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Minister Maareeye of Agriculture Depicted Great Representation of Somalia at the African Heads of States Summit on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in Kampala, Uganda

Along with His Excellency Dr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia, H.E Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye), Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, greatly represented Somalia at the African Heads of States Extraordinary Summit on the Post Malabo Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), which was held from January 9 to 11, 2025, at the Speke Resort Convention Centre in Kampala, Uganda.

On behalf of the President of Somalia and representing the Somali people, H.E. Minister Maareeye officially endorsed the Kampala Declaration and the Ten-Year CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026–2035), which focuses on advancing inclusive agrifood systems transformation for sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity.

Searching for investment opportunities for Somali farmers, H.E. Minister Maareeye met with Mrs. Amina Hersi Moghe, a multi-million Somali businesswoman and one of the most successful entrepreneurs in Africa. He discussed unlocking potential investment opportunities in Somalia and presented her with the private sector-driven Somalia National Transformation Plan.

During the summit, to enhance bilateral relations with friendly nations to transform Somalia's agriculture and irrigation sectors, H.E Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye) met with H.E Alaa Farouk, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The two honorable ministers agreed to strengthen their cooperation, focusing on irrigation, research, mechanization, and agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides.

The minister showed great endeavour during the summit as he met with Mr. Hamadi Boga, Vice President for Program Delivery at AGRA, along with Prof Jean Jacques M. Muhinda, AGRA Regional Director for East and Southern Africa. They agreed to accelerate joint efforts to prepare flagship projects to transform Somalia's agri-food systems. This crucial meeting cemented the full engagement between Somalia's Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and AGRA, focused on the legacy programmes to be launched in AGRA Agri-food Systems Forum in Dhakar, Senegal (September 2025), resources mobilization, and responding to the most agriculture priorities of Somalia.

Last but not least, the achievements included other high-level meetings with various donors and development banks, bilateral and multilateral organisations, foundations, individual philanthropists, government officials, UN agencies and NGOs.

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