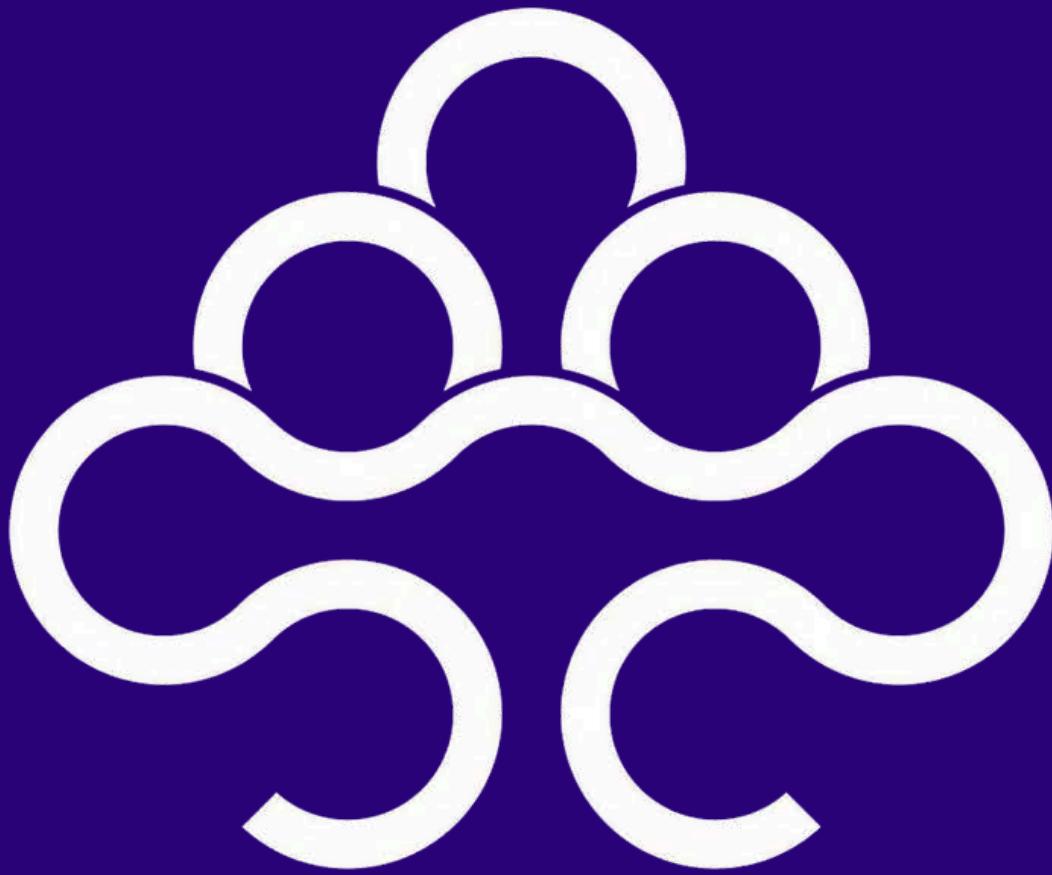


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Somalis for
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ABOUT S4S

Somalis for Sustainability (S4S) was founded in 2023 as initiative to empower Somalis globally through climate action, sustainability, and community-driven solutions. We exist to bridge Somali voices with global climate platforms while strengthening local and diaspora collaboration for a just and sustainable future.

Vision

Our vision is to champion Somali solutions, amplify community knowledge, and build long-term partnerships for a just climate future.

Mission

Our mission is to foster a deep understanding of sustainability and climate issues within the Somali community, drive collective action, and position Somali youth and professionals at the forefront of climate advocacy, solutions, and partnerships.

Our Objectives

- 1 Provide career awareness and mentorship in climate and sustainability.
- 2 Amplify Somali youth voices in national and global climate dialogues.
- 3 Strengthen global Somali collaboration in climate and sustainability.
- 4 Build strategic partnerships and South-South solidarity to advance Somalia's climate resilience agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year marked a year of growth and deeper impact for Somalis for Sustainability (S4S). As a diaspora-led initiative founded in 2023, we continued advancing our mission to strengthen Somali climate awareness, amplify youth leadership, and connect global Somali voices to climate action.

In 2025, S4S delivered a diverse set of programs across London, Toronto, Stockholm, and online, bringing communities together to explore climate resilience, sustainable cities, ethical consumption, and career pathways in sustainability. Our participation in international forums, including the The Bonn Climate Change Conference and the Planetary Health Alliance Annual Meeting, ensured Somali perspectives were represented in global sustainability dialogues.

