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Somalia Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Endorses and Establishes the Somalia Agricultural Youth Association (SAYA)

Mogadishu, Somalia — May 9, 2026: The Federal Government of Somalia, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI), today officially endorsed and established the Somalia Agricultural Youth Association (SAYA) during a high level event held at the Grand Theatre Symposium of the Somali National University (SNU) for the election of SAYA’s two year leadership. During the election, more than 500 young farmers freely participated and cast their ballots in a closed and transparent voting process to elect the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Secretary of the Association.

The Somalia Agricultural Youth Association (SAYA) is an initiative led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Republic of Somalia to unite, empower, and enhance the knowledge and skills of young farmers across the country. Its aim is to mobilize Somalia’s youth to drive agri-food development and improve national production through networking, advocacy, capacity building, resource mobilization, and youth engagement.



“Over the past two years, the Government of Somalia and our Ministry have exerted significant effort to mobilize Somali youth, as well as domestic and international investors, to engage in the agricultural sector. Those who invested and established modern, climate smart farms have quickly begun to experience substantial profits and improved livelihoods. Today is a great day for the Ministry of Agriculture and for Somalia, as we officially welcome SAYA which is a long awaited association that will ensure the effective mobilization and inspiration of our youth to enter and contribute to agriculture. This marks an important step in advancing our national transformation agenda toward food sovereignty, drought resilience, and climate smart agricultural development.”

— H.E. Mohamed Abdi Hayir (Maareeye), Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

After the free and transparent counting of votes cast by more than 500 young farmers, H.E. Minister Maareeye announced the newly elected leadership of Somalia Agricultural Youth Association (SAYA):

1. Mr. Mohamed Adam Ali (*Chairperson*)
2. Mr. Mohamed Sidow Subeir (*Deputy Chairperson*)
3. Mr. Muhsin Sayid Yusuf (*Secretary*)



Youth and Women in the agriculture sector cast their vote for the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary candidates



Senior officials and participants at the SAYA establishment and leadership election event, SNU Grand Theatre, Mogadishu



H.E. Mohamed Abdulkadir Ali, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Federal Government of Somalia, highly commended the election, noting that it was organized at an exemplary standard. He also officially endorsed the establishment of the Somalia Agricultural Youth Association (SAYA).



Eng. Mohamed Hassan Abdulle, Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, received strong appreciation for his leadership and delivered the opening remarks that paved the way for the election process.

Other high-level delegates included the Director Generals of the Ministries of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) and Petroleum and Mineral Resources. The launch event brought together a wide range of senior stakeholders from government institutions, the private sector, development partners, NGOs, and civil society, reflecting broad national support for youth engagement in agriculture.

The event organizers and pioneers behind both the election and the establishment of SAYA, including the Agro-Enterprise & Investment Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, along with other key contributors, were highly appreciated for their leadership and dedication.



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