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Ethiopian diaspora members at the Embassy on the 11th of November 2014

Dear Reader,

In addition to our weekly selection of latest news on Ethiopia, we have a few pictures to share with you, which were taken at two different events last week.

If you have the time, please visit our brand new website: www.ethiopianembassy.be. We redesigned it to make it more enjoyable and useful. Your feedback on this would therefore be of great value to us.

Sincerely,

The Ethiopian Embassy in Brussels

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Resolutions by the 28th extraordinary Summit of the IGAD Heads of State and Government



Prime Minister Hailemariam at the IGAD meeting, on the 6th of November 2014

The IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held its 28th Extra-Ordinary Summit on 6th and 7th November 2014 at the National Palace in Addis Ababa, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly, to discuss the situation in the Republic of South Sudan.

The Assembly was attended by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Omar Hassan al-Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti; H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan; H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia; and H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya.

The Summit was also attended by Dr. Dlamini Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission; Amb. (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD; the IGAD Special Envoys for South Sudan, Amb. Seyoum Mesfin of Ethiopia, Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo of Kenya and Gen. Mohammed Ahmed Mustafa El Dabi of Sudan; Representatives of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China, Denmark, Japan, the European Union, the Troika (the Governments of Norway, United States and United Kingdom) and the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF).

The Summit made the following resolutions:

1. Upon the request of the warring Parties, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the SPLM/A (In Opposition), to be granted additional time to conduct consultations with their respective constituencies on

the agreed agenda of the 28th Extra-Ordinary Summit of the IGAD Heads of State and Government, the Assembly accepts the need for a further period of 15 days to be accorded to the Parties to complete consultations on these matters.

2. The Parties commit to an unconditional, complete and immediate end to all hostilities, and to bring the war to an end, as of the date of this Resolution. The Parties further commit to the immediate cessation of the recruitment and mobilization of civilians.

3. Any violation of the cessation of the hostilities by any party will invite the following collective action by the IGAD region against those responsible for such violations, which will include, but are not limited to:

- a. the enactment of asset freezes
- b. the enactment of travel bans within the region
- c. denial of the supply of arms and ammunition,

and any other material that could be used in war

4. Further, the IGAD region shall, without further reference to the warring Parties, take the necessary measures to directly intervene in South Sudan to protect life and restore peace and stability.

5. Should it be necessary to implement these measures, the IGAD region calls on the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union, the Security Council of the United Nations, and the entire international community, to render all possible assistance in the implementation of these measures.

Issued on 7th November 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Ethiopia in a better power production than ever: Engineer Azeb Asnake

Addis Ababa, 10 November 2014 (WIC) - The Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation /EEPCO/ Construction Division CEO outlined during the briefing that Ethiopia stands by far in a better position than any other time in the past as far as the overall power generation and consumption is concerned.

In a briefing she made at the chancery of the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington D.C. Engineer Azeb Asnake told staff members of the Ethiopian Embassy that the vital focus that the Ethiopian government attaches to the power sector is paramount and revealed to the members of the diplomatic group that the concomitant contribution it is impacting on attracting investment from around the globe including the US is very amazing.

She promptly added that the shift of the consumers and investors with more demand for electricity has to be reckoned.

As regards to the power outages observed in some places of the capital city and in relation to some investment sites the EEPCO Construction Division CEO admitted the unfortunate recurrence but quickly suggested that the public appreciates the momentum of the growth trajectory the country is undergoing and expressed her optimism that the challenge could be mitigated through time by pinpointing to the timely technical and administrative measures being taken to alleviate the problem at present.

Talking about the 1875 MW Gilgel Gibe Project 3 which she still leads as a General Manager, Engineer Azeb, who calls the project her baby, revealed that it will be operational by the end of the current Ethiopian Calendar year. In a similar note the CEO of the Construction Division of EEPCO said that it is public knowledge that the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam /GERD/ has already gone over 40% of the construction drive and noted that it is progressing quite on track.

In reference to the Ethiopian Diaspora worldwide, Engineer Azeb called upon them to be counted by engaging themselves in unison with other investors as a group or individually in the multi-faceted investment projects vividly observable in the power sector to benefit themselves primarily and ultimately their brothers and sisters and spur the development efforts of their home country.



Ethiopia-Kenya highway link road to be completed next year

Addis Ababa, 9 November 2014 (WIC) - The tarmacking of the main road linking Kenya with Ethiopia is expected to be completed by end of next year, Kenyan official said.