Through these initiatives, we strengthened community engagement, expanded partnerships, and deepened our role as a connector between local and global climate spaces. These experiences reaffirmed the importance of culturally grounded climate education and programming rooted in our four pillars:

- Education
- Awareness
- Connection
- Leadership

As we look ahead, S4S aims to scale climate learning opportunities, build stronger global networks, and advance Somali representation in international climate conversations. We are committed to equipping Somali communities worldwide with the knowledge, skills, and networks to shape a just and sustainable future.

– The S4S Team

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Somalis for Sustainability is led by a multidisciplinary team of Somali diaspora professionals based across the UK, Canada, the United States, and beyond. The leadership team's expertise in sustainability and climate action is grounded in academic training and professional experience spanning sustainable development, policy design, community organising, international advocacy, and research.

The leadership team provides strategic direction and oversight across seven teams, ensuring coherence between organisational values, priorities and impacts. As a youth-led organisation, they work closely with other youth, Somali-led organisations and aligned global partners to strengthen networks, connect communities, and create pathways for Somali youth and professionals to exercise leadership in sustainability, and climate advocacy work across the diaspora.



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OUR GLOBAL TEAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainability is inherently a cross-cutting issue, shaping outcomes across sectors, communities, and economies. At S4S, we design our events with this reality in mind, ensuring they reflect both the depth and breadth of sustainability challenges. From climate and cities to livelihoods, youth leadership, and systems change.

Our goal is to equip our community with relevant knowledge, practical tools, and access to ideas that enable action in the areas of sustainability most meaningful to them. To achieve this, we take a collaborative approach, partnering with organisations and groups whose values and expertise align with our mission and who bring complementary perspectives to our work.

We place strong emphasis on hosting webinars, recognising their role in expanding access to expertise.

Through this format, we connect young people with leading subject-matter experts regardless of geography, and our growing international participation, from Europe to North America and beyond, demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach.



REFLECTIONS

On July 5th, S4S hosted its second event in Toronto. It was the first in-person S4S event I had the opportunity to attend. Titled “The Real Price Tag: What Our Purchases Don’t Show”; the event explored **ethical supply chains and conscious consumerism**.

The panelists discussed why ethical consumption is crucial for the health of our planet and also touched on how Islam guides us to be mindful of over-consumption and our environmental impact.

The event brought together students and professionals alike in an **interactive ‘strategy lab’** where attendees were divided into small groups to tackle a set of questions examining sustainability from both personal and industry perspectives. These discussions encouraged **participants to think critically about their habits and values**.

What continues to inspire me about S4S is that every event or webinar we host goes beyond surface-level discussion; **they always invite us to think deeper about our values, actions, and the collective impact we can make**.

THE REAL PRICE TAG: WHAT OUR PURCHASES DON’T SHOW



Toronto, 2025

Written by Maqsuud N.,
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REFLECTIONS

CONNECTING CITIES & ADAPTING TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

On August 6th, S4S hosted a collaborative workshop at Transport for London (TfL) on **sustainable city planning in the face of climate change**. Attendees heard insightful talks from speakers from TfL, UCL, and S4S on the **challenges of urban planning and transport amid climate and social inequalities**, before working in groups to design policy solutions for Mogadishu and Hargeisa.

It was inspiring to see such an engaged turnout, with participants contributing thoughtful policy ideas to strengthen climate resilience and inclusive urban growth across the Somali Horn. Urban development and sustainability have long been areas of personal and professional focus for me, and this workshop provided a platform to explore how climate impacts are reshaping the region's urban landscape. The Somali Horn's rapid urbanisation will inevitably transform both its cities and cultural identity, given Somalis' deep-rooted nomadic heritage.

At S4S, we recognise that sustainability is multi-faceted, touching every sector of society. Through events like this, we aim to **deepen understanding and empower our community to lead the transition toward more sustainable and resilient urban futures.**



