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Africa Legal Risk Control to Convene Inaugural Somaliland Investment Summit at AFSIC 2026

London-based advisory firm partners with AFSIC to launch dedicated country platform showcasing Somaliland's strategic position in the Horn of Africa

London, United Kingdom – Africa Legal Risk Control Ltd (ALRC), a specialist legal and strategic advisory firm focused on East Africa and the Horn of Africa, today announced its sponsorship of **AFSIC 2026: Investing in Africa**, alongside the launch of the inaugural **Somaliland Investment Summit**. The dedicated country platform will take place at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London, on **13–14 October 2026**.

The Somaliland Investment Summit will bring together investors, development finance institutions, government representatives and industry leaders to explore commercial opportunities across Somaliland's ports, maritime trade, critical minerals, renewable energy, oil and gas, fisheries, agriculture and digital infrastructure sectors.

The Summit will showcase a pipeline of investment opportunities that build on Somaliland's stability, democratic governance and market-driven economy. Its focus is on strengthening hinterland and maritime trade corridors linking the Horn of Africa with global markets, while encouraging commercial investment capable of delivering lasting economic impact across the wider region.

A Strategic Gateway to the Horn of Africa

Positioned along the Gulf of Aden and the approaches to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Somaliland occupies one of the world's most strategically important maritime corridors. As global supply chains diversify, international attention is increasingly turning towards critical mineral security, energy resilience and resilient trade routes.

Against this backdrop, Somaliland has emerged as one of Africa's most compelling frontier markets, offering investors early access to a stable jurisdiction with expanding infrastructure, democratic governance and significant untapped natural resource potential.

*"Investment is no longer solely a matter of financial return. It is a central instrument of commercial diplomacy and regional stability," said **Omer Ahmed, CEO of Africa Legal Risk Control Ltd**. "Somaliland offers a rare combination of strategic location, democratic governance and a market-driven economy ready for investment. Through this Summit, we aim to connect investors with credible, bankable opportunities that strengthen Somaliland's role as a regional trade and logistics hub while delivering sustainable economic growth across the Horn of Africa."*

Under its **Africa Legal Risk Events** banner, ALRC has framed the Summit around a clear proposition for the international investment community:

Stability, Democracy, Growth, Security

A reliable investment partner in the Horn of Africa.

Practical Investment Facilitation, Not General Promotion

Rather than serving as a promotional showcase, the Summit is designed to facilitate direct engagement between investors, government stakeholders, legal advisers, financial institutions and development partners. The objective is to help convert opportunity into investment through informed dialogue and practical collaboration.

Sessions will focus on:

- Port infrastructure and industrial development, including opportunities linked to Berbera.
- Critical minerals and hydrocarbons, supported by transparent legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Renewable energy generation and energy access.
- Maritime trade, logistics and the blue economy.
- Commercial agriculture, manufacturing and digital infrastructure.

ALRC will also exhibit at AFSIC 2026 more broadly, reflecting the firm's wider mandate across legal advisory, development finance, maritime strategy and expert witness services throughout East Africa and the Horn of Africa.

Access to the World's Leading Africa-Focused Investment Audience

AFSIC, investing in Africa is the largest African investment event held annually outside the continent, and the Somaliland Investment Summit will draw on that scale and reach.

Based on recent editions of the conference, delegates to the Somaliland Investment Summit will be part of an audience that includes:

- More than 1,500 investors, financial intermediaries and business leaders in attendance
- Over 380 expert speakers sharing insight into the African investment ecosystem
- A delegate base spanning commercial banks, investment banks, development banks, insurance companies, fund and asset managers, DFIs, sovereign wealth funds, venture capital and private equity investors
- More than 4,300 one-to-one meetings scheduled through the event's deal room and meeting app
- In excess of US\$10 billion in capital sought across 350+ deals and investment opportunities profiled onsite

This concentration of capital providers, financial institutions and commercial decision-makers gives Somaliland an exceptional platform to present investable opportunities directly to those capable of financing and delivering them.

How to Attend

Delegates wishing to attend the Africa Legal Risk-sponsored Somaliland Country Investment Summit can register for AFSIC 2026 by contacting registrations@afsic.net.

Africa Legal Risk Control clients and partners can request a discount promo code by contacting experts@africalegalrisk.com.

About the Somaliland Investment Summit

The Somaliland Investment Summit marks the beginning of a long-term platform connecting Somaliland with the international investment community. Its aim is to promote informed investment, responsible commercial engagement and partnerships that support sustainable prosperity across Somaliland and the wider Horn of Africa.

About Africa Legal Risk Control Ltd

Africa Legal Risk Control Ltd (ALRC) is a specialist legal and strategic advisory firm focused on East Africa and the Horn of Africa, providing services across legal advisory, development finance, maritime strategy and expert witness work. ALRC is headquartered at 20–22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU.

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