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Official Launch of Beero oo Barwaaqee Soomaaliya (BBS) Integrated Model Farms

Mogadishu, Somalia – September 7, 2025: The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI), Federal Republic of Somalia, today launched the Beero oo Barwaaqee Soomaaliya (BBS) Integrated Model Farms Programme. The event showcased the Ministry's commitment to transforming and modernizing Somali agriculture sector, building climate resilience, and improving livelihoods for farmers, rural communities, pastoralists, and agro-pastoral populations across the country.

Beero oo Barwaaqee Soomaaliya (BBS) is a transformative agricultural initiative aimed at fundamentally reshaping how Somali communities engage in farming. It seeks to modernize agricultural practices, enhance productivity, and catalyze a shift from traditional methods to climate-smart, integrated farming systems by promoting innovation, resilience, and sustainability. BBS empowers farmers to embrace a new era of resilient farming and drought-tolerant mechanisms.

Official Statement by Minister Maareeye

The Minister delivered the official statement during the event, stating the following:

“A new era for Somalia’s agriculture has begun with the official launch of the Beero oo Barwaaqee Somalia (BBS) programme. I am proud to introduce this landmark initiative—a flagship national program that promotes an integrated modern farming system with sustainable rainwater harvesting to thrive year-round production, renewable energy from solar, dairy production, high-value and drought-tolerant crops, fodder cultivation, and climate-smart technologies. Following rigorous design and technical feasibility studies, the Ministry has successfully established nine demonstrative farms, competitively selected from fourteen candidates across four regions (Afgoye, Balcad, Kismayo and Baidoa). Our goal is to develop and replicate over 100 model farms nationwide by 2029. These model integrated farming will act as training and demonstration centers. However, we cannot achieve this alone. We call upon the Somali private sector, Diaspora community, and development partners to pledge financial and technical support to scale up and sustain these transformative farms.

The launch event brought together high-level stakeholders committed to transforming Somalia’s agricultural landscape. Participants included the Deputy Ambassador of Qatar, representatives from development partners, including FAO, WFP, CARE International, SomRep/World Vision, Qatar Charity, Coopi, IOM, BRICs consortium (NRC, IRC, Save the Children). The financial institutions were also well represented, including the Somali Bankers Association, as well as representatives from the private sector and farmers.

Participants expressed heartfelt appreciation to H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir Maareeye, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, and the dedicated staff of the Ministry, for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of Somali communities.

Finally, the Minister urged donors and partners to align their interventions with the National Transformation Plan (NTP), the National Agriculture Transformation Strategy, the Ministry’s ten national priority areas, and its fourteen flagship programmes. [Click here to see them](#)

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