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POLITICAL ISSUES

New Government formed, the Parliament endorses members of Cabinet presented by the PM



The House of People's Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

On the occasion of the new parliamentary session, the House has re-elected Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and elected House Speakers of the House of the Peoples' Representative (HPR) and the House of Federation (HoF) on 5 October 2015. Ato Abadula Gameda and Shitaye Menale are also re-elected as Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Peoples' Representative. At the morning's opening session of the House of Federation, Ato Yalew Abate and Ato Mohammed Reshid were elected as Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Federation

respectively. The house has also endorsed 27 Ministers presented by the Prime Minister. H.E President Dr. Mulatu in his opening speech expressed his belief, and his hope that "this Fifth term of Parliament will remain committed to sustain the successful achievements of past sessions, and focus on the key issues of our efforts to improve our strengths and address our weaknesses." "It is

a historic moment", the President added, "as the key event unfolds upon a successful completion of the implementation of the Growth and Transformation Plan One, and the launch of the Growth and Transformation Plan Two, it is a decisive point in our efforts to reach the lower level of middle-income countries by 2025." Many Diplomats, Ambassadors, Religious Leaders and prominent personalities attended the occasion.

Source: MFA Ethiopia

Government to meet with opposition parties on GTP-2

Opposition parties working nationwide are invited to meet with the government to discuss the second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II), EPRDF Council Office Public and International Relations Head said.

In an interview with WIC, Desta Tesfaw, said the meeting to take place on Oct. 09 up to Oct. 10, 2015, is expected to heated discussion on the plan.

All the parties engaging nationwide are invited to the meeting, he said. EPRDF has officially made clear that it is willing to work with peacefully working opposition

parties, he reminded. “We have created the necessary conditions to enable opposition parties contribute their share in the building democracy in the country,” Desta remarked.

This meeting is part of the government’s efforts to enable the voices of opposition parties heard and to work with opposition parties on issues of mutual interest that are vital for the growth and development of the country. The meeting shall be chaired by the government and is expected to be conducted again in the near future.

Source: Walta Information Centre

A Media Forum on the 40 years partnership between Ethiopia and the EU

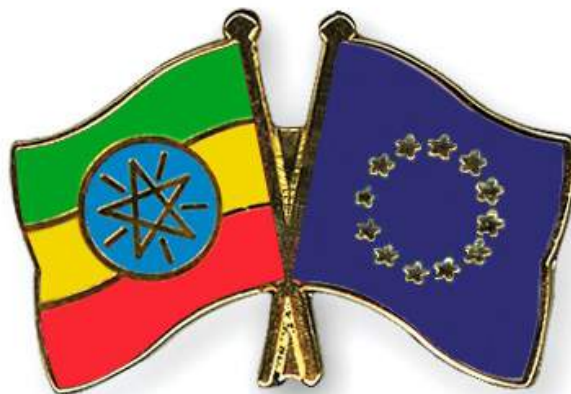
On 6 October 2015, A media forum organized by the EU Delegation to Ethiopia shared the progress in exchanges over the past 40 years between Ethiopia and the European Union. The Head of the EU Delegation to Ethiopia, Chantal Hebberecht, gave a presentation on various themes of development, highlighting the successes witnessed in Ethiopia.

Ambassador Hebberecht said that the EU and Ethiopia together were playing a key role by

cooperating in different development and social sectors. Their joint priorities included health, roads and energy, sustainable

agriculture, food security, the environment and support to civil society organizations.

The Ambassador said that the European Development Fund (EDF) had “allocated an initial 745 million Euros for the period to 2020 to support government-led programs in Ethiopia.” She stressed that the EU and Ethiopia were marking the 40th anniversary of a “strong and successful partnership.”



Source: MFA Ethiopia

ECONOMY & INVESTMENT

More than 10 Million jobs provided during the First Growth and Transformation Plan

On 8 October 2015, the Federal Micro and Small Enterprises Development Agency at a meeting this week to evaluate the performance of the Growth and Transformation Plan I, and set directions for the newly launched GTP II, announced that more than 10 million unemployed Ethiopians found jobs during GTP I.

The Director-General of the Agency, Gebremeskel Chala, said this achievement exceeded the target set for the five-year plan. He emphasized the special attention that had

been attached to creating jobs for women. The Director-General said the Agency had also facilitated a total of US\$765 million loan extensions to enterprises in the sectors of construction, manufacturing, agro processing, trade and service sectors and urban farming which had been the main employment opportunity areas. He also noted that 8 million people had been given skills development and business management training during the first Growth and Transformation Plan period (2010/11-2014/15).

Source: MFA Ethiopia

Ethiopian Airlines Awarded Best Airline for the third time in Africa

The Ethiopian Airlines has won the Passenger Choice Awards for APEX 2015 for “Best Airline in Africa” for the third time in a row. Tewolde Gebremariam, CEO of the Ethiopian Airlines Group, said: “As an indigenous Pan-African Global Airline, we are honored to be recognized as “Best in Africa” for the third time in a row. It reaffirms the high quality of service and the products we offer.”



Tewolde stated that the award will encourage the airline to double up efforts in the never ending pursuit of continuous improvements in customer services both on the ground and in the air. He said Ethiopian was above all a customer-focused airline with a global standard service with superior delivery through its hallmark, African-flavored, Ethiopian hospitality.

