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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we conclude another significant year, we reflect on our efforts to improve governance in Somalia and amplify citizens' voices. When we founded Somali Public Agenda (SPA) eight years ago, our mission was to elevate citizens' voices and provide policymakers with data-driven analysis to guide policy decisions. In 2025, our work continued to place citizens' voices at the center through the publication of research and analytical papers and by fostering dialogue between policymakers and the public to inform policies and strengthen governance in Somalia.

In 2025, we achieved record milestones across our programmes: we published a record 23 research and analytical papers, convened 31 forums—both in person in Nairobi, Mogadishu, Kismayo, Garowe, Bosaso, Qardho, Dhusamareb, and Adado, and online—attended by over 1,000 participants, and trained 73 primarily youth trainees in research and writing. We also released 36 podcast episodes, reaching hundreds of thousands of listeners.

We restructured and rebranded several of our programmes in 2025. We launched SPA Research, our knowledge-production arm led by the Deputy Executive Director; SPA Podcasts, hosting our flagship programmes *Maamul Wanaag* and *Adeeg Wanaag*; and rebranded the Public Agenda Forum as SPA Forums and the SPA Center for Learning and Development as SPA Learning Lab. Directors were appointed for each programme, with the exception of SPA Podcasts, which is managed under our Communications Department. Today, our five programmes—SPA Research, SPA Forums, SPA Podcasts, SPA Policy Lab, and SPA Learning Lab—drive our work, translating our mission, “*To advance responsive, evidence-based, and inclusive governance in Somalia through research and analysis, dialogue, co-design of evidence-based policies and services, and capacity development,*” into concrete actions.

To further amplify citizens' voices, Somali Public Agenda (SPA) launched SPA Polls in July 2025 under its SPA Research programme. SPA Polls is designed to generate reliable, context-specific data on public attitudes across Somalia, supporting evidence-based decision-making, strengthening democratic governance, and fostering inclusive public dialogue.

In 2025, our work influenced policymaking and informed Somali politicians, academics, the international community, and citizens on complex governance issues. The SPA team traveled to, attended, and contributed to forums, conferences, and trainings in Doha, Addis Ababa, Lusaka, Nairobi, Arusha, Djibouti, Mogadishu, Garowe, Dhusamareb, Adado, Bosaso, Kismayo, Qardho, and Baidoa. Our researchers and directors also engaged with the media 15 times, providing interviews, quotes, and appearances with Al Jazeera (English and Arabic), CGTN Africa, BBC Somali, Radio Ergo, The New Humanitarian, Dawan TV, CIVICUS, and Goobjoog TV.

In 2025, we became a member of the Peace in Our Cities (PiOC) Network and established collaborative relationships by signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Puntland Development and Research Centre (PDRC), Juba Valley Institute (JVI), and Independence House (IH).

Despite these achievements, we faced significant challenges in 2025, including funding gaps that affected our operations in various ways. This prompted us to rethink our funding model and explore alternative revenue-generating approaches to sustain and expand our work.

Looking ahead, we are better positioned to advance our mission of promoting responsive, evidence-based, and inclusive governance in Somalia. Given the uncertainties surrounding governance, elections, and security transitions in 2026, our work remains crucial. We extend our gratitude to our donors and partners for trusting us with their support, enabling us to continue contributing to the improvement of governance in Somalia.



Mahad Wasuge

Executive Director, Somali Public Agenda (SPA)

KEY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



31
Forums

SPA convened a record 31 inperson forums and online discussions, including nine (9) On-the-Record Forums, six (6) Gaxwo & Gorfeyn meetups, five (5) roundtable discussions, four (4) Off-the-Record Discussions, five (5) online discussions, and two (2) Dissemination Forums.



23
Publications

SPA published a record 23 papers (23 papers published: 5 were research reports, 3 were policy papers, a record 12 were governance briefs, and 3 were analytical expert commentaries), the highest number of publications in a year since SPA was established in 2018.



36
Podcast Episodes

We produced and released 36 podcast episodes. The Maamul Wanaag Podcast produced 18 episodes, while the Adeeg Wanaag Podcast produced 12 episodes.



14+
Cities Visited

Our team traveled to, attended, and contributed to forums, conferences, and trainings in Doha, Addis Ababa, Lusaka, Nairobi, Arusha, Djibouti, Mogadishu, Garowe, Dhusamareb, Adado, Bosaso, Kismayo, Qardho, and Baidoa.



15
Media Engagements

SPA researchers and directors engaged with the media 15 times in 2025. We were interviewed by, featured in, or quoted in media outlets such as Al Jazeera (English and Arabic), CGTN Africa, BBC Somali, Radio Ergo, The New Humanitarian, Dawan TV, SitRep Podcast, CIVICUS, and Goobjoog TV



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MoUs

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SPA Polls
Launched

SPA launched SPA Polls, a platform managed under SPA Research that conducts reliable and context-specific polls on public attitudes and perceptions.



73
Trainees

73 trainees (31 females and 42 males) successfully completed our blog writing and research training courses

ABOUT SOMALI PUBLIC AGENDA (SPA)

Somali Public Agenda (SPA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, and independent public policy and administration research and action organization based in Mogadishu. It aims to advance understanding and improvement of public policy and services in Somalia through evidence-based research and analysis, dialogue, policy and service design, and training.

At Somali Public Agenda, we believe that all Somalis deserve better public services including access to affordable education, healthcare, housing, security, and justice delivered via transparent and accountable authorities.

Vision & Mission

Vision: Responsive, evidence-based, and inclusive public services for a better Somalia

Mission: To advance responsive, evidence-based, and inclusive public services in Somalia through research and analysis, dialogue, co-design of evidence-based policies and services, and capacity development.

Our History

Founded on January 10, 2018, in Somalia, Somali Public Agenda's analytical work started with monthly commentaries published in both English and Somali. SPA's work and focus have expanded gradually over the years. In 2019, SPA introduced Governance Briefs. In 2020, SPA began conducting in-depth studies across Somalia and publishing Research Reports. In 2022, SPA introduced Policy Papers as the fourth type of publication.

