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Mr. Adam I. OHirsi, Minister of State for Environment and Climate Change, Somalia

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Adam I. OHirsi is the Minister of State for Environment & Climate Change of Somalia. He has held this position since the creation of the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change of Somalia in August 2022.

The main role of the Minister of State is to attend to specific national complex tasks that require constant attention and specific deliveries. The Minister State becomes in charge of the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change in the absence of the line minister. Dr. OHirsi is the national focal point of numerous conventions and agreements that Somalia is party to. He holds a PhD in Social Sciences from Kenya Methodist University in Kenya.

In addition to that Dr. OHirsi represents the ministry and at times the country in global fora as required by the line Minister, the Prime Minister or the President. Dr. OHirsi represented Somalia in EGYPT - ICF & African Ministers Meeting widely known as "Pre-COP27 Conference" in Cairo Egypt in September 2022 that paved the way for the global COP27 held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. He has recently (May 2023) represented Somalia in the back-to-back international conventions of Rotterdam CoP11, Basel CoP16, and Stockholm CoP11 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Before he was appointed a minister of state, Dr. OHirsi was the lead strategic advisor on Somalia's Ninth National Development Plan (NDP9+) between 2020 - 2022. He served Jubaland State of Somalia as the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (2016 - 2018) and the Minister of Justice, Constitution & Religious Affairs (2018 - 2020.)

At Planning and International Cooperation docket, he chaired the State Development Committee, sat in the National Development Council and chaired the Special Cabinet Committee on IDPs and Cross-Border Humanitarian Interventions. At Justice, Constitution & Religious Affairs docket, he actively

participated in the process of justice and judicial reform on the one hand and the national constitutional review on the other. He advised three Somali prime ministers on inclusive politics and civic engagements (2011 - 2016.) He was a signatory to Jowhar Agreement on Justice and Corrections Reform signed between federal member states of Somalia and the central government in January 2018. Dr. OHirsi also served as the Governor of Gedo region under the unitary government of Somalia (2006 - 2008.)