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PROFILE:

EDUCATION:

Aug 2013 to March 2015	Master of Business Administration and Management	Distance learning from Mogadishu
Sept 2001 to Jan 2004	MA Housing Management	Westminster University, UK
Sept 1997 to June 1998	Higher Education Certificate in Computer Science	Brunel University, UK
Nov 1992 to Aug 1993	NVQ II Business Administration	Sight & Sound Education Ltd, UK
Jan 1983 to Nov 1986	Bsc Degree in Civil Engineering	Somali National University, Somalia
Nov 1977 to July 1981	Secondary School (Grade A)	Banadir Secondary School, Somalia
2006	PRINCE 2 PROJECT MANAGEMENT	Chartered Institute of Housing, UK

Short Courses:

Some of the short courses include the following:

Strategic Communications, Leadership skills, Conflict Management, Coaching sessions; Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), UK – became Corporate Member of the CIH; PRINCE 2 Certificate on Project Management; Managing staff effectively; Leadership qualities; Dealing with Disciplinary & Grievance; Health & Safety at work Certificate; Recruitment process and Equality & Diversity training; Problem solving and partnership working training; Disability Discrimination Act training; Counselling Skills for Non Counsellors; Mental Health and Housing; Basic Security in the Field II (BSITF II) and Hostile Environment First Aid Training (HEFAT).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Senior Media & Strategic Communications Advisor to the Government– 24 April to Present

I am responsible to leading the communications effort of the Federal Government of Somalia, publicizing and promoting the positive aspects of the Government activities, supporting the ministry of information and linking up with the wider governmental media communications effort. I am responsible for drafting press releases, speeches, and other letters as required by the President. I successfully drafted Somali Media Law and Communications Strategy for the government, and I successfully set up Strategic Communications Coordination Group meeting.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Senior Advisor & Spokesperson, Office of the President – 26 April to 23 April 2014

I was responsible to leading the communications effort of the office of the President, publicizing and promoting the positive aspects of the President's activity, supporting the ministry of information and linking up with the wider governmental media communications effort. I am also the spokesperson of the Government. I am responsible for drafting press releases, speeches, and other letters as required by the President.

Director of Radio Bar-Kulan 20 June 2012 to 25 April 2013

As Director, I had the overall responsibility for the management and operation, which include the editorial, technical and operational management of staff and resources, monitoring and mentoring to ensure for internationally acceptable public broadcast standards. I am also responsible for budgeting and management of the station's finances, identification and securing of additional funds. I am also responsible for the development and setting up of the Somali Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) and liaising with other external organizations.

Senior Advisor & Spokesperson to the Prime Minister of Somalia Dec 2010 to June 2012

I was responsible to leading the communications effort of the office of the Prime Minister, publicizing and promoting the positive aspects of the Prime Minister's activity, supporting the ministry of information and linking up with the wider governmental media communications effort. I was also the spokesperson of the Government. I was responsible for drafting press releases, speeches, and other letters as required by the Prime Minister.

Minister of Information – Somali Government – July to Dec 2010

As Minister of Information I was responsible for leading the Ministry, in terms of policy making, decision making, providing guidance, direction and I was overall responsible for the ministry. I provided key media services as spokesperson for the Government. It was my responsibilities to hold press briefings, executed proactive communications strategies for the government. I was able to bring new initiatives to the ministry

Minister of Treasury Somali Government August 2009 to July 2010

As Minister of Treasury I was responsible for leading the Ministry, in terms of policy making, decision making, providing guidance, direction and I was overall responsible for the ministry. I was an active member to council of ministers meetings and part of my role included being a member of the Good governance and financial committee of the nation.

Director of Protocol & Public Relations - Office of the President - Feb 2009 to Aug 2009

I was responsible for the following teams:

Protocol team, Internal Relations team, External Relations team, Personal Secretary to the President, Personal Telephones, Documentation and Translation Officer.

As Director I was responsible to ensure that all the above sections to fulfill their roles according to the policy and procedure in the Office of the President. I was responsible to plan, lead and ensure that the Office of the President's image is well maintained.

It was my responsibilities for organising all official abroad visits of the President. I liaised with UN agencies and diplomats. I was responsible to ensure that media is fully informed on all key developments within the Office of the President, and this included preparation for events, drafting statements, speeches. It was also my responsibility for liaising with other institutions in Somalia, such as the Office of the Prime Minister and the Office of the Parliament.