Over eight years, between January 2018 and December 2025, SPA published **124 publications:** 49 commentaries, 43 governance briefs, 11 policy papers, and 21 research reports.

To realize SPA's objective of co-designing policies and services with public and civic institutions as well as building capacity in the public sector, two centers were established in August 2020. The SPA Policy Lab was launched to become the action research center that helps public and civic institutions design human-centered public policies and services. The SPA Policy Lab has a director and has been doing action research and co-designing work on governance and public services in Somalia.

Moreover, the SPA Learning Lab was launched in August 2020. It has a director and introduced two flagship blog writing and research methods training for the Somali youth. The SPA Learning Lab has started to build capacity in the public sector.

SPA Forums created a much-needed space for dialogue among Somali stakeholders. SPA Forums, together with SPA Podcasts, the home of Maamul Wanaag and Adeeg Wanaag podcasts, create a space for discussions and dialogue on key governance and public service matters in Somalia.

The SPA team has been gradually growing. Several graduates from our flagship internship programme have become full-time members of the team. SPA's work is primarily led by young people who studied and live in Somalia. Our headquarters is in Mogadishu. However, SPA's work in Federal Member States has been increasing since 2020. The combination of research and analysis, dialogue, podcasts, co-design policies, and services with public and civic institutions, and providing training to workers in the public and nonprofit sectors is designed to amplify citizens' voices and positively impact policy-making and governance across Somalia.

Our Approach

To advance the understanding and improvement of governance in Somalia, we apply policy-oriented and evidence-based research. We convene dialogue and podcasts and create a space to discuss key governance matters in Somalia. We co-design public programmes and projects at both the service delivery and policy-making levels with public and civic institutions. We also conduct practical and sustainable training on governance and service delivery for public sector institutions, youth, and civil society.

Research: Somali Public Agenda contributes to the understanding and improvement of governance in Somalia through research and analysis of various issues that affect public policies and the provision of public services. SPA regularly publishes research reports, policy papers, governance briefs, and commentaries (most of the time in both the Somali and English languages). These publications often inform and influence citizens, policymakers, practitioners, and international actors on governance and public service issues in Somalia.

Dialogue: SPA Forums is a platform and space for discussions on governance and public service issues in Somalia. The Forum (including Gaxwo & Gorfeyn monthly meetups, bimonthly off-the-record discussions, dissemination forums, roundtable discussions, online discussions, and on-the-record public forums) serves as an avenue for critical examinations of issues of public priorities. Different segments of society including researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners are invited to meet and discuss issues on equal terms. [SPA Forums](#) convenes dialogue with policy-makers and public figures and organizes workshops, seminars, and book/report launches. Often the findings of the discussions help inform the Somali Public Agenda's research and analytical outputs.

Podcasts: Somali Public Agenda has two podcasts namely Maamul Wanaag and Adeeg Wanaag. Somalia faces multiple governance challenges. The country is recovering from years of conflict, lawlessness, and weak administration. Understanding and improving governance in Somalia is one of the core missions of the Somali Public Agenda. Mahad Wasuge, SPA Executive Director, and his guests delve deep into governance issues in Somalia in the [Maamul Wanaag podcast](#).

Public services in Somalia are limited due to the weakness of government institutions struggling to recover from the destruction caused by conflict. However, even those government services that do exist fail to serve people effectively. Access to public services is a fundamental right for citizens. Aweis Ahmed, the director of the SPA Policy Lab, and his guests intensely discuss public service matters in Somalia in the [Adeeg Wanaag podcast](#).

Co-Designing Public Services: Based on the findings and policy recommendations of our studies, we design public policies, programmes, and projects with the relevant public and civic authorities through our [SPA Policy Lab](#). In collaboration with policymakers, public administrators, and the community, we design knowledge-based public services. Before the government invests resources in the policies, programmes, and projects designed, we envisage experimenting with the public service at a small-scale level to test the efficacy of the services designed.

Training: Based on the findings of our research and our co-designing work, Somali Public Agenda through its [SPA Learning Lab](#) offers training courses to contribute to the building of administrative cadres that can deliver public policies and programmes to the community. Moreover, the learning lab offers training to Somali professionals who have the desire and passion to advance the art of writing and research as well as those interested in joining the public sector or are engaged in the non-profit sector. The thematic areas for the professional training programmes are:

1. Blog Writing
2. Research Methods
3. Transformational Leadership
4. Human Resources Management
5. Civil Society & Citizen-Led Accountability
6. Public Policy Design and Planning
7. Public Budgeting
8. Public Finance Management
9. Public Policy Engagement and Advocacy
10. Monitoring & Evaluations
11. Strategic Communication & Public Relations
12. Bespoke Courses for Public & Civic Institutions

SPA PROGRAMMES



Farhan Isak Yusuf, Deputy Executive Director, Director of SPA Research

SPA Research

2025 was a highly productive year for SPA. We reorganized our research arm and established the SPA Research programme, which is responsible for SPA's knowledge production work. The department is led by the SPA Deputy Executive Director, Farhan Isak Yusuf, who serves as its Director.

SPA Polls

In July 2025, we launched SPA Polls under the SPA Research programme. SPA Polls aims to generate reliable, context-specific data on public attitudes across Somalia. In doing so, it supports evidence-based decision-making, strengthens democratic governance, and promotes inclusive public dialogue. Through SPA Polls, Somali Public Agenda reinforces its commitment to producing high-quality research and expanding access to timely, relevant data that can inform policy and enhance accountability.

Research Outputs and Publications

In 2025, we published a record 23 papers, the highest number of publications in a single year since SPA was established in 2018. Of the 23 papers published, five were research reports, three were policy papers, a record twelve were governance briefs, and three were analytical expert commentaries.

Our research and analysis addressed key governance and public service issues in Somalia, including fiscal governance, reconciliation and transitional justice, contentious political issues (elections, constitutional review, and FGS–FMS relations), durable solutions for displaced communities, and governance and service delivery at the local level.

