



24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Subject: International Conference on Charcoal: "Building Alliances to Curb Unsustainable Charcoal Trade, Production and Use in Somalia"**

On behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia and the United Nations, we are pleased to invite you to the first **International Conference on Charcoal in Somalia**.

The conference will take place at the **Somali Airforce Hangar (MIA)** in Mogadishu on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (9am – 4pm)**

The main objectives of the Conference are outlined below:

- a. To lay the foundation for a comprehensive international response to deal with the unsustainable trade of charcoal in Somalia;
- b. Build Regional Alliances between National Governments, Regional/ International organisations, civil society organisations, private sector, international development partners, and UN entities to endorse the Framework of Action proposed under the Programme for Sustainable Charcoal Reduction and Alternative Livelihoods (PROSCAL);
- c. Contribute towards the priorities of National Development Plan 2017-2021 and implementation support (technical and financial) for the activities proposed under PROSCAL;
- d. Exchange knowledge and share best practices that can be implemented in Somalia.

For further details refer to attached Conference Note. Please complete the Registration Form to confirm your participation and send to Mr. Abdulkani Barrow ([abdulkanirage@gmail.com](mailto:abdulkanirage@gmail.com)), Advisor, Office of the Environment and Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range, Federal Government of Somalia. We will appreciate receiving confirmations **no later than 15 April 2018**.

We look forward to your participation at the conference.

Warm Regards

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