recommendations as published in the post-forum communique.

Findings

MANAGEMENT

- Somali fisheries must be managed in order to be sustainable.
- Management planning requires data collection.
- Fishers and fishing companies should collect and share data on their fishing activities.
- Business investors need to include management in their plans.
- Education in marine sciences is needed to support management.
- The government should seek input from fishing businesses to help develop a robust policy and government support framework for the sector.

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- Predictable and reliable regulations are needed in order to achieve business success.
- Coordination is needed between regional and federal ministries.
- An offshore licensing agreement and transparent licensing are needed to stop illegal fishing.
- Regional coordination is vital to combating illegal fishing.
- Fishers and fishing companies should work together to amplify their voice. The sector is stronger if all stakeholders work together and speak in a unified voice through an association or collective.

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- More capital should be made available for fishing-sector enterprises, with low interest and favorable repayment terms.
- The government and international community should work together to invest in and develop infrastructure for the sector.



Recommendations

- ▶ Illegal fishing is putting excessive pressure on Somali fisheries, threatening the health, sustainability, and long-term profitability of the Somali fishing sector. Illegal fishing also increases maritime insecurity, thereby harming the business climate.

We agree to end illegal fishing

- ▶ Somali waters are rich in migratory fisheries resources, including tuna and tuna-like species, that are desirable to foreign fishers. However, Somalia does not have a system in place to issue licenses to these foreign vessels and therefore is not benefiting from the potential licensing fees that could be invested into development of the fishing sector.

We agree to issue offshore fishing licenses for the benefit of the Somali people.

- ▶ Many ministries are included in the fishing sector across the federal and regional levels, but there has not been a coordination mechanism for Somali ministers working to develop the fishing sector.

The federal and regional ministers agree to meet quarterly to build the fishing sector.

- ▶ Forum participants recognize that education about marine resources is foundational to developing fisheries management in Somalia. While the Somali region boasts the longest coastline in continental Africa, it does not have the capacity to train fisheries scientists and managers for fisheries development.

We agree to build education around marine sciences and fisheries.

- ▶ The Somali fishing sector requires tangible projects with clear results in order to most immediately support fishers and fishing-sector participants.

We agree to pursue future projects that are oriented toward long-term skills development.

- ▶ Having institutions that define and implement fisheries policies and coordinate stakeholders across the sector is key to the fishing sector being successful. International support is needed to develop the capacity of such institutions within the Somali fishing sector.

We agree to support and build the capacity of institutions.

- ▶ Coordination across stakeholders is vital to a robust fishing sector. The Somalia Fisheries Forum promotes this coordination and builds productive partnerships.

We agree to make this forum an annual event.



FINANCE

STRATEGY

MANAGEMENT

SPEAKER LIST

DAY 1

INVITEE	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Welcome Remarks		
Kaija Hurlburt	Director	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Mohamed Abdinoor	Chief of Party	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Abdelmalik Mohamed	Puntland Area Coordinator	DAI-PIMS
Mohamud Awed	Puntland Programme Officer	ILO Somalia Program
Hon. Hassan Mahamed Warsam	State Minister	Galmudug Ministry of Fisheries
Hon. Ibrahim Yusuf Abdi	State Minister	Jubaland Ministry of Fisheries
Hon. Mohamud Hussein Aliyow	State Minister	South West Ministry of Fisheries
Hon. Hassan Mahamed Khaliif	State Minister	Hirshabelle Ministry of Fisheries
Hon. Abdullahi Omar Abshir	Deputy Minister	Federal Government of Somalia Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Mahad Awale - Facilitator	Country Director, Somalia	Shuraako, One Earth Future
Keynote Address		
Dr. Abdirahman Jama Kulmiye	State Minister	Puntland Ministry of Fisheries
Plenary 1: The Future of Fisheries in Somalia		
John Purvis	Project Coordinator	FAO Somalia
Guglielmo Giordano	Head, Somalia Office	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
Jama Isse Mohamud	Dean of Marine Science	East Africa University
Abdiwahid "Joar" Hersi	Fisheries Technical Officer	IGAD
Said Jama Mohamed	Senior Fisheries Advisor	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Kaija Hurlburt - Facilitator	Director	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Plenary 2: Business Climate, Obstacles and Needs for Investments in Fisheries		
Philip Corper	Investment Director	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Abdirisak Ahmed Hussein	Lecturer	East Africa University
Abdiwahid "Joar" Hersi	Fisheries Technical Officer	IGAD
Jama Mohamud Ali	Owner	CAFCO
Abdulwoli Iss Jama	Executive Director	PIDA Authority
Einar Telnes	Councilor, Commercial and Energy Section	Royal Norwegian Embassy
Abdikarim Gole - Facilitator	Deputy Director	Shuraako, One Earth Future