Research Reports

In 2025, we published five research reports. Three of these reports focused on fiscal governance and addressed tax compliance, parliamentary review of the federal budget, and financial management systems.

1. Enabling Popular Participation in Transitional Justice in Somalia

On January 26, 2025, SPA published a research report in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CVSR) on transitional justice as an approach to addressing the violence and gross human rights violations that have marked Somalia's history from the colonial period to the present.

The study explored emerging transitional justice measures in Somalia that are rooted in local practices and build on local resources. It provides recommendations to state authorities, civil society, and multilateral actors—including the African Union—on enabling popular participation to ensure a more contextual, inclusive, and effective transitional justice process in Somalia.

2. Examining Benadir Regional Administration (BRA) Tax Revenue: Types, Legal Frameworks, Collection Methods, and Service Provision

On July 8, 2025, SPA published a year-long research report that examined in depth the Benadir Regional Administration's (BRA) revenue generation. The study focused on the types and sources of BRA revenue, the legal frameworks governing revenue collection, tax communication practices, the behavior of tax collectors, public perceptions, tax payment dynamics and methods, challenges to revenue collection, and expenditure patterns.

This research was conducted with the support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

3. Examining the Role of Public Finance Management (PFM) Systems in Improving Fiscal Performance in the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and Federal Member States (FMS)

On December 21, 2025, SPA published a study on Somalia's public finance management (PFM) systems. The study examined how Somalia's public finance systems have evolved since 2012 and how these reforms have affected revenue collection, public spending, transparency, and relations between the federal government and the federal member states.

The findings show that while Somalia has made notable progress—particularly in meeting donor-driven targets—the fiscal system remains fragile and heavily dependent on external pressure and support.

4. Investigating Limitations in the Budget Formulation and Approval Process at the Federal Government Level

On December 24, 2025, SPA published a study examining limitations in Somalia's federal budget formulation and approval processes. Through an analysis of stakeholder perspectives and procedural frameworks, the study identified key governance and institutional bottlenecks that hinder effective budget management.

The findings indicate that although Somalia's federal budget process formally complies with legal requirements, it remains weak in practice, highly centralized, and heavily influenced by donor priorities.

5. [Dynamics of Taxation: Religious, Cultural, and Social Factors Influencing Tax Compliance in Somalia](#)

On December 28, 2025, SPA published a study examining how religious interpretations, societal and cultural norms, trust in government, and perceptions of tax fairness influence tax compliance in Somalia. The findings suggest that both federal and state authorities need to rebuild taxpayers' trust in tax collection institutions.

The last three studies were part of a fiscal governance and federalism research series under SPA's EU-funded project, Increased Opportunities for Somali Citizens' Scrutiny of Fiscal and Financial Governance, which examines critical fiscal governance and federalism issues at the district level. The series explores topics relevant to local financial management, including fiscal federalism, debt relief, alternative financing models, new tax revenue streams, and public opinion on service delivery versus taxation trade-offs.

Policy Papers

In 2025, we published three policy papers addressing contentious political issues, voter registration, and durable solutions. The policy paper on voter registration was based on an online survey conducted by SPA Polls.

1. [Resilience and Self-Reliance Among Somalia's Displacement-Affected Communities Through a Community-Led Approach](#)

This policy paper, published on March 23, 2025, analyzes community-led solutions for displacement-affected communities in Somalia. Drawing on validation workshops held in Mogadishu with 30 representatives of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Mogadishu, Baidoa, and Kismayo, as well as interviews with camp leaders and residents, the paper explores the real-life experiences and challenges faced by IDPs, particularly with regard to displacement, land ownership, and social cohesion.

Highlighting the case of the Hilaac Wanaag Centre, where minority groups collectively purchased land, the paper demonstrates the effectiveness of community-driven initiatives and emphasizes the role of organization, advocacy, and prioritization in overcoming systemic barriers to achieve durable solutions for vulnerable populations.

[2. Bridging Divides: Options for Resolving Somalia's FGS–FMS Disputes, Constitutional Review and Elections](#)

Published jointly by Somali Public Agenda (SPA) and the Puntland Development and Research Centre (PDRC) on August 8, 2025, this policy paper presents a range of options and potential solutions for resolving three contentious political issues: FGS–FMS disputes, constitutional review, and elections.

The analysis is based on a mapping of the three most critical political issues, roundtable discussions that brought together 142 Somali political and civic actors, two focus group discussions with Puntland and Jubaland government officials, and key informant interviews. Based on these findings, the paper describes and explains the rationale, process, merits, and limitations of each proposed option and potential solution.

[3. Voter Registration in Mogadishu: Process, Public Perceptions, Challenges, and the Way Forward](#)

On December 22, 2025, SPA published a policy paper on voter registration in Mogadishu. The paper examines the first voter registration process conducted in Mogadishu in more than 55 years. It analyzes the overall voter registration process led by the National Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (NIEBC) and identifies key limitations and operational flaws. The paper also explores public experiences and perceptions of the process through an online poll conducted in October 2025, following the conclusion of the voter registration exercise.

Governance Briefs

In 2025, we published a record twelve (12) governance briefs. The increase in the number of briefs published was partly the result of an EU-funded project that produced district-specific knowledge on public finance management (PFM) and broader governance issues in Bosaso, Adado, and Jowhar.

