

Agenda *Mapping Somalia's Innovation Ecosystem*

Innovate for Somalia & Response Innovation for Somalia Emergencies

Description

“Mapping Somalia’s Innovation Ecosystem” is jointly held by Innovate for Somalia (Federal Government of Somalia Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development and the United Nations Development Programme) and Response Innovation for Somalia Emergencies (RISE) (Somali Disaster Resilience Institute (SDRI) and SomReP).

We seek to bring together actors engaged in innovation in Somalia to map stakeholders and challenges, and begin to identify a pathway to build out the innovation ecosystem to better support innovation.

The objectives of the day are to share knowledge of innovations, identify and prioritise humanitarian challenges which present an opportunity for innovative new approaches, to map the broader ecosystem of expertise and experience engaged in innovation in Somalia, and to discuss identified gaps in the ecosystem (such as financing for innovations).

The Federal Government of Somalia and the United Nations Development Programme in Somalia have launched the project “Innovate for Somalia,” enabling Somali youth to develop innovative local solutions to tackle development challenges and build social and economic ventures.

Response Innovation for Somalia Emergencies (RISE) is a research project focusing the use of innovation to improve emergency response and resilience programmes, implemented by The George Washington University’s Institute for Disaster and Fragility Resilience, the Somali Disaster Resilience Institute, SomReP, and the Response Innovation Lab, with support from the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

Participants

Actors engaged in and/or interested in innovation in Somalia.

Location

MIA Hangar (International Conference Hall)

Date

Monday, March 5, 2018

Start time:

8.30am

Finish time:

2.30pm

Time	Session theme	Key questions	Group arrangement	Who
8:30	Registration	<p><i>Check in and find your seat.</i></p> <p><i>Meet other innovators, read our Innovation Wall and draw/write your response.</i></p>	Plenary	UNDP, SDRI, SomRep
9:00	Welcome	<p>Why are we all here today? What do we want to accomplish together?</p> <p>What is the role of innovation in Somalia? What is Innovate for Somalia? What is the RISE project and why is it different?</p>	Plenary	Federal Government of Somalia, UNDP, SDR
9:30	Defining RISE research project & survey	<p>What is the scope of RISE as a research project?</p> <p><i>Individually, please respond to the questions of the baseline survey.</i></p>	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Individual</p>	SDRI
10:00	Understanding Humanitarian Innovation in Somalia	<p>Small group introductions: share your favorite innovation.</p> <p>Do you think it's successful / unsuccessful? (continuum)? Why? What factors enable successful innovation in this context? What inhibits innovation in this context?</p> <p><i>Share a few examples.</i></p>	Small Group	SDRI
10:30 - 10:45	Break			
10:45	Identifying our Challenges	<p><i>Activity and reflection on identifying the key challenges, to guide RISE project work.</i></p> <p>What challenges are we interested in with the RISE project? What programmatic challenges seem to recur in your work? What problems does your organisation have around humanitarian response?</p> <p><i>Clustering & Ranking activity</i></p>	Small group & plenary	SDRI / SomRep

		<p>Now that we've identified the most prominent challenges in our work, let's 'zoom out' and consider the broader innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>Who are your friends and allies in innovation? Together, let's co-create a map that displays our collective access to knowledge, experience, infrastructure, capital, and markets. Think across local, regional, and global levels.</p>		
11:30	Mapping our Innovation Ecosystem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Review draft Ecosystem Map. (2) Stations - Are there any actors you would add? Who do you work with? Consider the organisations involved in successful /unsuccessful innovation exercise. Are there any other changes you would suggest to the map? 	Small Group	SDRI / SomReP
12:15	Lunch			
13:15	Gaps in the Ecosystem	<p>We need a healthy ecosystem for innovation to flourish. Looking at our ecosystem mapping exercise, where are the gaps?</p> <p>One of the main challenges facing Somalia innovators is access to finance. What are the barriers? What can we do to overcome them?</p>	Plenary Roundtable	UNDP
14:15	Reflection	What did we achieve today? What was surprising? What was uncomfortable?	Small Group	SDRI, Federal government
14:30	Close	What are our next steps from here?	Plenary	UNDP, SDRI