DAY 2

Breakout 1: The Impacts of Overfishing and IUU Fishing on the Somali Fishing Sector		
Abdi Mohamed Dahir	Program Director	Adeso
Ali Hersi	Director General	Puntland Ministry of Fisheries
Muse Geele	Owner	Red Sea Company
Said Jama Mohamed	Senior Fisheries Advisor	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Abdirizak M. Ahmed	Director	Safe Waters Horn of Africa, Inc.
Robert Mazurek - Facilitator	Sr. Program Associate	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Breakout 2: Fish Handling, Quality Control and Certification Requirements		
Yusuf Ali Yusuf	Fisheries Officer	FAO Somalia
Mohamed Mohamud Quluxiye	Fishing Gear Expert	Marine School in Bosaso
Said Mohamed Muse	Owner	RAFCO
Mohamed Nuh	Executive Director	Puntland Quality Control Unit
Mohamud Ali Farah	Owner	SMPC
Yasin Ali	Fishery Expert	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Maryan Abbi Dualle	Project Coordinator	GIZ
John Purvis - Facilitator	Project Coordinator	FAO Somalia
Breakout 3: State Policies and Support of the Fishing Sector		
Ali Hersi	Director General	Puntland Ministry of Fisheries
Prof. Jamal Hassan	Head of Marine Dept. and Director of Research	City University
Muse Geele	Owner	Red Sea
Ahmed Said Nur	Puntland Program Coordinator	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Jama Isse Mohamud	Dean of Marine Science	East Africa University
Abdikarim Gole - Facilitator	Deputy Director	Shuraako, One Earth Future
Breakout 4: Skill Gaps and Opportunities in the Fishing Sector		
Ricardo Torres	Fisheries Officer	FAO Somalia
Abshir Mohamed Jama	Former Area Manager	Chemonics
Mohamed Muse	Owner	Barfisco
Mohamed Mohamud Osman	Operations Manager	Puntland Chamber of Commerce
Maryan Abbi Dualle	Project Coordinator	GIZ
Abdelmalik Mohamed	Puntland Area Coordinator	DAI-PIMS
Mohamud Awed - Facilitator	Puntland Programme Officer	ILO Somalia Programme
Breakout 5: SME Finance Needs for the Fishing Sector		
Khalil Mohamoud Ali	Business Advisor	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Suleiman Mohamed	Team Leader	DAI-PIMS
Yusuf Ali Yusuf	Fisheries Officer	FAO Somalia
Abdikarim Gole	Deputy Director	Shuraako, One Earth Future
Abdinasir Adam	Chief Finance Officer	Yustan Food Processing Plc.
Osman Mohamoud Ali	Senior Financial Expert	Ministry of Finance
Abdiaziz Mohamed Abdi	Owner	Marlin Fishing Company
Saskia Westhof - Facilitator	Program & Planning Specialist	Shuraako, One Earth Future

Breakout 6: Building Management and Reporting Capacity		
Said Jama Mohamed	Senior Fisheries Advisor	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Maryan Abbi Dualle	Project Coordinator	GIZ
Abdiwahid "Joar" Hersi	Fisheries Technical Officer	IGAD
Sadam Ahmed	Puntland National Coordinator	Fair Fishing
Robert Mazurek - Facilitator	Sr. Program Manager	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Breakout 7: Developing Value Chain		
Ahmed Said Nur	Puntland Coordinator	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Jeremy Wyatt	Director	La Talin
Sadam Ahmed	Puntland National Coordinator	Fair Fishing
Abdisalam Ali	Founder	Hodan Fishing/Kaalo Netherlands
Hussein Farah	Technical Consultant	Hidig Boat Yard
Mohamed Chire Jama	Marketing Manager	Laasqoray Tuna Factory
Suleiman Mohamed - Facilitator	Team Leader	DAI-PIMS
Breakout 8: Introduction to Secure Fisheries' Map of Somali Fisheries Resources		
Kaija Hurlburt	Director	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Robert Mazurek - Facilitator	Sr. Program Manager	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future