Below is the list of the twelve governance briefs published in 2025:

- [1. Somali Federal and State Interior Ministries: How to Enable Popular Participation in Transitional Justice](#)
- [2. Strengthening Jowhar's Local Revenue System: Key Challenges and Reforms](#)
- [3. Somalia's 2025 Federal Budget: Rising Domestic Revenue & Persistent Donor Dependence](#)
- [4. Challenges and Prospects of Local Revenue Generation in Adaado District](#)
- [5. High Electricity Costs in Bosaso: Socioeconomic Impact, Challenges, and Solutions](#)

6. [Examining the Functionality of Jowhar Local Council](#)
7. [Perceptions, Trust, and Faith: Factors Shaping Tax Non-Compliance in Adado District](#)
8. [Exploring Jowhar's Local Government: Service Provision, Gaps, and Opportunities](#)
9. [Barriers to Effective Revenue Mobilization in Bosaso Local Government](#)
10. [Strengthening Local Governance in Bosaso: Prospects and Challenges of the District Development Committee](#)
11. [From Donor Dependence to Local Ownership: Jowhar's Health Sector at a Crossroads](#)
12. [Barriers to Business Community Participation in Local Government Accountability in Adado](#)

Commentaries

In 2025, SPA published three commentaries:

1. [Benadir Regional Administration \(BRA\) Taxation: Preliminary Study Findings on Tax Collection and Service Delivery](#)
2. [Three Years of the HSM Presidency: Progress, Challenges, and the Road Ahead](#)
3. [Somalia's Future: A Prediction Rooted in Resilience, Trauma, and National Healing](#)

SPA Policy Lab



Aweis Ahmed, Director of SPA Policy Lab

civic institutions, as well as for international organizations, in an innovative and contextually appropriate manner.

The SPA Policy Lab (previously the SPA Center for Public Policy and Service Design between August 2020 and August 2022) is a research and action center within Somali Public Agenda (SPA). The Lab's main objective is to support Somalia's public and civic institutions in designing human-centered, evidence-based policies and services using context-specific design tools and primary data. The SPA Policy Lab, with its diverse team of design researchers and strategists and its network of experts, was established to design policies and services for Somalia's public and

For the design of policies and services, the SPA Policy Lab coordinated the second year of a three-year EU-funded project aimed at increasing opportunities for Somali citizens and strengthening the role of civil society in the scrutiny of fiscal and financial governance within local government authorities. The project provided Somali citizens in three targeted districts—Adado, Bosaso, and Jowhar—with opportunities to express their views, priorities, and concerns to District Councils (DCs), thereby increasing citizen involvement in public financial management issues, as well as in the design and implementation of local government policies and interventions based on citizens' voices.

In addition to implementing the EU-funded project, the SPA Policy Lab team found, based on the project's first-year quarterly citizen surveys and District Council forums in Adado, that the Adado local government has been implementing a tax system for more than three years. However, this system has not generated sufficient resources to provide essential public services.

This challenge stems partly from negative public perceptions of government taxation, which arise from religious misunderstandings that consider taxation not halal. The SPA Policy Lab team also found that limited transparency and persistent public mistrust further exacerbate this issue.

In 2025, the SPA Policy Lab embarked on a self-funded initiative to develop community-centered, evidence-based, and locally driven solutions to address insufficient tax collection in Adado. The Lab began by collecting data from various stakeholders in the district, analyzing and interpreting the data into actionable insights, and then conducting a design workshop.

The design process resulted in the development of two frameworks. Following this, the Lab held validation sessions, presented the framework solutions to stakeholders, and incorporated their feedback into the final document. The Lab produced a comprehensive framework document containing solutions to help the Adado local government improve tax collection.

In 2025, the SPA Policy Lab has actively engaged and collaborated with similar organizations to address design challenges and exchange experiences. Among these organizations is Principles for Peace, based in Geneva, Switzerland, with which the SPA Policy Lab established a partnership to develop design skills and share expertise in design tools. Additionally, the SPA Policy Lab engaged with institutions specializing in policy design, innovation, and community-centered approaches to explore opportunities for knowledge sharing and partnership building.

The Lab also worked closely with various public and civic institutions, including the National Center for Rural Development and Durable Solutions, Hormuud Salaam Foundation, Adado Local Government, Bosaso Local Government, and Jowhar Local Government. This collaborative approach enabled the Lab to better understand institutional needs and challenges and to design tailored solutions that

address specific contexts.

To expand Somalia's understanding and expertise in policy and service design, the SPA Policy Lab began working on an evidence-based design publication series titled the SPA Policy Lab Occasional Paper Series. These papers explain how community-centered and evidence-based approaches can be applied to public policy challenges and document the Lab's methodologies, tools, and design processes. In 2025, the Lab drafted its first Occasional Paper Series, focusing on public financial management issues in Adado district.

In the same year, SPA published a policy paper titled "Resilience and Self-Reliance Among Somalia's Displacement-Affected Communities Through Human-Centered Design." Authored by SPA researcher Farhia Mohamud, the paper explores community-driven approaches to durable solutions for displacement-affected communities. It highlights how local initiatives, supported by effective organization, strategic advocacy, and prioritization, can overcome systemic barriers and foster resilience and self-reliance. The paper underscores the importance of human-centered design in creating sustainable, long-term solutions.

Over the past several years, the SPA Policy Lab has also developed a design tool to improve how public and civic institutions approach policy and service design. This tool was finalized in 2025 and successfully tested through the development of a framework for Adado.

SPA Learning Lab



Ibrahim Osman, Director of SPA Learning Lab & Communications Coordinator

The SPA Learning Lab is a training and capacity development facility run by the Somali Public Agenda (SPA). It aims to train civil servants, policymakers, youth, and nonprofit sector workers with the technical skills to engage in, formulate, and implement solutions to public service challenges. The SPA Learning Lab, formerly the SPA Center for Learning and Development, was established in August 2020 to help bridge the capacity-building gap in public service. The SPA Learning Lab offers short training courses to help develop skilled and knowledgeable civil society actors, youth, and civil servants who can contribute to discussions on key public policies and programmes. We have designed and delivered vital training for Somali youth and public and private sector employees to enhance their skills.

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In early 2025, we changed the name of our SPA Center for Learning and Development to SPA Learning Lab. It aligns well with our SPA Policy Lab. Moreover, we rearranged our professional training courses in 2025 and added new courses, including Transformational Leadership, Civil Society & Citizen-Led Accountability, Public Policy Design and Planning, and Public Policy Engagement and Advocacy.

In 2025, SPA Learning Lab conducted blog writing training (twice), research methods training, bespoke training, learning community meetings, and managed the internship programme. In total, 73 trainees (31 females and 42 males) successfully completed our blog writing and research training courses.

