
Ahmed Ali Dahir

Attorney General, Somalia



Ahmed Ali Dahir was appointed as Attorney General of the Federal Republic of Somalia on July 24, 2014.

Mr. Dahir graduated from the Somali National University in Mogadishu with a Bachelor in Law in 1988 and holds a Master of Arts in Administration and Management from Makere University in Uganda. Upon graduation, he first served as a District Judge in the Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions of Somalia, and was subsequently appointed in the same region as a Public Prosecutor (Deputy Attorney

General), a position he held until the end of the Siad Barre Government.

Between 1993 and 1996 he worked first for an international organisation dedicated to peace building and conflict resolution in the Horn of Africa region, and then joined in 1995 a Nairobi based law firm where he worked on criminal and civil cases. Before moving to the United States, Mr. Dahir served from 1996 to 1998 as Vice- President and then as President of the Supreme Court of the Somali Regional State of Ethiopia.

Under his tenure as Somali Attorney General, Mr. Dahir has been instrumental in addressing capacity gaps within the Attorney General's Office and has been actively engaged in various efforts to reform and restore trust in the Justice sector and delivery of Justice. Mr. Dahir established various specialised prosecution units including a special unit on sex crimes and corruption, and has overseen and successfully prosecuted cases involving serious crime. He has been involved in the review of the 1962 Penal Code, and various legislations including the Anti-Terrorism Bill, which is currently tabled in Cabinet. Under his leadership, the historic appointment of the first six female prosecutors since 1991 took place in 2015. Mr. Dahir build and strengthened ties with regional prosecution agencies, and engaged on prison transfer agreements between Somalia and other countries. Mr. Dahir also represented Somalia as a Junior Counsel at the ICJ in the maritime delimitation dispute between Somalia and Kenya, where Somalia has won a full hearing on its case.