

LONDON

Political Summit

AND

AWARDS

2026

First Africa Edition - Beyond London

15-18 OCTOBER 2026
REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND



FOREWORD

The London Political Summit and Awards (LPSA) 2026 marks a defining moment in the evolution of global policy dialogue.

For the first time, this established platform moves beyond the United Kingdom to the African continent. Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Somaliland, this edition brings together leaders, policymakers, investors, and diaspora voices to shape the future of governance, peace, and economic cooperation.

Held in honour of the Late Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, the Summit reflects a clear principle:

“Peace is the foundation for trade, governance, and sustainable development”.

EVENT OVERVIEW

Convened by: CaterandMerger Consult UK

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Hargeisa

ABOUT THE SUMMIT



The London Political Summit and Awards is a high-level international platform focused on governance, diplomacy, and development.

Over the past decade, it has brought together leaders across Europe and Africa, supported dialogue within institutions, and recognised leadership excellence.

The 2026 edition marks its transition into Africa, shifting from diaspora-led dialogue to direct continental engagement.

**“Pan-Africanism and the African Union:
The People, Place, Politics, Power and Peace”**

HISTORY OF THE LONDON POLITICAL SUMMIT AND AWARDS



FOUNDED

Established as a high-level platform to promote democratic governance and accountability, encourage policy dialogue between Africa and the global community, and recognise leadership excellence across political and diplomatic spheres.



2016

A defining moment in the Summit's history when the Late Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga delivered a landmark keynote on democracy, Pan-Africanism, and peace diplomacy.



2018

The Summit institutionalised the Raila-Uhuru Africa Peace Accord Award, inspired by the reconciliation between Raila Odinga and Uhuru Kenyatta, reinforcing the principle that dialogue is central to sustainable governance.



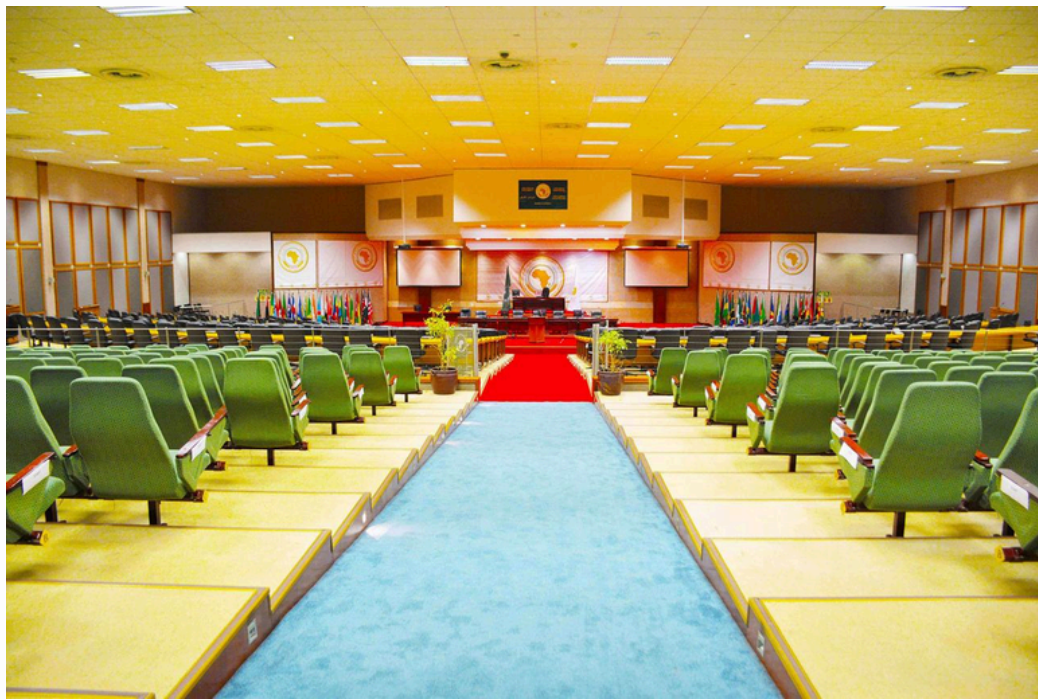
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The 2026 edition marks the Summit's evolution "Beyond London" — into Africa.

WHY THIS EDITION MATTERS

First African-hosted edition of LPSA

**STRONGER FOCUS ON
POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**



**DIRECT ENGAGEMENT WITH
AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS**



**PLATFORM FOR INVESTMENT
AND PARTNERSHIPS**



WHY SOMALILAND

Somaliland presents a strong case for hosting this Summit.

Since restoring self-governance in 1991, Somaliland has built a distinctive governance model based on peace, reconciliation, local leadership, and democratic participation.