Blog Writing Training

In 2025, the SPA Learning Lab conducted five trainings, including two blog writing trainings, one research methods training, and two workshops. Forty-seven trainees (20 females and 27 males) graduated from our blog writing training in 2025, held twice: January–February and August–September.

For the January training, 84 applicants applied, and after screening, 30 candidates were shortlisted and accepted into the course. Finally, 18 trainees completed the one-month training, crafting four mandatory blog posts. The second blog writing training occurred between August 10 and September 11, 2025. Somali Public Agenda, in collaboration with Digital Shelter, conducted this training. The objective of the blog writing training is to enhance young Somali bloggers' writing and storytelling skills. Twenty-nine students, including 14 females and 15 males, attended the second training. They published over 116 blog articles, demonstrating their improved writing abilities and confidence.



Bespoke Course

In November 2025, the SPA Learning Lab provided capacity-building and training workshop for Sababi Institute. It was a tailored course that helped participants understand complex governance issues, including representation, constitutional review, and elections.

Research Methods Training

We conducted one research methods training in 2025. Sixty applicants applied for the training, but 35 students were shortlisted and selected for the training. Finally, 26 trainees (15 males and 11 females) completed the seven-week-long course. All students were university graduates from various public and private institutions. The objectives of this training are to train qualified young Somali researchers who can positively contribute to Somali governance and public services.



Workshops

SPA organized two workshops in 2025 to strengthen specialized skills among staff and members of the SPA community. On May 22, 2025, the SPA Learning Lab organized a two-hour workshop on cyber and information security for the SPA team. Eng. Sayid Ali Hussein Gabane, Director of the Wacyi Campaigns, facilitated the workshop. The session was an eye-opener for participants, as it focused precisely on the types of cyber and information threats and addressed the what, where, when, and how of protecting information.

On August 11, 2025, the SPA Learning Lab had the honor of hosting Mr. Abdirahman Sheikhdon, a seasoned educationist, trainer, and the principal of Garowe Teacher Education College (GTEC), to deliver a two-hour workshop on Training of Trainers (ToT) to the SPA team and friends. The workshop was engaging and insightful and covered a range of aspects that are imperative for effective and impactful training outcomes. SPA Learning Lab is grateful to Mr. Abdirahman Sheikhdon for sharing his knowledge, expertise, and wisdom with the SPA team and its friends.



Learning Alumni Meetings

In 2025, the SPA Learning Lab launched learning alumni meetings with the aim of re-engaging with active members of our learning alumni. The goal of this engagement is to stay connected with our learning alumni and provide them with advice and guidance. In 2025, we met with six bloggers (two females and four males) who had completed our blog writing and research training courses. During the meetings, we discussed their blogging and research journeys and the challenges they face. We also shared advice on improving their writing and ways to make their messages stronger and more effective. The learning community meetings create an opportunity for graduates to receive support, encouragement, and advice, and for SPA to continue supporting them after their training.



Internships



Somali Public Agenda initiated a three-month internship programme in mid-2020. This internship aims to equip university graduates and enhance their skills and experience. Over the past five years, 26 interns have completed their internship programme at Somali Public Agenda.

In 2025, five interns (two males and three females) completed internships at Somali Public Agenda. The interns played a vital role in various SPA departments and research projects. This internship offers essential experience for recent university graduates. All the interns wrote reflections (published on the SPA website) about their internship experiences.

In August 2025, we held the fourth SPA Internship Alumni annual gathering. It was an opportunity for our internship alumni to get to know each other, reflect on their internship experiences and how these helped them, and receive updates about the new SPA Learning Lab training programmes.

SPA Forums



Mohamed Adam, SPA Forums
Director and Researcher

In January 2025, we rebranded our forums programme and changed Public Agenda Forum to SPA Forums. SPA Forums is Somali Public Agenda's platform for convening dialogue on governance and public service priorities in Somalia. Through a mix of in-person and online engagements, SPA Forums brings together citizens, civil society, policymakers, and experts to examine emerging issues, share evidence, and promote constructive discussions on the country's political, social, and economic realities.

In 2025, SPA Forums operated through six principal dialogue platforms: On-the-Record Forums, Dissemination Forums, Gaxwo & Gorfeyn, Online Discussions, Roundtable Discussions, and Off-the-Record Discussions. Over the year, SPA convened a record 31 in-person forums and online discussions, reaching 1,326 participants of our in-person forums in total. This included nine (9) On-the-Record Forums with 754 participants, six (6) Gaxwo & Gorfeyn meetups with 202 participants, five (5) roundtable discussions with 167 participants, four (4) Off-the-Record Discussions with policymakers and 101 participants, two (2) Dissemination Forums with 102 participants, and five (5) online discussions. The dialogues explored pressing public issues, including elections, security, Somalia's global and regional geopolitics, public lands, housing, political exclusion, and Federal Government– Federal Member State (FGS–FMS) relations.

The highlights below summarize key topics and selected sessions delivered through each platform.

On-the-Record Forums

On-the-record forums are video-recorded forums where panelists are invited to discuss specific governance issues. Guest speakers, including policymakers and experts, are invited to discuss pertinent governance and public service issues. These may include authors, subject-matter experts, government representatives, or civil society actors whose discussions are video recorded and disseminated online.



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In 2025, we convened nine On-the-Record Forums, four of which were held in Mogadishu. Topics discussed included the Information Bill, national ID, the role of the opposition in governance, and center–periphery politics. Keynote speakers included a former National Security Advisor to the President, the Director General of NIRA, prominent civil society actors, members of the opposition, and an academic and researcher.

We decentralized our forums and expanded to local governments. In 2025, we convened five On-the-Record Forums in Bosaso, Qardho in Puntland, and Dhusamareb and Adado (twice) in Galmudug. A total of 470 people attended these forums. Local government authorities, civil society representatives, and citizens in these districts came together to discuss revenue collection, public services, and accountability. SPA created a much-needed space for dialogue among local actors. We will continue creating such opportunities at the local level.