DAY 3

Plenary 3: International Support for Somali Fisheries		
Mohamed Abdinoor	Chief of Party	Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL)
Einar Telnes	Counselor, Commercial and Energy Section	Royal Norwegian Embassy
Guglielmo Giordano	Head, Somalia Office	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
John Purvis	Project Coordinator	FAO Somalia
Maryan Abbi Dualle	Project Coordinator	GIZ
Ahmed Yassin	Fisheries Lead	Oxfam International
Suleiman Mohamed	Team Leader	DAI-PIMS
Kaija Hurlburt - Facilitator	Director	Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
Plenary 4: Closing Remarks and Ways Forward		
Abdiwali Mohamed Ali Gaas	President	Puntland State of Somalia

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Faysal Ahmed Warsame, PUNSA

Jama Mohamud Ali, CAFCO

Jamal Hassan, City University Mogadishu

Mohamed Barre, DAI/PIMS

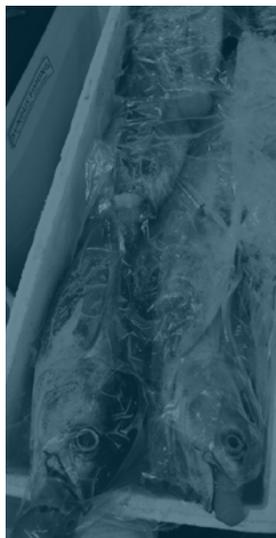
Muse Geelle Faroole, Red Sea Fishing Company

TRADE SHOW

A trade show was held in conjunction with the Forum. It provided a space for the private sector, development organizations and civil society stakeholders to exhibit their products, programs and projects, and offered a space for attendees to network during the forum.

Exhibitors:

1. Aaran Fishing Co.
2. Aljazeera Fishing Co.
3. Alla Amin Fishing Co.
4. Alsixa Fishing Co.
5. Bosaso Marine Sciences
6. Buuruj Fishing
7. CAFCO (Corno Africa Fishing Co.)
8. Dahabshiil
9. DAI/PIMS
10. East Africa University
11. Faahiye Fishing Co.
12. FAO
13. Hodan Fishing
14. Kaah Electric
15. Lasqoray Fishing Co.
16. Madani Fishing Co.
17. NECSOM
18. Nuwaco
19. Qaran Medical Center
20. Red Sea Fishing
21. Samira Fishing Co.
22. Secure Fisheries
23. Shuraako
24. Solar Energy Consulting and Construction Company (SECCCO)
25. SolarGen Technologies
26. Sundus Fishing Co.
27. Suudi Fishing Co.
28. Tayo
29. Towfiq Money Transfer
30. Xabiibo Fishing Co.
31. Yasmin Fishing Co.
32. Yustan Fishing Co.



LIST OF ATTENDEES

Aaran Fishing Company
 African Development Solutions (ADESO)
 Ahmed Suudi Fishing Gear
 AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation)
 Al Siha Fishery
 Alla Amin Fishing
 Aljazeera Fishing Company
 Aljazeera Som Fishing
 Amal Bank
 ARC International
 Arowana Fishing
 Aslifishing Company Ltd.
 Banadir Chamber of Commerce
 Barfisco (Baargaal Fishing Company)
 CAFCO
 Ceelaanyo Fishing Company
 Chamber of Commerce-Somalia
 Chemonics International
 Cilmi Fishing Company
 City University of Mogadishu
 Creative International SRL
 Daawad International Marine
 DAI (Development Alternatives Inc.)
 Dalsan Fishing Company
 East Africa University
 Faahiye Fishing
 Fair Fishing
 FAO Somalia
 Federal Government of Somalia
 Fishing Gear Expert
 Fresh Somali Fish Products
 Galmudug Minister of Justice
 Gedi General Trading and Transport
 GIZ
 Growth, Enterprise, Employment & Livelihoods Project (GEEL/USAID)
 Habiba Fishing Company
 Hidig Boat Factory
 Hirshabelle Chamber of Commerce
 Hodan Fishing Cooperative
 Horn of Africa Cooperative
 Hybrid Development and Resource Management
 Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
 ILO Somalia Program
 Inspire Group
 Institute for Development and Resource Management
 Isniino Fishing
 Israa
 Jubaland Ministry of Fishery and Marine Resources
 Jubaland Youth
 Jubbaland Fisheries Engineering Development and Sea Construction Company (JUFEDSECCO)
 Jubaland State of Somalia
 KAAH Fishing Company
 Kaalo Netherlands
 Kamas Fishing Company Bosaso
 Kulmis Fishing Cooperative
 Kulmiye Faster Fish
 La Talin
 Laasqoray Tuna Factory
 Leusom LTD
 Madani Fishing Company
 Marlin Fishing Company
 Maryan Fishing Company
 Minister of Fishery, Galmudug
 Puntland Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development
 Puntland Ministry of Trade and Commerce
 NECSOM
 North East Fishing Company
 Oxfam International
 President of Puntland
 PUNSAA
 Puntland Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 Puntland Investment and Development Authority (PIDA)
 Puntland Ministry of Finance
 Puntland Ministry of Fisheries
 Puntland Quality Control Unit
 Raasimacbar Fishing Company
 RAFCO (Raasi Ahmar Fishing Company)
 Red Sea Fishing Company
 Royal Norwegian Embassy
 Safe Waters Horn of Africa, Inc.
 Samaaley Eyl Fishing Cooperative Company
 Sanaag Development Committee
 Secure Fisheries, One Earth Future
 Shuraako, One Earth Future
 SIDRA Institute
 Somali Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 Somali Marine and Fisheries Science Institute (SMAFSI)
 Somali Marine Products Company
 Somali National Fisheries Company (SNFC)
 Somalia Stability Fund
 Somfal Group
 SOSCENSA (Somalia South Central Non State Actors)
 South West State Chamber of Commerce
 State Government of Hirshabelle
 Sundus Fishing Company
 Suudi Fishing Gear Company
 Tayo
 Ugbaad Eyl Fishing Cooperative
 Xayat Fishing Cooperative
 Yasmin Fishing Company

