

The Puntland water and land resources - Information Management Center

Water and land are critical resources for the economy and livelihoods of Somali people. These resources are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and climate change. While access to water and land information needs to increase, required infrastructures are to be designed and managed in a sustainable way on the basis of adequate plans and information.

The Information Management Center (IMC) will be a special agency under the Puntland State of Somalia whose main function shall be to collect, process and analyze water and land resources information in coordination with the relevant government institutions, in support of policy development for sustainable and integrated water and land resources management, and to provide water and land related data and information to the end users.

The IMC is established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Government of Puntland through funding from the European Union.



Figure 1: President Deni laying the foundation stone for the Information Management Center

The Center shall be governed by an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCC), composed of Directors General of national planning; water; agriculture; environment; livestock and disaster management agency. The Center shall have an executive director, who will be appointed by the President of Puntland based on a

recommendation from the Committee. The executive director will supervise staff hired by the Center including, consultants, staff, or personnel attached to the data Centers the authorities in charge of the above mentioned line ministries.

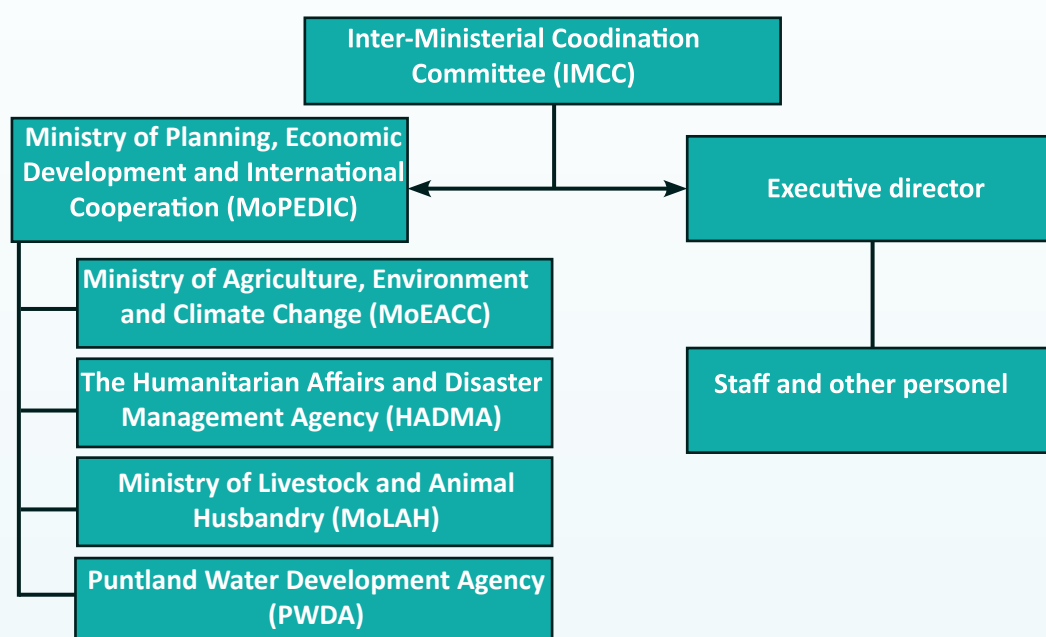


Figure 2: The Information Management Center structure