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SOMALIA CALLS FOR ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE ELECTIONS.

Puntland, 18th December 2019. The Government of Somalia should speed up the process of ensuring that her people are able to participate in a free and fair democratic election through one person one vote in order to foster a sense of nationhood.

Findings from a study conducted by Center for the Rule of Law and Development reveal that 92.3% preferred voting through one man one 87.3% respondents overwhelmingly want to participate in the coming general elections as opposed to clannism.

The research study titled “**One person One vote: Advancing Electoral Equality in Somali**” also calls for: Significant lobbying of funding necessary for the country to prepare for the universal elections in 2021, setting up of adequate security measures to assure safety of civilians and clear delimitation of boundaries.

The study explored the evolution of Somali’s electoral system by examining the institutional set up, current electoral procedures and gaps. The study also appreciated that the Government is geared towards person one vote in 2021 and explored possible challenges.

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