FORUM ORGANIZERS



Secure Fisheries produces original research and synthesizes best practices while engaging governance stakeholders at all levels to inform sustainable fisheries management and the establishment and implementation of effective fisheries policies. Secure Fisheries' projects in Somalia include the following:

Increasing data about Somali fisheries:

Secure Fisheries launched its flagship report, *Securing Somali Fisheries*, in 2015 to fill a data gap that had persisted for decades. While the Somali fishing sector has grown substantially, including an increase in the presence of foreign boats potentially engaged in Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, the most recent scientific survey of Somali marine resources had been completed in the 1980s. Reliance on outdated estimates of fisheries production fed the problematic and false assumptions that Somali waters were unexploited and pristine. Additionally, there were no accurate estimates of the amount of foreign fishing in Somali waters. The report by Secure Fisheries provided Somalis with knowledge that aids in management of domestic and foreign fishing.

Secure Fisheries also created a database and interactive web-based map identifying important marine fish habitats and fishing grounds, groups of users of marine areas, and possible marine spatial planning scenarios for portions of the Somali coast. The map will expand to include new data and feedback, plus enable Somalis, investors, and the development community to identify areas for development and locations at risk of conflict over resources and use, and to strategize how to mitigate risk of conflict through protections or investment. Secure Fisheries will use the map and interviews with members of coastal communities to outline the biggest challenges to managing coastal resources.

Coordination with Somali policymakers:

Secure Fisheries is a member of the Somali Fisheries Working Group, which is comprised of USAID/GEEL, the FAO, the World Bank, the UNODC, Italy, Norway, the EU, and others. This group coordinates with ministers of fisheries and finance from the Federal Government of Somalia and regional member states to encourage consensus on the development of sustainable and effective fisheries policies and licensing mechanisms.

Building upon a request for information on fisheries management made by the Office of the President of Somalia, Secure Fisheries created a report that summarizes and compares the practices of established fisheries management agencies in five countries in the Western Indian Ocean region, focusing on the management of commercial fishing and offshore resources. This report, *An Exploration of Federal Fisheries Management Agencies in Eastern Africa*, outlines the organizational and legal structures of fisheries management agencies from Mozambique, Eritrea, Tanzania, Kenya, and the Seychelles, all of which have common mandates to create and enforce regulations on fisheries.

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Shuraako operates throughout the Somali region, and believes that healthy markets and good governance mutually support one another. Shuraako—meaning partnership in Somali—facilitates investment in promising Somali-based businesses, encouraging economic development and greater stability throughout the region.

Shuraako is not an investor itself; rather it acts as a neutral broker, evaluating and managing potential investments, creating relationships throughout the supply chain, and structuring investments compliant with Islamic-finance. In the process, Shuraako catalyzes economic development by expanding markets for goods and services and encouraging trade and investment, which together stimulate job creation. Shuraako believes that these efforts will culminate in a stronger private sector, contributing to greater peace and stability by means of better governance.

