

## JOINT PRESS RELEASE

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# ICPAS and ICPAR Launch Joint Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Program in Somaliland

**Hargeisa, Somaliland** – The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Somaliland (ICPAS) and the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) are proud to announce the official launch of the Joint Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Program in Somaliland.

The program was formally launched today in Hargeisa at a ceremony attended by **the Accountant General Mr. Hassan Musa Khalif, the Auditor General Mr. Musa Yusuf Osman, the Director General Mr. Mohamed Hassan Saleban, the State Minister of Finance and Economic Development Mr. Ismail Mawlid Abdillahi, the Deputy Governor of the the Central Bank of Somaliland Mr Hamza Abdirahman Khaire, the Executive Director of the Civil Service Institute, Muhamud, the Vice President of the University of Hargeisa Dr. Fuad Abdi Obsiye** other senior government officials, leaders of the financial sector, members of the ICPAS Governing Council, and the delegation from ICPAR led by CEO **Mr. Amin Miramago**.

This historic partnership represents a landmark achievement in advancing the professionalization of accountancy in Somaliland. Through this collaboration, aspiring accountants will now have the opportunity to pursue the prestigious CPA designation, aligned with international education standards, while gaining dual recognition from both ICPAS and ICPAR. Graduates who become members of the two institutions will also enjoy automatic international recognition, thanks to ICPAR's Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) with various global professional bodies.

### STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION

Speaking at the launch, **Dr. Saed Ahmed Sulub, CEO of ICPAS**, said: *"This program is the culmination of years of effort to establish a globally recognized pathway for accountants in Somaliland. By joining hands with ICPAR, we are ensuring that our accountants are equipped with the skills, ethics, and recognition they need to compete regionally and internationally."*

**Mr. Amin Miramago, CEO of ICPAR,** emphasized that the partnership extends beyond a bilateral agreement, symbolizing a shared commitment to strengthening the accountancy profession across Africa. He noted: *“The CPA qualification is not just an exam to pass, it is a lifelong identity. It is a badge of trust, leadership, and service.”*

Several speakers, including The Auditor General, Mr. Musa Hassan Osman and the Accountant General, Mr. Hassan Muse Khalif, emphasized that this partnership is poised to raise the standards of accountancy education and practice in Somaliland, while also strengthening the country’s financial sector, enhancing regional mobility for professionals, and driving broader economic growth by equipping accountants with globally competitive skills

## ABOUT ICPAS

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Somaliland (ICPAS) is the national

professional body for accountants in Somaliland, established to regulate, support, and advance the profession in line with international standards.

## ABOUT ICPAR

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) was established through an Act of Parliament (Law Number 11/2008 of 06 May 2008) with a broad mandate to grow and regulate the accountancy profession. Under this mandate, the Institute is responsible for the admission and regulation of the profession in Rwanda; the registration and granting of practicing certificates to Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and practicing firms; the monitoring of compliance with professional standards, the investigation and discipline of its members; and the delivery of accounting qualifications, programmes and examinations.

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