

## Introduction

Somalia Association for Information Communication Technology (SAFICT) is a private, independent and not-for-profit association in Somalia with the purpose to promote know-how, tech-based solutions, cooperation and mutual support among the association members and promote the brand Somalia as a technology powerhouse in Africa. Together with our members and partners we promote the development of Somalia's tech Industry while protecting the members' rights and lobbying on important issues. SAFICT was established in April 2020.

## Our Mission

Our Mission is to foster ICT industry in becoming the essential sector contributing to Somalia's economic recovery and growth and to elevate member expertise and collective interests of the member companies while upholding universal values

## Our Values

With these following values to guide us, we work with a vision of being a prime mover in the development and evolution of the Information and Communication Technology Industry in Somalia.

- **Innovation:** We are a proactive community of innovators and enthusiasts who strive for sustainable development both for our members and for the whole country
- **Teamwork:** We are confident that it is much easier to achieve significant results together, not separately. Therefore, we create opportunities for cooperation and work together on key challenges for the ICT Industry in the country
- **Respect:** We respect and provide the same conditions for all participants, regardless of their contribution or size
- **Transparency:** We cultivate honest, open, and transparent relations between members, partners, government institutions and other industry players

## Our Strategic Goals

- To ensure that qualified sufficient human capital exists in Somalia to develop and sustain the ICT industry
- To operate efficiently, effectively and sustainably, contributing to a better Somalia.
- To foster the ICT business environment to better enable the industry to grow Somalia's economic and intellectual capital.
- To engage with regional and global partners to coordinate ICT industry advancement
- To strengthen the competitiveness of Somali ICT enterprises in local, regional and international markets.

## Our Focus Areas

- **Building Capacity:** To facilitate Brain gain through education and the use of ICT focuses both institutional capacity building as well as human capacity-building.
- **Government Relationship:** To make representation to the various government institutions and related bodies on behalf of SAFICT members with a view to reduce bottlenecks, grievances, anomalies, and meeting legitimate demands.
- **e-Services consultancy:** To render expert advice to the private sector and government institutions on ICT and its implication of the economy and security of Somalia.
- **Digital Transformation:** To contribute to the digital transformation journey and strengthen the technological capacity of the country
- **Cyber Security:** To help mitigate the increasing cyber threats that can cause harm to the population connecting to the internet

### Our Initiatives

- **Career Guide:** Developing the next generation technology talent by designing and giving talk shows, school visits and educational ICT recommendations
- **Market Ready:** Organize bootcamps and hackathons for college students to learn in-demand skills and help them become market ready upon graduation
- **Developed in Somalia:** Encourage utilization and commissioning of locally developed software and system solutions
- **ICT Jobs:** Curate ICT related jobs and notify related field members of the association to connect with the employers

### Types of Memberships

- Individual Membership:
- Corporate Membership: (Institution)
- Academic Partner: (Institution)
- Honorary Membership:
- Affiliate Partners: (Institution)

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