Since mid-2013, Shuraako has been operating on the ground in Somaliland, Puntland, and South Central Somalia. Today, there are three permanent offices in Hargeisa, Garowe, and Mogadishu. Business proposals are accepted on the basis of merit. Shuraako has facilitated more than \$8.5 million in financing which has created 600-plus permanent jobs. Shuraako's work includes having facilitated an investment portfolio covering nine sectors consisting of 100-plus portfolio transactions; consultation and management of impact funds for partners focused on the Somali region; the convening of stakeholders through investor- and sector-specific forums; and the facilitation of working group meetings to promote dialogue that strengthens private sector efficiency and collaboration and contributes to policy formation that encourages responsible private sector growth.

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PUNTLAND MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MOFMR) is responsible for managing, developing, and conserving Puntland's fisheries resources by providing quality services to the sector. The MOFMR is the leading institution facilitating the development of the fisheries sector, while ensuring that sustainable management of the resources secures strong socioeconomic standards for the people of Puntland. The MOFMR strives to improve the livelihoods of Puntland citizens by developing policies and supporting systems that promote a competitive fisheries sector. They accomplish this through the creation of strategic plans and policies that support the business environment, provide services, enhance economic and food security in the sector, and foster collaboration with local, national, and international institutions, all with a commitment to science-based sustainable fisheries management. The ministry is led by the Minister, Deputy Minister, and Director General, who provide technical, policy, and regulative advice to achieve the ministry's core mandates.

SHURAAKO FORUMS

Shuraako hosts [groundbreaking forums](#) focused on the Somali economy and its private sector. These events are designed to bring together stakeholders from around the world. They offer a rare occasion for stakeholders to meet, exchange ideas, form partnerships, and find synergies. Two past forums are profiled below.

Somali Investment Forum: Returning Capital for Growth (2015)



In 2015, Shuraako hosted its first forum, “[The Somali Investment Forum: Returning Capital for Growth](#),” in collaboration with the US Embassy Nairobi and the World Bank Group. The two-and-a-half-day event took place in Nairobi, Kenya, and convened approximately 330 entrepreneurs, investors, sector experts, business development experts, and other stakeholders to discuss business opportunities and challenges, catalyze investment deals, and network.



Shuraako, the US Embassy, Nairobi, and the World Bank Group successfully co-hosted the Somali Investment Forum: *Returning Capital for Growth* (SIF) March 8-10, 2015. The two and half day event convened around 330 entrepreneurs, investors, sector experts, business development experts and other stakeholders – all of whom are focused on Somalia – to discuss business opportunities and challenges, catalyze investment deals, and network.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

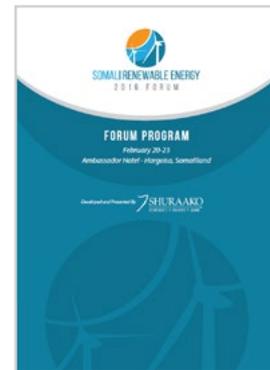
- Hosted 14 sessions to advance dialogue on business, business associations, and private sector policy reform
- 45 Somali-based businesses pitched directly to investors with pledged capital representing five investment groups
- Shuraako secured pledged investment capital which acted as a matching fund for local financial institutions, diaspora investors, impact funds, and others
- 60 Somali-based businesses and business support services hosted booths to advertise their products and services, and network with key players, at the SIF Trade Show
- 54 scholarships were awarded to Somali businessmen/women to attend the Forum who could not have afforded to otherwise
- Shuraako and the One Earth Future Foundation published two reports in conjunction with the SIF: *Powering Progress: The Potential of Renewable Energy in Somalia* and *Building a Business Ecosystem in Somalia: The Case for Business Associations* that were used to guide session content



SIF Participant

Somali Renewable Energy Forum (2016)

In response to local Somali demand, Shuraako, with the support of the Somaliland Ministry of Energy, hosted “[The Somali Renewable Energy Forum 2016](#)” (SREF 2016). The SREF 2016 advanced dialogue around and development of the Somali energy sector—the sector that is positioned to have the single greatest positive impact across all industries and potential to boost the country’s economic growth. Key stakeholders, including Somali energy providers, technical experts, vendors, donors, investors, workforce trainers, students, and policy leaders, took part in changing the course of the Somali region’s energy sector.



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In response to Somali local demand, Shuraako hosted the Somali Renewable Energy Forum 2016 (SREF 2016). The SREF 2016 aimed to advance dialogue and development of the Somali energy sector - a sector that is positioned to have the greatest single positive impact across all industries and the potential to boost the country's economic growth. Key stakeholders took part in changing the course of Somalia's energy sector.

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