Gaxwo & Gorfeyn

Gaxwo & Gorfeyn is a monthly meetup that brings together intellectuals—primarily youth—to discuss pertinent governance and service issues in Somalia. Held on the last Thursday of each month, Gaxwo & Gorfeyn has no keynote speaker. Intellectuals (approximately 15 to 25 participants) come together to discuss key policy issues while SPA members moderate the discussion.



In 2025, we convened six Gaxwo & Gorfeyn monthly meetups. Topics discussed included elections, arms shipments in Puntland, security, public lands, and rising rent prices in Mogadishu.

Off-the-Record Discussions

Launched in July 2023, SPA's Off-the-Record Discussions are held once every two months. This platform brings together policymakers and civil society actors who do not often have the opportunity to discuss policy matters in Somalia. The discussions are held in the evenings at the SPA office. Key government representatives are invited to discuss policy areas they are responsible for with a selected group of 20 to 30 intellectuals who ask critical questions and provide advice.

In 2025, we convened four Off-the-Record Discussions. These discussions focused on the completion of the SSC-Khatumo state formation process, Somalia–US diplomacy, Somalia–Ethiopia dialogue and the role of Türkiye, and the funding of AUSSOM. The National Security Advisor, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, State Minister of the Office of the Prime Minister, and Somalia's Ambassador to the US were guests at these discussions.

Roundtable Discussions

In 2025, SPA launched roundtable discussions. These discussions may include speakers and presentations but are organized in a roundtable format. We convened five roundtable discussions, four of which were organized in partnership with PDRC in Nairobi, Garowe, Mogadishu, and Kismayo. These discussions brought together 142 Somali political and civic actors for focused dialogue.

On October 15, Somali Public Agenda convened a roundtable discussion for 25 civil society organizations to explore the role CSOs can play in addressing pressing political challenges, including deteriorating FGS–FMS relations and contested upcoming elections. Representatives from think tanks, civil society umbrellas, academia, youth and women's groups, media, teachers' associations, and lawyers attended the discussion.



Dissemination Forums

Dissemination forums are platforms for discussing SPA research and analytical outputs. SPA often organizes a dissemination forum after publishing a major study, policy paper, or governance brief, during which the author(s) present the key findings and messages.

In 2025, SPA Forums held two (2) Dissemination Forums. The first forum was held in February 2025 to present the findings of a joint study with Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) titled Enabling Popular Participation in Transitional Justice in Somalia. Farhia Mohamud, SPA Researcher who co-authored the paper, presented the findings to the forum participants. In July 17, 2025, SPA Forums convened a dissemination forum to present the study Examining Benadir Regional Administration (BRA) Tax Revenue: Types, Legal Frameworks, Collection Methods, and Service Provision. The panel featured Farhan Isak Yusuf (Deputy Director, Somali Public Agenda; Director of SPA Research; and author of the study) and Burhaan Saciid (Director, Somali Institute of Certified Public Accountants – SICPA; and an expert in accounting and financial management with long-standing experience in financial advisory and management).



Online Discussions

SPA convenes online discussions to generate debate on current issues and disseminate SPA research and analytical papers. This platform is particularly useful for engaging Somali intellectuals who cannot attend physical forums, as well as the Somali diaspora.

In 2025, SPA hosted four (4) X Spaces discussions and one Zoom discussion to broaden access to public debate and evidence-informed policy discussions. Topics included:

- The role of the Federal Parliament in Somalia’s politics
- What middle-ground electoral model can bridge Somalia’s political divide?
- Resolving FGS–FMS disputes, constitutional review, and elections (convened in X and Zoom)
- Unpacking SPA’s study on BRA tax revenue



SPA Podcasts

In 2025, we produced and released 36 podcast episodes. The *Maamul Wanaag Podcast* produced 18 episodes. The *Maamul Wanaag Podcast* delves deeply into various governance matters in Somalia. Guests broadly discussed and analyzed governance topics, including Somalia’s political settlement, fiscal federalism, SSC-Khatumo, Somalia–Ethiopia dialogue on sea access, constitutional review, elections, Türkiye in Africa, taxation, Somaliland, AUSSOM, national statistics, representation, and state-building in Somalia 25 years after the Arta Peace Conference.

SPA also published 12 *Adeeg Wanaag Podcast* episodes. *Adeeg Wanaag* focuses on public service matters in Somalia. The 12 episodes released in 2025 discussed justice, health services, local governance, unemployment, durable solutions for displaced people, the distribution of the national ID, and education.

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In 2025, our two podcasts were downloaded and listened to over 6,186 times. This was 3,487 fewer than the 9,673 times our podcasts were downloaded and listened to in 2024. However, a significant number of people watched the video versions of our podcast episodes. Since their introduction in mid-2019, our podcasts have been downloaded over 33,953 times.

Moreover, the full podcast videos published on YouTube in 2025 received over 127,800 views, a significant increase from 19,960 podcast views in 2024. Short videos from our podcast episodes shared on social media—primarily Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram—also received significant engagement.



OUTREACH AND IMPACT

The SPA team was highly engaged across research dissemination, policy dialogue, capacity building, and public engagement. Our researchers and senior leadership participated in international and regional conferences, high-level policy forums, workshops, and trainings across Africa; contributed to constitutional review and electoral debates; moderated and spoke on panels; delivered guest lectures; and strengthened institutional partnerships.

Our team traveled to, attended, and contributed to forums, conferences, and trainings in Doha, Addis Ababa, Lusaka, Nairobi, Arusha, Djibouti, Mogadishu, Garowe, Dhusamareb, Adado, Bosaso, Kismayo, Qardho, and Baidoa.

SPA's work also reached wide public audiences through television, radio, podcasts, and international media outlets, with multiple interviews, features, and citations based on SPA research and analysis. SPA researchers and directors engaged with the media 15 times in 2025. We were interviewed by, featured in, or quoted in media outlets such as Al Jazeera (English and Arabic), CGTN Africa, BBC Somali, Radio Ergo, *The New Humanitarian*, Dawan TV, SitRep Podcast, CIVICUS, and Goobjoog TV.