London, 2025

*Written by Amin R.,
Director of Programmes*

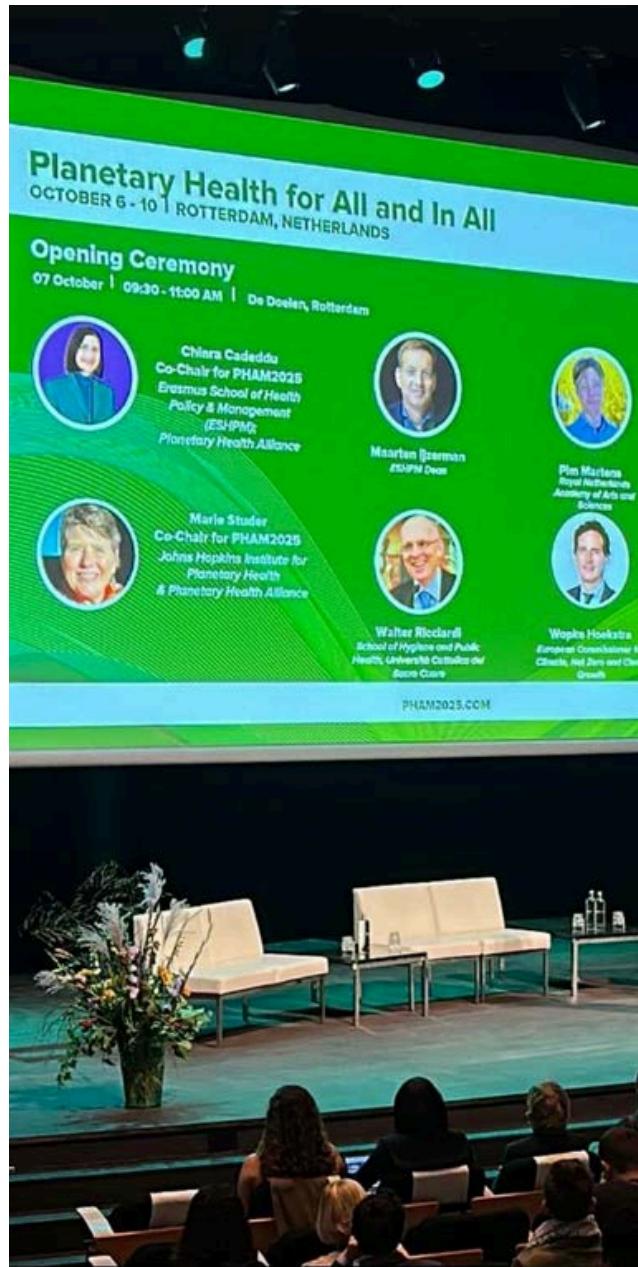
REFLECTIONS

Held every 18 months, the Planetary Health Alliance Annual meeting brought together **over 500 participants from 53 countries**, spanning **researchers, youth leaders, policymakers, artists, physicians, and grassroots organisers**. While planetary health is often discussed in academic circles, this year's theme, "Planetary Health for All and In All," pushed the movement toward a more urgent question: **how do we move from theory to systems-level change?**

While there, I engaged in dialogues on **governance and diplomacy for planetary health**, conversations that feel especially timely as the world looked toward COP30 in Brazil. With health expected to feature prominently through the Belém Health Action Plan, priorities such as **equity, resilient health systems, and community-driven participation** are moving from rhetoric to negotiation rooms.

A key takeaway from my time in Rotterdam is that **planetary health spaces are expanding, yet voices remain missing**. Countries like **Somalia**, that are already on the frontlines of **climate-driven health crises, continue to be underrepresented in shaping global agendas**. Strengthening Somali and wider African-diaspora leadership in planetary health isn't only a matter of inclusion, rather, **it is essential to building a just and livable future**.