Somaliland's Strengths

- Long-standing peace and stability
- Democratic governance model
- Growing economic and trade position
- Blend of traditional and modern leadership systems



EXPECTATIONS AND BENEFITS



FOR SOMALILAND

- Enhanced international visibility and diplomatic engagement
- Increased investor confidence and economic partnerships
- Recognition as a regional hub for dialogue and peace building
- Strengthened diaspora-government collaboration

FOR AFRICA

- Expansion of Pan-African dialogue platforms within the continent
- Promotion of peace diplomacy as a development strategy
- Reinforcement of AU Agenda 2063 priorities

FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- Access to emerging markets and policy environments
- Strategic engagement in governance and development frameworks
- Strengthened partnerships with African institutions



SIDE PLENARY & DIALOGUE

INTERGENERATIONAL AFRICA – YOUTH LEADERSHIP & ENTERPRISE

BRINGING TOGETHER YOUNG LEADERS, POLICYMAKERS, AND FOUNDERS TO SHAPE AFRICA'S FUTURE THROUGH PRACTICAL DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION.

THE PROGRAMME INTEGRATES YOUTH VOICES DIRECTLY INTO PLENARY DISCUSSIONS AND SIDE SESSIONS, CREATING SPACE FOR PRACTICAL DIALOGUE ACROSS GENERATIONS.



WHO IS INVOLVED

Young parliamentarians, civic leaders, founders, and policymakers.



WHAT HAPPENS

Youth voices integrated into plenary discussions and side sessions.



WHY IT MATTERS

Bridging generations to support inclusive governance, innovation, and long-term economic growth.

SUMMIT OBJECTIVES



1

PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE

Advance democratic principles, strengthen institutions, and encourage inclusive political dialogue.



2

FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Attract investment, build strategic partnerships, and drive sustainable economic growth.



3

STRENGTHEN DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT

Harness the expertise, resources, and influence of the diaspora to support national development.



4

SHOWCASE SOMALILAND'S GOVERNANCE AND STABILITY MODEL

Highlight Somaliland's progress, governance excellence, and commitment to peace and stability.



5

RECOGNISE EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND DIPLOMACY

Honour outstanding leaders and institutions making a lasting impact in leadership and diplomacy.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The Summit is designed to deliver outcomes that enhance governance, build strategic partnerships, and advance sustainable development.



01

ADOPTION OF A SUMMIT COMMUNIQUÉ

A unified communiqué outlining shared priorities and commitments.



02

INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

New agreements that unlock investment and create economic opportunities.



03

STRENGTHENED DIPLOMATIC NETWORKS

Stronger connections between governments, institutions and global stakeholders.



04

DIASPORA COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

A structured framework to deepen diaspora engagement and drive development.



05

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Honouring outstanding leaders and institutions for excellence in leadership and diplomacy.


TARGET PARTICIPANTS



Government & Diplomacy

- Heads of State and Government
- Ministers and policymakers
- Members of Parliament
- Diplomatic missions
- Development partners

Business & Civil Society

- Private sector leaders
 - Investors
 - Academia and policy experts
 - Diaspora leaders
 - Media and observers
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PRESIDENTIAL PATRONAGE

Under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Somaliland:

Presidential Roles



Opening address



Official declaration of the Summit



Hosting of state reception



Conferment of awards



Diplomatic engagements

Protocol & Security



Diplomatic accreditation and clearance



VIP reception and transport



National ceremonial protocol



Joint security coordination

IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE



STEERING COMMITTEE

- Government representatives
- Conveners
- Diaspora partners
- International advisors

SECRETARIAT

CaterandMerger Consult UK

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



DAY 1

ARRIVAL & ENGAGEMENT



ARRIVAL

- Delegate arrivals
- Accreditation and VIP reception



ENGAGEMENT

- Government courtesy visits
- Diaspora dialogue session



EVENING

- Welcome reception



DAY 2

PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT



SUMMIT PROGRAMME

-  **Opening Ceremony**
Official opening and remarks.
-  **Presidential Address**
Address by the Head of State / Government.
-  **High-Level Policy Sessions**
Policy discussions on key governance priorities.
-  **Investment & Governance Dialogues**
Conversations on investment, trade and good governance.
-  **Presidential Roundtable**
Leaders' roundtable on regional and global collaboration.



EVENING PROGRAMME

-  **Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony**
Recognising excellence in leadership and public service.
-  **Cultural Diplomacy Showcase**
Celebrating heritage, creativity and unity through culture.



DAY 3

PARTNERSHIPS & CLOSURE



INVESTMENT MATCHMAKING

One-on-one meetings and networking to explore investment and partnership opportunities.



COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTION

Adoption of the Summit Communiqué outlining shared commitments and the way forward.



PRESS BRIEFING

Official briefing with media on Summit outcomes and key resolutions.



DEPARTURE

Delegate departures and end of Summit.

CLOSING MESSAGE



The London Political Summit and Awards 2026 – Somaliland Edition (“Beyond London”) represents a defining moment in the evolution of international policy dialogue on Africa.

By convening global stakeholders within Somaliland, the Summit advances a new model of engagement—one that places Africa at the centre of its own diplomatic, political, and economic conversations.

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