Somali Public Agenda (SPA) joined the Peace in Our Cities (PiOC) Network in March 2025, becoming part of a global coalition of cities and organizations dedicated to reducing urban violence and fostering peaceful, just, and inclusive communities. PiOC brings together mayors, city leaders, civil society members, and representatives of international organizations and urban networks to drive innovative solutions for safer cities. By joining this network, Somali Public Agenda aims to collaborate with like-minded organizations and municipalities to develop and implement strategies that promote peace and reduce violence in communities.

In 2025, we also established collaborative relationships and signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Puntland Development and Research Centre (PDRC), Juba Valley Institute (JVI), and Independence House (IH). These MoUs aim to strengthen collaboration in research and analysis, dialogue, and training, and to support better governance for a brighter Somalia.

We sent 12 monthly bulletins in 2025. The monthly newsletter covers SPA activities from the previous month, including reports and briefs released, forums held, design projects undertaken, important meetings or conferences attended, and the number of media appearances and SPA citations or quotes during the month. By the end of each month, over 1,700 email recipients received updates on our work. This monthly bulletin enables readers to engage in some of our work they are interested in and may have missed. It is also an effective engagement tool for SPA to reach and inform our Somali and international audiences.

In 2025, we published four video commentaries on the Ankara Declaration, political dialogue, three years after President Hassan Sheikh's presidency, and constitutional review and elections. These short video commentaries provide SPA researchers with a platform to offer quick insights and analysis on pressing governance issues in Somalia and key findings from SPA's research and analytical work.

In 2025, the IT Department continued to improve SPA's website, building on work done in 2024. Website visits increased in 2025, with 24,469 visitors and 34,209 sessions, up from 29,463 sessions in 2024. Total page views reached 147,665, compared to 81,108 page views in 2024. User engagement also improved. In 2025, the website recorded an engagement rate of 73 percent, higher than the 46.64 percent engagement rate in 2024. This indicates that visitors spent more time on the website.

Access to SPA's research and publications also improved in 2025. While publications were available in 2024, download tracking began in the second half of 2025. From August 2025 onward, SPA papers were downloaded 1,531 times.

Our online audience and outreach expanded in 2025. Website security was strengthened, and SPA's work became more visible through online searches. Our X followers increased to 9,212 (from 8,571 in 2024). Facebook followers increased from 42,470 in 2024 to 48,672 in 2025. LinkedIn followers rose from 7,428 in 2024 to 9,025 in 2025. TikTok followers increased from 5,484 in 2024 to 7,806 in 2025. Instagram followers reached 1,929 by the end of 2025, up from 1,682 in 2024. YouTube subscribers increased to 5,017 in 2025, up from 2,107 at the end of 2024. The SPA Telegram account grew from 326 subscribers at the end of 2024 to 835 subscribers by the end of 2025.

Our work also shaped policymaking in Somalia in 2025. On September 6, 2025, during a discussion on Dawan TV, Hon. Abdirahman Abdishakur Warsame, leader of the Wadajir Party, quoted our recently published study—co-authored with PDRC—on electoral issues, the constitution, and the relationship between the federal government and the states. He stated:

“How can voters be protected from the influence of state presidents or corrupt elders? We have a variety of electoral models, not only those developed by us, but also by Somali academics who are independent and politically neutral. Such models have been produced by Somali Public Agenda, PDRC, and Prof. Afyare. There are many neutral intellectuals who can contribute ideas on how electoral models can be improved.”

Following the conclusion of a forum where he was a guest speaker, NIRA Director General Abdiweli Ali Abdulle stated in an X post:

“I had the opportunity to join a public forum hosted by Somali Public Agenda, where I engaged directly with citizens and civil society on the rollout of the Somali National ID System. The discussion allowed us to explain how the

national ID works in practice, its importance for accessing essential services, and the ongoing steps NIRA is taking to ensure transparency, inclusion, and efficiency across our registration operations. I commend SPA for creating an open and constructive platform that strengthens dialogue between institutions and the public.”

On October 26, 2025, we published a success story blog titled “*From Research to Advocacy: Advancing Social Inclusion for IDPs in Mogadishu*” on the impact of SPA’s research and advocacy efforts, and how we have amplified the voices of IDPs and supported minority and marginalized displacement-affected communities.

Participants in our training courses also reflected about their training experiences at the SPA Learning Lab. Miski Omar Ali, a blog writing graduate in September 2025, said during the graduation ceremony:

“I am proud to share that I have officially completed my Blog Writing Course at Somali Public Agenda, supported by Digital Shelter. This journey has been more than just learning how to write; it has been about discovering the power of stories and the responsibility that comes with sharing ideas that matter. Along the way, I have been inspired, challenged, and supported by incredible mentors, facilitators, and peers. With these skills in hand, I am excited to continue writing content that informs, inspires, and contributes to meaningful conversations within our community and beyond.”

Dahir Mohamed Mohamud, a blog writing graduate in September 2025, also stated in a reflection blog:

“This blog writing training taught me the importance of adhering to writing rules and principles in order to produce high-quality and engaging blog posts. My sincere gratitude goes to Somali Public Agenda (SPA) for making this valuable opportunity possible, and to the instructors who generously shared their knowledge with us. The effort and time you dedicated to us were key to the success we celebrate today, and it is something I will never forget.”

In 2025, five interns—Abdullahi Yusuf (January), Mohamed Hussein (April), Amina Alinor (May), Sumaya Muhumed (July), and Abdifatah Dirie (October)—wrote and published reflection blog posts on their internship experiences at Somali Public Agenda. These blogs were published on the SPA website and shared with the growing number of SPA social media followers.

Several SPA staff members also published reflection blogs on how working at SPA has impacted them. On February 5, 2025, Ahmed Abdi Osman published a reflection blog on how the EU-funded project “*Increased Opportunities for Somali Citizens’ Scrutiny of Fiscal and Financial Governance*” has been an enriching and transformative experience for the SPA focal point in Adado.