PLANETARY HEALTH ALLIANCE MEETING



Rotterdam, 2025

*Written by Radhia A.,
Director of Logistics & Admin*

REFLECTIONS

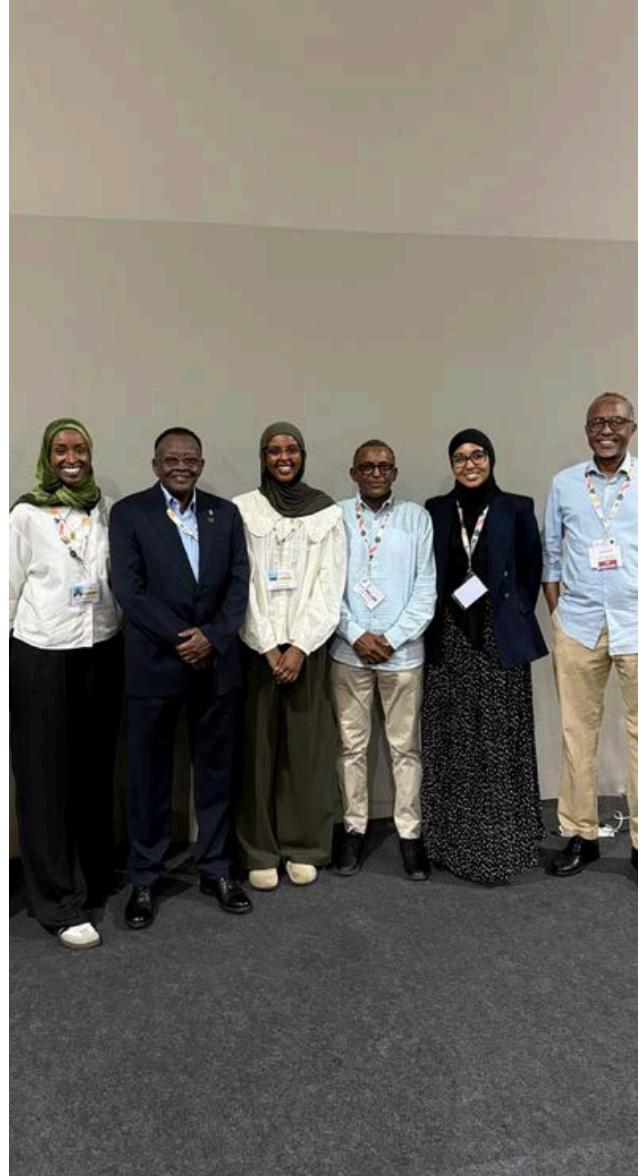
COP30 HOMEGROWN FUTURES: DIASPORA LEADERSHIP IN SOMALI CLIMATE ACTION

At COP30 in Belém, Homegrown Futures: Diaspora Leadership in Somali Climate Action became a powerful moment of Somali leadership across government, academia, and the diaspora — on our own terms.

The panel brought together Hamza Abdiwahab from the Ministry of Youth & Sports, Sumaya Mohammed from Somalis for Sustainability, and Dr. Kowsar Dahir Mohammed from the University of Minnesota, **grounding climate action in lived experience, community knowledge, and diaspora organising** — not imported solutions.

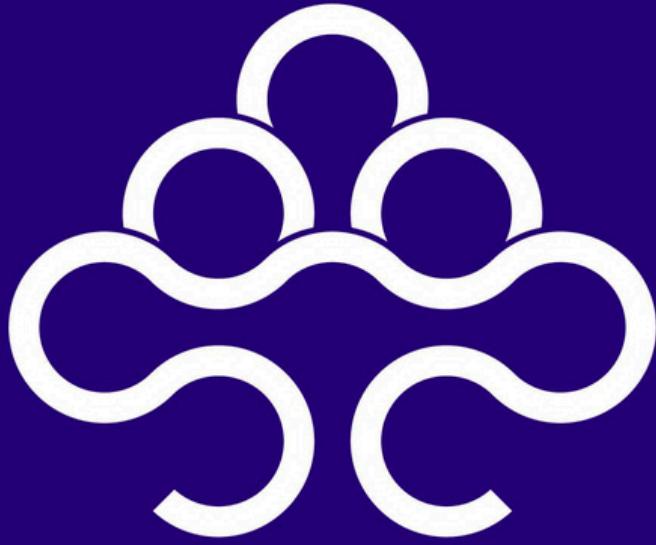
What mattered just as much was who was in the room. The session was attended by the Director General of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, alongside strong representation from multiple Somali ministries and institutions. Their presence and their engagement sent a clear signal of appetite for collaboration, shared ownership, and real support for diaspora-to-homeland climate action.

The message was simple: **Somali climate leadership isn't emerging — it's already here. The task now is to build together, with power, trust, and collective accountability.**



Belém, 2025

Written by Zamzam I., Director of Strategic Partnerships & Sumaya M., Associate General Secretary



S4S IN NUMBERS

9+

Partners

Events in

5

Countries

191

Maydi Subscribers

2

Webinars

417+

Event Attendees

81%

of our social media audience
is 18 -34 years old

37

Volunteers

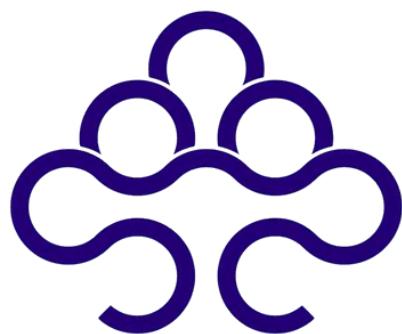
SUPPORT OUR WORK

We are grateful for the support we received in 2025, which allowed us to deliver programs, host events, and launch new initiatives advancing Somali voices in sustainability and climate action. As we continue to expand our reach and impact, please consider supporting our work in 2026.

For more information on sponsoring an event, program, or initiative, please contact us.

Sincerely,

The S4S Team



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