



## Human Rights

The Federal Republic of Somalia places the promotion, protection, and integration of human rights at the core of its foreign policy, guided by Islamic Sharia, the Provisional Constitution, and international commitments. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation works tirelessly to uphold human dignity, equality, and justice, prioritizing human rights as an essential tool for fostering sustainable peace, stability, and development both nationally and internationally.

Somalia advocates for universal human rights while maintaining a strong commitment to its cultural and religious values, ensuring that its foreign policy strikes a balance between global human rights standards and Somalia's constitutional and religious principles, aligning its national identity with international obligations.

### **Somalia's Approach to Human Rights in Foreign Policy**

Somalia actively participates in international forums such as the United Nations (UN), African Union (AU), and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to advocate for the universal respect of human rights, guided by principles that align with Islamic Sharia and the Provisional Constitution. Somalia's foreign policy emphasizes the following key principles:

#### **1. Promotion of Women's and Children's Rights**

- Advocating for the eradication of all forms of violence and discrimination against women and children within frameworks that respect Islamic teachings.
- Strengthening international cooperation to protect children from exploitation, abuse, and involvement in armed conflict.

#### **2. Strengthening Rule of Law and Democratic Governance**

- Supporting efforts to promote just and accountable governance both domestically and internationally.
- Advocating for fair administration of justice in accordance with Somalia's Provisional Constitution and Sharia principles.

#### **3. Support for Peace, Security, and Human Rights**

- Highlighting the interdependence of peace, security, and human rights in conflict prevention and resolution efforts.
- Partnering with regional and international organizations to combat terrorism and extremism while safeguarding human rights.

#### **4. Combatting Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery**

- Collaborating with international partners to address human trafficking and irregular migration.
- Ensuring the protection and dignity of migrants and refugees, in line with Somalia's national and religious values.

### **Human Rights in Somalia's International Cooperation**

Somalia advocates for integrating human rights into all dimensions of international relations, recognizing that global challenges such as poverty, conflict, and climate change disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. Somalia supports the following actions:

- **Encouraging Ratification and Implementation of International Agreements**  
Somalia encourages the implementation of international human rights treaties and protocols that do not contradict Islamic Sharia and the Provisional Constitution of the Federal Republic of Somalia.
- **Enhancing Regional Collaboration**
  - Working with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the AU to address human rights violations in the region.
  - Promoting frameworks for the protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees, ensuring alignment with Somalia's cultural and religious principles.
- **Upholding Transitional Justice**  
Somalia's unique post-conflict experience informs its advocacy for transitional justice mechanisms that address past human rights abuses while fostering national reconciliation and unity.

### Somalia's Focus Areas in Human Rights Diplomacy

1. **Gender Equality:** Advocating for initiatives that enhance gender equity and empower women, within the boundaries of Islamic Sharia and national legislation.
2. **Youth Empowerment:** Partnering with international organizations to expand educational and employment opportunities for youth while ensuring their inclusion in decision-making processes.
3. **Climate Justice:** Recognizing the intersection between environmental challenges and human rights, Somalia advocates for sustainable solutions that protect vulnerable populations.
4. **Abolition of Torture and Death Penalty:** Promoting humane treatment and justice while respecting national laws and Sharia principles.

