About BECO

- BECO was founded in 2014 in Mogadishu - Somalia, by three of the few local electricity suppliers in the capital who understood the importance of joining forces in order to better serve their clients.
- These companies have decided to unite under a single, bigger & more resourceful entity called BECO creating the largest electricity company in Somalia.
- The company has its headquarters in Mogadishu, Somalia with 16 operations and customer service branches in and around the capital.
This unity has:

- Increased productivity by improving the dilapidated & rundown infrastructure.
- Invested in the procurement of newer, more productive and more efficient machineries, technologies and expertise.
- Lowered the rates from $1.2/kw to less $0.65, $0.5 & $0.4/kw depending on the type of client; residential, business, corporate, etc.
Work Opportunity

- The company currently employs nearly 1,100 people from all kinds of professions and still has opened a door to the Solar & Wind power expertise.
The company has committed to invest sustainable source of power generation mainly the use of renewable energy such as wind and solar.
At BECO we are committed to the gradual reduction of carbon emitting power generation source and increase of the use of renewable energy.

We have introduced our own Green Energy Strategic Plan that will enable us to move from diesel-fired engines to renewable sources mainly wind and solar.

Our engineers have already started implementing these technologies and very soon will become part of our power generation source.
Challenges

- LACK OF TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
  - Electricity is distributed directly from generators to consumers without proper transmission that carries high voltage electricity before distribution.

- SPAGHETTI-TYPE WIRES
  - Already poorly generated electricity is then distributed using spaghetti-type wiring that zigzags through streets causing further electricity losses.

- LACK OF CITY & URBAN PLANNING
POOR REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Lack of professional and efficient regulatory body that regulates electricity generation and distribution is an added headache and burden to electricity companies.

LACK OF PROPER LEGISLATION
There is no legislation that incentivizes and encourages electricity companies and protects their investment. This is mostly the case of inadequate or improper investment.
Solution 1

- Investment in the dilapidated Electricity Infrastructure in the country mainly;
- Power generation using modern technology and renewable energy wherever possible.
- Installation of power Grid and Transmission System that is capable of carrying High Voltage electricity for distribution.
- The use of efficient and properly laid electricity cables.
- Establishment and use of smart productivity monitoring mechanism
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- Most of cities and towns in the country do not have modern urban planning that helps utility providers properly execute their plans.
- This particularly important when it comes to planned installations and distribution systems
- Staff training and ensuring their health & safety.
SOLUTION 2

- Updating regulations and regulatory bodies
- This will include hiring professional technocrat that work with politicians as part of the regulatory bodies of this field.
- Updating or replacing legislations concerning utility
Recommendations

- After coming out from this Forum, we are recommending to the audience to continue like this Conference and find out the best solution to bring Somalia an affordable electricity because of that there is a direct correlation between economic growth and electricity supply.
- To bring together electrical companies, technical and experts.
- The remaining small electrical companies should unite.
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