

## High Commission of India

Nairobi

### Special Training Course for young Somali Diplomats at Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi

At the request of the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs is organizing a special training course for 20 young Somali diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi from 9 May to 8 June 2018. The month-long tailor-made training course will focus on diplomacy, international relations, protocol, negotiation skills, better understanding of India and India's foreign policy.



As two Indian Ocean littoral States with historic maritime ties, India and Somalia enjoy close and friendly relations. India stands ready to support Somalia in its peace, institution building and socio-economic development. An MoU on cooperation

between the Foreign Service Institute of India and its Somali counterpart is expected to be signed shortly. Capacity building and training has been an important aspect of our bilateral relationship. Somalia is also a founder member of the joint India-France initiative 'The International Solar Alliance'. Bilateral trade between India and Somalia amounts to approx. US \$ 500 million.



Earlier in September 2015, the Government of India conducted the first special training course for 20 junior Somali diplomats.

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