

## [Economic Planning Specialist]

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### **Chief Economists of Government (CEoG) Presidential Fellowship**

This document outlines the terms of reference for CEoG Presidential Fellows working in support of the Chief Economic Advisor and the Executive Director of the National Economic Council (NEC) of the Federal Government of Somalia.

Support for this Fellowship is provided by the [Chief Economists of Government initiative \(CEoG\)](#), a peer network of 40 chief economic advisors to the heads of executive branches of government across 40 sub-Saharan African countries. The initiative aims to strengthen knowledge-based policymaking in African countries by supporting senior economic advisors to presidents and prime ministers across the continent. It is managed out of the World Bank's Africa Chief Economist Office.

The African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) implements the Fellowship.

#### **Background and Rationale**

The National Economic Council (NEC) of Somalia is mandated to support the articulation of the country's economic and social transformation strategy and formulate effective policies for the future direction of the nation's economic recovery and inclusive economic growth. Currently, the NEC is preparing **Centennial Vision 2060 for Somalia** with the aspiration to rebuild a secure, stable, and democratic country and to achieve national middle-income status by 2060. This Vision targets inclusive and sustainable development through sound policy reforms in productive activities, enhancing domestic resources mobilisation, rebuilding social services, addressing climate change's adverse impact, and developing the country's blue economy.

The Centennial Vision will be formulated through a consultative, participatory, and inclusive stakeholders' process conducted in a purposeful manner throughout the country. The processes have been led by Somali and international experts, working closely with the Somali authorities (at the Federal and Member State levels), together with civil society organisations, the private sector ordinary Somali, stakeholders from all parts of the country, and the country's development partners in formulating detailed sector-specific analysis to attain the objectives of the Vision 2060.

The Chief Economist & the Executive Director of the NEC requires technical support to develop the national Vision. The CEoG Presidential Fellowship program, therefore, serves as a vehicle to secure such expertise.

The *CEoG Presidential Fellowship* aims to prepare a corps of African economic professionals to serve as the next generation of policymakers and thought leaders who champion economic transformation. CEoG Presidential Fellows are positioned to gain hands-on experience with policy design and implementation by working directly with chief economic advisors to African heads of state as they provide economic advice at the highest level of governance. CEoG fellows are expected to deepen their professional insights and develop their own leadership and technical skills under the supervision and direction of the host advisor. Fellows are also expected to contribute to overall policy design, undertake research, and help aggregate stakeholder views to inform the finalised transformative policy outputs in their host CEoG units.

Where possible, ACET will support learning among host units to foster good practice and appropriately leverage lessons learned in the policy design and implementation process.

### **Scope of work:**

**Job Summary:** The purpose of the **Planning and Policy Specialist** is to provide technical support related to **Centennial Vision 2060** development and preparation, which will be based on high-value and objective studies and extensive consultations and dialogue in building a national consensus that reflects the collective aspirations of Somalia society.

### **Specific Duties**

The consultant will be responsible for the following duties:

- Contributes to the substantive development & preparation of the Centennial Vision 2060, including the preparation of analytical assessment reports.
- Drafts specified inputs for technical papers and analytical studies related to Centennial Vision Development.
- Undertakes research, outreach and partnership activities to mobilise the stakeholders' enhanced role in preparing the Vision.
- Assists in organising expert group meetings, seminars, etc., on development issues.
- Performs other related duties as required, which are evolving out of the Office's mandate, including various administrative tasks necessary for the final delivery of Vision 2060.
- Undertakes on-the-job and other training activities, both internally and externally.

The Fellow will provide technical support related to Centennial Vision 2060 development and preparation and carry out various research under the guidance of the Chief Economist /NEC Executive Director.

### **Responsibilities and deliverables will include:**

- Background studies on the pillars of Centennial Vision 2060 conducted and finalised.
- National consultations on the long-term development policy carried out.
- Centennial Vision 2060 draft document prepared and presented to the top policymakers in the country for review and approval.
- The Centennial Vision is launched and operationalised.

### **General Qualifications**

- At a minimum, completed a master's degree in economics or closely related fields. PhD preferred.
- 4-7 years of relevant professional experience, including long-term strategic development, policy development, and consultancies.
- Proven track record in policy planning or strategy development.
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills – knowledge of statistical and econometric techniques and economic analysis.
- Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills in English.
- Ability to leverage technical knowledge and experience to help identify, analyse, and execute best practices.
- Good leadership abilities, strong interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated history of teamwork.
- An excellent record of professional integrity, including confidentiality around data, effective communication, and any other relevant professional capacities.

### **Country-specific Qualifications**

- General knowledge about Somalia and fluency in the Somali language would be an asset.

### **Additional Information**

The fellowship is expected to cover a one-year period with the possibility of a one-year extension.

**The start date of the Fellowship is April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. The application deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

The fellow is expected to perform this assignment either remotely (home-based), or from Nairobi, Kenya, with possible field missions as required. Physical presence in Nairobi would be preferred.

ACET will pay the Fellow's compensation commensurate with consultancy compensation for junior to mid-level economists and special advisors with similar educational backgrounds and experiences in the host units. Return-flights and visa costs for the Fellow's travel from and to the destination will be provided.

To apply for this position, please [fill out this questionnaire](#) and send your CV and a brief letter of interest to [hr@acetforafrica.org](mailto:hr@acetforafrica.org).