I was responsible to coordinate the office of the Prime Minister, the office of the Parliament and the Ministry of Information with regards to communications, and information operations. I was able to create media opportunities and ensuring rapid dissemination of positive stories.

Chief of Staff of the Office of the Prime Minister of Somalia – October 2008 to Feb 2009

I was the Head of the Office of the Prime Minister of Somalia. My duties included managing the Office of the Prime Minister, working closely with him on a various roles, such as liaising with the International Community, arranging meetings, taking minutes of the Council of Ministers meetings, arranging travel plans for the Prime Minister. I attended various forums with the Prime Minister, such as IGAD Summit, Sana Forum, Arab League Summit, AU Summit, and various bilateral meetings with other countries. I prepared special reports, and press statements for the Prime Minister. I took minutes of meetings with other Leaders, which included meetings with Leaders of Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, and Djibouti.

Reconciliation process in Djibouti was one of the priorities of the Office, so I travelled to Djibouti in numerous occasions with the Prime Minister. I was present during reconciliation talks between Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and Alliance for Re-liberation of Somalia (ARS) and I provided technical assistance on political issues to the Prime Minister.

I assisted the Prime Minister in planning, drafting, coordinating on all important meetings with the International Community. Utilized media on all activities for the benefit of the government and the Somali people. Emphasised key developments and successes to the public via media.

I have gained a valuable knowledge and experience whilst working for the Prime Minister which included diplomacy, taking tough decisions that affect the whole country, political dealings, compromises, organisational skills, planning and partnership working with the International Community. Media and Communications was one of the top priorities of my work.

I worked 10 years in UK local Government September 1998 to October 2008

Housing Manager–(Anti-Social Behaviour Manager 2003-2008–Estate Manager–1998-2002)

London Borough of Ealing – Housing Department

I managed the Anti-Social Behaviour Team in Ealing. My duties included managing and supervising Housing Officers and administration staff, monitoring performance in order to meet targets and to provide excellent customer care service. I was responsible to develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive partnership working with other agencies, such as the police, social services, education, youth services, voluntary organisations, etc. I was responsible for the recruitment process, and covering Area Manager in her absent. I also prepare special reports required by the Board of Directors, and regulatory authorities, such as the Audit Commission, and Central Government.

I used to work with the police at strategic level in order to reduce anti-social behaviour in our estates. My team required to investigate cases, interview victims and perpetrators, collate evidence and ensure that all cases are procedural. I used to attend courts in order to represent the organisation. I am responsible to administer and manage all of the functions of the section,

which may include hiring personnel. I used to keep abreast of the rapidly growing array of housing policy and financial services. I encouraged partnership working with other agencies whilst inspiring the team to achieve brilliant results.

I was a member of the UK Anti-Social Behaviour Practitioner Forum. I used to lead, plan, monitor, evaluate and motivate staff in order to achieve business objectives of the organisation. I was responsible to contribute to the formulation of company wide strategy and provide leadership, direction management, planning and ambition to the organisation. I undertook specific projects and completed within timescale. I used to ensure Ealing Homes Equality & Diversity Policy is applied fairly and consistently to staff and in the provision of services to Ealing Homes' customer.

Administrator – Sight & Sound Education Ltd, UK – August 1993 to Sept 1997

My role included processing financial claims, payroll, liaison with other agencies, keeping record of our financial budget, dealing trainee's query, liaison with Benefit Offices, Career Services, Training & Enterprise Councils, invoicing, covering reception, answering phones and all general Admin.

Youth Worker – Part-time – London Borough of Ealing – April 1999 to Sept 2000

Engineer /Project Manager - Ministry of Finance – Somalia – April 1990 to Nov 1991

My duties included managing projects, monitoring and evaluating contractors. A great deal of my job included planning, preparing, financial management and consulting with other agencies.

Deputy Area Manager–Bay, Bakol & Gedo–Highways Department–April 1988 to April 1990

I was responsible for the maintenance and roadwork projects for Bay, Bakol and Gedo regions.

Engineer – Ministry of Public Works – Somalia – November 1986 to April 1988

My job included planning and estimating projects. Ensuring that all projects are of good quality and are completed within target.