On June 21, 2025, Abdirahman Mohamed Warsame, Somali Public Agenda's focal point in Puntland for the EU-funded project *Increased Opportunities for Somali Citizens' Scrutiny of Fiscal and Financial Governance*, published a reflection titled "Public Demand and DC Members' Commitment to Transparency and Fiscal Governance in Bosaso."

On July 16, 2025, Ibrahim Osman, Director of the SPA Learning Lab and Communications Coordinator, published a reflection blog titled "One Year at Somali Public Agenda: A Journey of Growth and Purpose" on his one-year experience at Somali Public Agenda.

Most of the feedback received on our 2025 work was positive. The feedback highlighted the objectivity of our work. SPA is not affiliated with any political association, and its employees are committed to producing high-quality, evidence-based, and balanced analyses and to creating a space for dialogue on crucial governance and service delivery issues in Somalia.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, Somali Public Agenda maintained a stable and responsible financial position, ensuring that resources were used effectively to support its research, dialogues, and other core programmes and activities. Funding from partners and supporters remained steady throughout the year, enabling the organization to implement planned activities and engage communities across different regions.

The majority of expenditures were directed toward programme implementation, including research fieldwork, publications, forums, and related initiatives. Operational and administrative costs were carefully managed and kept within planned limits, allowing resources to be focused on activities that directly support the organization's mission.

During the year, Somali Public Agenda continued to strengthen its financial procedures and internal processes. Regular reviews, improved documentation, and closer monitoring of expenditures helped ensure accountability and compliance with donor and partner requirements. These efforts also contributed to more efficient and timely financial reporting.

Cash flow remained stable throughout the year, allowing projects to run smoothly and ensuring that commitments were met on time. The organization also continued its efforts to diversify funding sources, supporting long-term sustainability and reducing reliance on a limited number of partners.

Somali Public Agenda is grateful for the continued support of its donors and partners, including the EU, RVI, NED, LPI, and other valued partners, whose contributions made it possible to deliver impactful programmes and strengthen organizational capacity.

Overall, 2025 was marked by steady financial performance, careful resource management, and continued improvements in financial systems. These efforts supported the effective delivery of programmes and strengthened Somali Public Agenda's ability to serve the public and contribute to better governance and public services.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2025, the Human Resources Department strengthened the organization's human capital by recruiting a competent team, including six researchers, a focal point, a multimedia producer, and a cashier and administration officer. In addition, the department managed the recruitment of five interns, providing opportunities for young undergraduates to gain valuable experience within the organization.

The department ensured that all staff salaries were paid accurately and on time, alongside the timely settlement of payroll tax invoices to their respective federal and state authorities, as well as the management of staff benefits.

In addition to these administrative and operational tasks, the Human Resources Department worked to create a positive and supportive work environment. This included organizing staff dinner gatherings, which helped strengthen team relationships and morale. The department also promoted employees in different departments, recognizing their hard work and supporting their career growth within the organization.

SPA continued its monthly book presentations. Each month, an SPA member presents a summary of a book he or she has read to the rest of the team, followed by a discussion. This initiative is part of our plan to learn from each other and to advance a culture of learning and reading within the institution.

Overall, the Human Resources Department delivered strong results in recruitment, employee development, and workforce engagement. These accomplishments highlight our dedication to fostering a supportive, efficient, and high-performing work environment.

2025 PROJECTIONS AND PRIORITIES

As we enter our 9th year, we look forward to producing quality research outputs, creating spaces for discussion on national issues, offering training, and assisting public institutions in designing human-centered public services.

Our SPA Research work in 2026 will focus on the following thematic issues:

1. Democratization and elections
2. Constitutional review process
3. Public finance management
4. Emerging geopolitical dynamics
5. Accountability and transparency
6. Local governance
7. Urbanization
8. Education

SPA Forums will continue the *Gaxwo iyo Gorfeyn* series, the bimonthly Off-the-Record Discussions with policymakers, On-the-record Forums, Dissemination Forums, Roundtable Discussions, and online discussions. We plan to convene six On-the-Record Forums and three Dissemination Forums in 2026. We will continue Online Discussions and Roundtable Discussions and are also planning to convene an annual conference in mid-2026.

In 2026, the SPA Learning Lab plans to conduct blog writing training twice that will produce at least 45 graduates. Similarly, it will organize a six-week-long research methodology training in September for 20 to 30 trainees. The SPA Learning Lab will also start capacity-building initiatives in the public and civic sectors, including professional courses on Civil Society & Citizen-Led Accountability, Public Policy Engagement and Advocacy, Transformational Leadership, and Public Policy Design and Planning.

The SPA Policy Lab plans to collaborate with government and non-governmental organizations to co-design policies or services addressing critical issues affecting citizens. The SPA Policy Lab will also improve the design manual, which serves as a guide for the Lab's co-design work.

SPA Podcasts will continue with two programmes (*Maamul Wanaag* and *Adeeg Wanaag*) and will expand outreach. We will increase *Maamul Wanaag* podcast episodes to 24 in 2026, producing two episodes per month. We will also aim to produce podcasts based on our publications and invite guests to discuss key governance and social service matters.

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We extend our thanks to our supporters, readers, and friends whose confidence and encouragement inspire us to continue advancing the public good. As we enter our ninth year, we look forward to producing high-quality research outputs, creating spaces for discussion on national issues, offering training, and assisting public and civic institutions in designing human-centered public services.

The following is a list of SPA staff, fellows, Board members, donors, partners, and the speakers of our forums and podcasts in 2025.

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SPA has established a unique reputation as a credible, neutral, and influential think-and-action tank across Somalia; has networks spanning the political landscape, including government institutions, opposition actors, and civic stakeholders; and has a strong track record of influencing policy at the highest level, as evidenced by our Success Stories and Testimonials pages on our website.

Our team is regularly called upon to provide analysis and commentary in the media, as well as to Somali government officials and the international community.

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