

Bandhigga  
Guuleystayaasha  
Soomaaliyeed



Theme

# Somalia's Energy Transition: Challenges, Opportunities and Climate Impact





## ABOUT BGS

Bandhigga Guulaystayaasha Soomaaliyeed (BGS) is an annual forum for serious and productive discussion on Somalia's business challenges and aspirations organized by Hormuud—Somalia's premier telecommunications company. The forum brings together leaders from business, government, academia, and development actors to explore avenues for enhancing Somalia's private sector development and identify options for collaboration, innovation, and growth in the economic sectors that hold immense promise for the country.



## VISION

Promote the development of Somalia's dynamic private sector.



## MISSION

BGS is a unique national platform dedicated to fostering critical business discussions in Somalia and focuses on improving productivity and responding to the opportunities of an evolving private sector.

We bring together leading business actors, policy-makers, academics, and experts to discuss and provide diagnoses and prognoses about developing Somalia's vibrant business community. The Forum envisages proposing actionable recommendations that could support growth, job creation, and poverty alleviation.



# Introduction

Somalia's energy sector is at a pivotal moment. Despite its rich solar and wind potential, access to affordable electricity remains limited, especially in rural areas. High dependence on imported diesel, low generation capacity, and some of the highest electricity tariffs globally have constrained growth and deepened inequality. However, a wave of private-sector innovation, driven by emerging companies and supported by development partners, signals a shift toward sustainable reform.

In this context, Hormuud Telecom is proud to host the 4th Bandhigga Guuleystayaasha Soomaaliyeed under the theme **"Somalia's Energy Transition: Challenges, Opportunities and Climate Impact"**. The conference will convene leaders across sectors to assess progress, share successful models, and forge partnerships to transform Somalia's energy landscape.

## Background & Rationale

Years of conflict, infrastructural collapse, and diesel dependency have left Somalia with a fragmented energy system and significant urban-rural disparities in access. Yet, with over 3,100 annual sunlight hours and strong wind corridors, Somalia holds immense renewable energy potential. Already, actors like Hormuud Telecom now operating 86% on solar are proving the feasibility of sustainable solutions.

This conference builds on that momentum. It aligns with national priorities under the Somalia Electricity Sector Recovery Project (SES RP) and the National Transformation Plan 2025–2029, aiming to promote energy access, attract investment, and shape inclusive, climate-resilient energy policies for the future.



## Purpose of the Conference

This high-level national conference organized as the 4th edition of Bandhigga Guuleystayaasha Soomaaliyeed aims to bring together public institutions, private sector leaders, development partners, investors, academia, and civil society to:



Evaluate the current status and challenges of Somalia's energy sector



Identify actionable strategies to accelerate renewable energy adoption



Recognize and celebrate local innovators and institutions leading the energy transition



Facilitate cross sector collaboration for inclusive energy development



Align public and private sector initiatives with Somalia's 2030 energy and climate goals



## Objectives

This conference aims to:



**01** Diagnose systemic issues in access, affordability, and sustainability

**02** Promote investment-ready renewable energy opportunities and financing models

**03** Showcase Somali success stories in electricity, solar, and off-grid innovation

**04** Engage stakeholders in regulatory reform and energy planning

**05** Commit to a shared roadmap and publish the Somalia's Energy Communiqué 2025

# Thematic Areas

Focus Area		Key Topics	+
Access & Equity	→	Urban-rural energy divide, affordability, last-mile electrification	
Innovation & Technology	→	Off-grid solar, mini-grids, energy efficient telecom, smart metering	
Policy & Regulation	→	Electricity Act, investment incentives,	
Investment & Finance	→	PPP models, diaspora capital, green bonds, blended finance	
Climate & Sustainability	→	Fossil fuel reduction, NDCs, renewable energy transitions	







## Who Will Attend

The conference will bring together approximately 350 key stakeholders including:



Business Leaders



Policy Makers



Research & academic institutions



Financial institutions



Energy Utilities & IPPs



Civil society & Media Partners





## Conference Features & Highlights

1

Keynote Addresses by ministers, CEOs, and energy sectors experts

2

High-level panel discussions on policy reform and energy's role in industrial growth

3

Energy Sector Excellence Awards recognizing top-performing energy companies for their leadership in access, sustainability, innovation, and community impact

4

Exhibitions by leading energy companies showcasing innovations in generation, distribution, and renewable technologies.







## Expected Outcomes



The Somalia's Energy Communiqué 2025 outlining priority actions



A Communiqué and policy brief submitted to the Cabinet and Parliament summarizing actionable recommendations



Strengthened public-private partnerships for off-grid and mini-grid expansion



Increased visibility and investment readiness for Somalia's energy champions



Post-conference report for dissemination to government, partners, and the public.





## Venue and Date



Jazeera Hotel



October 15, 2025

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