Marsabit Governor Ukur Yattani said the 505-kilometre Isiolo-Marsabit-Moyale road was 60 per cent complete and that work was continuing well.

"Construction is ongoing. By the end of next year, we will have connected Addis Ababa to Nairobi on tarmac road, a thing that will change the economy of

this place," Mr Yattani, whose county is the largest and occupies 15 per cent of Kenya's landmass, said.

The road is expected to cost \$517 million (Sh46 billion) and is funded by the African Development Bank, the European Union and the Kenya Government.

The Governor said the road would ease travel to Nairobi, which used to take four days but has since been reduced to one. (<http://www.awrambatimes.com>)

Ethiopia: Performance testifies the growing role of international diplomacy

Addis Ababa (HAN) November 6, 2014 – The Ethiopian Foreign Minister Tedros Adhanom gave a 2007 (Ethiopian calendar) plan orientation to the Ministry Staff. He said a review of last year's performance testifies the growing role of Ethiopia in international diplomacy. He underlined the importance of building

capacity of diplomats commensurate to our country's growing diplomatic endeavors. He also called Ministry staff to work towards bringing continuous and yet transformative change



Ethiopian Foreign Minister, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and Secretary General of the UN Ban Ki-moon in Addis Ababa, last month.

Fourth Productive Safety Net Program signed

Addis Ababa (HAN) November 6, 2014 – Ethiopia signed US\$600 million financing agreement with WB for the implementation of the fourth Productive Safety Net Program on Friday (October 31). The agreement was signed by Sufian Ahmed, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, and Guang Zhe Chen, World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia.

The Minister said the program which has now been operating for ten years had benefited many farmers. It not only provided day-to-day support for the needy but also played an effective role in enabling them to improve their situation and secure assets.

Implemented over the years, the program had succeeded in lifting over 6 million Ethiopians out of poverty, the Minister said. The last three phases of the program had successfully graduated many farmers from the program as they became self-sufficient. Mr. Chen

said since its launch nearly a decade ago the program has made remarkable contributions not only to food security and Ethiopia's progress in meeting many of the MDG goals, but to reversing land degradation. The PSNP had played a key role in mitigating the risk of economic and climate related shocks, he said, by introducing soil and water conservation activities, small irrigation, and integrated watershed management.

Mr. Chen also noted "None of this would have been possible without the vision and strong commitment of the Government." This had been clearly demonstrated by the provision of close to US\$ 500 million from Ethiopia's own resources to the PSNP over five years. This, he said, set a standard for other African countries to match. It was also "an important step towards a long term and sustainable safety nets' system for Ethiopia."

GERD-Council diaspora meeting at the Ethiopian Embassy in Brussels

On Tuesday 11th of November 2014, Ambassador Teshome Toga and the staff of the Ethiopian Embassy in Brussels welcomed diaspora members at the Embassy premises.

After a briefing of the audience by the Ambassador on the latest socio-economic developments in Ethiopia, especially on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, the diaspora members raised issues concerning the

achievements made in the country in various aspects. They agreed to mobilize the diaspora members living in Belgium to strengthen their contribution to the development of the country through bound purchasing, investment and business.

Finally, informal discussions around snacks and drinks were also the opportunity to take a few pictures.





Ambassador Teshome Toga, Embassy staff members and members of the Ethiopian Diaspora in Belgium



Event at Little Ethiopia Restaurant: Promotion of Ethiopian tourism and culture

"Little Ethiopia, Great to Discover", the well-known Ethiopian traditional restaurant located in the center of Antwerp, Belgium, in collaboration with the Embassy of Ethiopia in Brussels has organized its annual event to promote the cultural and touristic attractions of Ethiopia to the Belgian public. During the event, the active volcano of Ertale, the historic buildings of Addis Ababa city and the Hamar tribes traditional music were

presented by Belgian tourists who had visited Ethiopia through photos and videos. In the meantime, guests had the opportunity to discover more about the diverse Ethiopian culture, tourism as well as business and investment opportunities of the country.

Ambassador Teshome Toga, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the Benelux and Baltic countries and to the EU institutions, made a remark and welcomed Belgian tourists to visit Ethiopia, the cradle of Human Being. He also invited investors and business people to have a look at the investment opportunities in Ethiopia.





Pictures taken during the event at Little Ethiopia Restaurant



Agenda

Second Banking and ICT summit in Addis Ababa
21st of November 2014 Read more: <http://t.co/CAqaBcgGCJ>

Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Day
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