Somali First: Promoting Somali-led Development

**Strategic partnership** between University of Bristol and Somali company Transparency Solutions

**Adaptive: multiple projects aimed at changing the rules of interaction**

**Co-production:** *with* not *for*

**Balanced political relationships:** UoB-TS MoUs with Federal Government of Somalia and Government of Somaliland

**Interdisciplinarity**

**Recognise** Somali capacity and potential

**Connect** Somali capacity to academic expertise

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Recent/current projects in Somalia (selected)

- Beyond *isbaaro* [roadblocks]: mapping the political economy of roadblocks in South Central Somalia (DFID)
- Political network mapping: profiles and analysis of 275 Somali MPs (DFID)
- *Wakiil* [representative]: data collection and presentation about the Somali government and elections (DFID)
- *Dan wadaag* [common interests]: common interests among oil sector stakeholders in Somaliland (DFID)
- *Hufnaan* [transparency] network on accountability (DFID)
- Somaliland security and justice reform programme (FCO)
- Development of Somalia’s justice system (FCO)
- Political economy network mapping: UN Initiative on Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia (UN)
- Training Somali social researchers and mentoring their research (Somalia Stability Fund)
- Impact of conflict on Somali dryland degradation and social-ecological resilience (UK Natural Environment Research Council)
- Scientifically evaluating claims of nuclear waste dumping in Somalia (UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council)
- Delivery of small-scale immediate impact projects in newly recovered areas in support of the UK’s stabilisation objectives (UK Somalia Conflict, Security and Stability Fund)
- Increasing outreach and responsiveness in South Central Somalia (FCO)
- Developing EU civilian capabilities for sustainable peace (EU Horizon 2020)