Somalia

UN Entities

- **United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS)**: [https://unsos.unmissions.org/](https://unsos.unmissions.org/)
  The United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) was established on 9 November 2015, through a UN Security Council Resolution 2245. UNSOS is a successor operation to the United Nations Support Office for AMISOM (UNSOA), which was established in 2009 (S/RES/1863 (2009)) to provide logistical field support to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).
- **UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)**
  - ReliefWeb (OCHA) - Somalia: [http://reliefweb.int/country/som](http://reliefweb.int/country/som)
• Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict – Developments in Somalia: https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/where-we-work/somalia/

• Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRS-G-SVC) – Somalia: https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/countries/somalia/


• International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Somalia: https://somalia.iom.int/

• UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Somalia: https://www.undp.org/somalia

• UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – Somalia: https://www.unhcr.org/countries/somalia

• UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) - Somalia: https://www.unicef.org/somalia/


• World Food Programme (WFP) – Somalia: https://www.wfp.org/countries/somalia


Security Council Meetings on Somalia

• 2023: 19, 17 October, 7 September, 27, 22 June, 27 March, 27, 22 February
  Meeting records, press releases and resolutions: https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2023

• 2022: 21 December, 17, 15 November, 31, 19 October, 7 September, 21 June, 26, 23 May, 31 March, 24, 15 February
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2022

• 2021: 21, 3 December, 17, 15 November, 20 October, 28, 17 September, 30, 12 August, 14 June, 25 May, 12 March, 25, 22 February
  Meeting records, press releases and resolutions: https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021

• 2020: 4 December, 12 November, 28, 20 August, 22, 9 June, 29, 21 May, 30 March 27, 24 February
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2020

• 2019: 4 December, 21, 15 November, 25 October, 21 August, 31, 22 May, 27 March, 3 January
• **2018**: 14, 6 November, 13 September, 30 July, 7 June, 15 May, 27 March, 24 January
• **2017**: 14, 7 November, 13 September, 30 August, 14 June, 26, 17 May, 13 April, 23 March, 10 February, 27 January
• **2016**: 10, 9 November, 27 September, 19 August, 7 July, 27 May, 19 April, 24 March, 18 February, 28 January
• **2015**: 10 and 9 November, 23 and 14 October, 28 and 16 July, 26, 19 May, 4 February
• **2014**: 12 November, 24, 22 and 14 October, 4 June, 29, 22 May, 11, 5 March
• **2013**: 10 December, 18 and 12 November, 30 October, 12 September, 24 July, 6 June, 2 May, 25 April, 6 March, 14 February
• **2012**: 21 and 7 November, 31 and 16 October, 18 September, 25 July, 15 May, 5 March, 22 February, 11 January
• **2011**: 13 December, 22 November, 31 and 24 October, 30 and 14 September, 10 August, 29 July, 24 and 21 June, 11 May, 11 April, 17 and 10 March, 25 and 14 January
• **see also** Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council - The situation in Somalia (1989-2021): [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/africa#cat29](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/africa#cat29)

**Selected UN Documents**

  Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolutions 2657 (2022) and 2670 (2022); covers major developments between 8 June-5 Oct. 2023 and provides an update on the implementation of the strategic review of the UN Support Office in Somalia. Includes UN map no. 3690 Rev.10.2: Somalia (May 2014).
  ➢ Previous reports: [https://tinyurl.com/2vxys5wu](https://tinyurl.com/2vxys5wu)

  Requests to pause the planned changes to the support provided by the UN Support Office in Somalia to the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and Somali personnel, which were to take place from 1 October 2023

  Final report of the Panel of Experts on Somalia.
  ➢ Previous reports: [https://tinyurl.com/53jvx8zd](https://tinyurl.com/53jvx8zd)


  Transmits letter signed by the ministers of foreign affairs of Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda supporting Somalia's request to pause the drawdown of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) for a period of 3 months.

  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 51/38. Covers the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
  ➢ Previous reports: [https://tinyurl.com/4xppwcxz](https://tinyurl.com/4xppwcxz)


- S/2022/819 (1 November 2022): The situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia: report of the Secretary-General: https://undocs.org/S/2022/819


  Provides assessment of the Somalia arms embargo, with options and recommendations for improving implementation, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2444 (2018).


Further documents:
- Secretary-General’s Reports: https://unsom.unmissions.org/secretary-generals-reports https://unpos.unmissions.org/secretary-general-reports

UN Member States on the Record: Somalia https://www.un.org/en/library/unms
United Nations Member States on the Record provides access to selected documents reflecting the views of United Nations Member States.

Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials
• For Somalia, nature is key to lasting peace: Interview with Christophe Hodder, the first UN Climate Security and Environmental Advisor to Somalia (6 July 2022): https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/somalia-nature-key-lasting-peace-un-expert
• Secretary-General condemns fatal attack on African Union Peacekeepers in Somalia, urges international community to provide support for fight against Al-Shabaab (SG/SM/21258, 4 May 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgs21258.doc.htm
• Statement by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Mr. Adam Abdelmoula, on the situation in Diinsoor District, South West State: https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/statement-deputy-special-representative-secretary-general-un-resident-and
• Statement by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Mr. Adam Abdelmoula, on the situation in Bossaso, Puntland State (23 December 2021): https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/statement-deputy-special-representative-secretary-general-un-resident-and-0
• Statement by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Mr. Adam Abdelmoula, on the situation in Guri Ceel, Galmudug State (25 October 2021): https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/statement-deputy-special-representative-secretary-general-un-resident-and
• Press Statement by the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia on World Humanitarian Day, 19 August 2021: https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/press-statement-deputy-special-representative-un-secretary-general-resident-and
• Secretary-General, deeply concerned at continuing political impasse in Somalia, calls on leaders to hold elections without further delay (SG/SM/20649, 23 March 2021): https://press.un.org/en/2021/sgs20649.doc.htm
• Statement by Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock, on recent attacks on aid workers (5 November 2020): https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/statement-under-secretary-general-humanitarian-affairs-and-emergency-relief-0
• Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock - virtual briefing on the humanitarian situation in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, New York, 8 July 2020: https://reliefweb.int/node/3651635
• Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ursula Mueller Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Somalia, 22 May 2019: https://reliefweb.int/node/3139008
Remarks by Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, at the London Somalia conference (London, 11 May 2017): 

Somalia’s leaders must rally behind new government, says Secretary-General, in Message for Presidential Inauguration Ceremony (SG/SM/18450-AFR/3535, 22 February 2017): 

Congratulating new President of Somalia, Secretary-General stresses imperative need to tackle drought-driven humanitarian situation, avert famine (SG/SM/18432-AFR/3530, 9 February 2017): 

Secretary-General urges new parliament in Somalia to swiftly complete 2016 electoral process, establish permanent constitution (SG/SM/18395-AFR/3517, 29 December 2016): 

UN News Centre Interview: Architecture around Somalia’s electoral process is finitely more robust than in 2012 – UN envoy (7 November 2016): 
https://bit.ly/2nWmPre

Supporting Somalia as it emerges from decades of conflict - Interview with Special Representative for Somalia Michael Keating (Politically Speaking, September 2016): 

Deputy Secretary-General hails ‘milestone’ electoral process in Somalia, but warns it will only work if all stakeholders act responsibly (DSG/SM/1006-AFR/3450, 21 September 2016): 

Secretary-General welcomes announcement by Somalia’s federal indirect elections implementation team on timetable for 2016 electoral process (SG/SM/17970-AFR/3425, 9 August 2016): 

Secretary-General condemns terrorist attack near Somalia’s Mogadishu airport (SG/SM/17948-AFR/3419, 26 July 2016): 

Condemning deadly attack on Ethiopian troops at African Union Somalia Base, Secretary-General calls for remaining resolute in fight against extremism (SG/SM/17840-AFR/3396-PKO/589, 10 June 2016): 

Launching strategy for youth in Somalia, Deputy Secretary-General calls young people ‘driving force’ in advancing peace, Sustainable Development Goals (DSG/SM/942-AFR/3330, 23 February 2016): 

Expressing cautious optimism about Somalia, Deputy Secretary-General, in closing remarks at High-Level Forum, pledges support for inclusive peacebuilding plans (DSG/SM/941-AFR/3329, 23 February 2016): 

Opening High-Level Partnership Forum on Somalia, Deputy Secretary-General urges strong support for building nation’s peaceful, prosperous future (DSG/SM/940-AFR/3328, 23 February 2016): 

Commending decision by Somalia on Process to establish new, bicameral parliament, Secretary-General urges plan’s timely implementation in spirit of national unity (SG/SM/17497-AFR/3313, 28 January 2016): 

Condemning terrorist attack on peacekeepers in Somalia, Secretary-General affirms it will not diminish resolve of United Nations (SG/SM/17464-AFR/3303, 15 January 2016): 

Mitigating dire situation of 3.2 million Somalis best way to weaken pull of extremism, Secretary-General says in ministerial meeting (SG/SM/17306-SC/12110-AFR/3259, 9 November 2015): 

Secretary-General welcomes Somalia’s ratification of Child Rights Convention (SG/SM/17181-HR/5270-L/T/4444, 2 October 2015): 

Condemning Al Shabaab attack in Somalia, Secretary-General affirms that violence will not deter United Nations from ‘steadfast’ commitment to peace (SG/SM/16968-AFR/3185, 27 July 2015): 

Secretary-General condemns attack against African Union peacekeepers in Somalia (SG/SM/16881-AFR/3165-PKO/500, 26 June 2015): 

Honouring fallen UNICEF Staff, Secretary-General says loss ‘only strengthens’ his resolve to do more for people of Somalia (SG/SM/16717-AFR/3126-ICEF/1882, 29 April 2015): 

Secretary-General condemns attack on United Nation staff in Garowe, Somalia (SG/SM/16684-AFR/3115, 20 April 2015): 

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Further Information

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  - Cooperation with the African Union: http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_8191.htm
- Global Policy Forum - Somalia
- Security Council Report – Somalia
  http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/somalia/