“We will continue our leadership in the African Aviation industry and connecting mother Africa with its major global trading centers,”

Tewolde added.

The Ethiopian Airlines flies to 91 international and 20 domestic destinations around five continents, operating one of the youngest fleet in the industry, which is below five years average age. The Airline is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan, Vision

2025, aimed to make it the leading aviation group in Africa.

Passenger Choice Award is the most important award in the aviation industry in which customers rate airlines by bench-marking service provision.

Source: Walta Information Center

Investment areas open for foreign investors

Manufacturing

- 1.1 Food industry
- 1.2 Beverage industry
- 1.3 Textiles and textiles products industry
- 1.4 Leather and leather products industry
- 1.5 Wood products industry
- 1.6 Paper and paper products industry
- 1.7 Chemical and chemical products industry
- 1.8 Basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations industry
- 1.9 Rubber and plastics products industry
- 1.10 Other non-metallic mineral products industry
- 1.11 Basic metal industry
- 1.12 Fabricated metal products industry
- 1.13 Computer, electronic and optical products industry
- 1.14 Electrical products industry
- 1.15 Machinery and equipment industry
- 1.16 Integrated manufacturing with agriculture
- 1.17 Vehicles, trailers, and semi trailer industry
- 1.18 Manufacturing of office and household furniture
- 1.19 Manufacturing of other equipment (jewelers and related articles, musical instruments, sports equipment, games and toys and similar products)
- 2. Agriculture**
 - 1.1. Crop production
 - 1.2. Animal production
 - 1.3. Mixed (crop and animal) farming
 - 1.4. Forestry
- 3. ICT**
- 4. Generation, transmission and supply of electrical energy**
- 5. Hotel and tourism**
 - 4.1. Star designated hotels /including resort hotels/ , motel, lodges and restaurant
 - 4.2. Grade one tour operation
- 6. Grade 1 Construction contracting (including water well drilling and drilling for mineral exploration)**
- 7. Real estate development**
- 8. Education and training**
 - 7.1. Secondary and higher education by constructing own building
 - 7.2. Technical and vocational training service including sport
- 9. Health services**
 - 8.1. Hospital service by constructing own building
- 10. Architectural and engineering works and related technical services, technical testing and analysis**
- 11. Publishing**
- 12. Import trade**
 - 11.1. Importation of LPG and bitumen
- 13. Export trade**
 - 12.1. Export trade excluding raw coffee, chat, oil seeds, pulses, precious minerals, natural forestry products, hides and skins bought from the market, and live sheep, goats, camel, equines and cattle not raised by the investor.
- 14. Whole sale trade**
 - 13.1. Supply of petroleum and its by-products as well as whole sale of own products

TOURISM

Why Ethiopia is worth a visit

Why should you visit Ethiopia? The Bolger blog explains some of the reasons. Excerpt:

“Ethiopia? Why on earth would you go there..?”

“This was the common response I received from people in Australia after telling them I was moving to Ethiopia. And it seems I’m not the only one who gets this kind of response.

I’ve had some good friends from home recently visit and they too were faced with the same question. The thing is not many people know much about Ethiopia. Which led me to make the below list of things you definitely wouldn’t want to come to Ethiopia and see”. To see the photo, click on this link:

<http://ethio.be/1R1aLdW>

AGENDA & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Survey

The Embassy of Ethiopia in Brussels is in a process to re-design its newsletter. Your feedback will considerably help us to get to know more about our readership’s experience

and demands.

We would therefore strongly appreciate if you could fill this form: <http://ethio.be/1VAXNd7>

Thank you in advance for your time.

Invitation for Bid From Development Bank of Ethiopia

Four invitations for bid (Amharic and English) from the Development Bank of Ethiopia have been published on the website of the Ethiopian Investment Commission. The bids concern the sectors of tannery, food, agro-processing and

cotton farm.

Link to the invitations: <http://ethio.be/1Kl1FHi>

Belgian multisectoral economic mission to Ethiopia

This economic multisectoral mission which, will take place from 18 to 22 November 2015 in Ethiopia is organized by AWEX, Brussel Invest & Export and Flanders Investment & Trade, in collaboration with the Belgian Embassy in Addis Ababa and the Ethiopian Embassy in Brussels.

Rwanda, Ethiopia and Kenya are fast growing economies. Exchanges with Belgium have been increasing and business opportunities lie in many segments.

The mission will focus on contacts with the business community of each country, with officials in specific sectors, with Chambers of Commerce and international institutions such as World Bank, AFDB, EU delegation, etc.

Sectors include energy, water, Infrastructure, banking, ICT, agro-processing, health sector.

The mission will be lead by Mr. Michel Kempeneers and Mrs. Katja Low (AWEX), Mr. Jan de Brabandere (BIE) and Mrs. Catherine Van Ransbeeck (FIT).

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You are kindly invited to express your interest for all or part of the mission as early as possible.

Ethio-Netherlands Business Event

“A Growing Investment Opportunity”

Together with the Ethiopian Embassy in Brussels and the Netherlands Embassy in Addis Ababa, NABC will be organizing the first Ethio-Netherlands business event in the Netherlands on 5 and 6 November 2015. Are you interested in investing in Ethiopia and looking for the right information and people to discuss the opportunities? This is the right place to get informed on investing in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia, as a country with a population of approximately 95 million, double-digit growth, availability of land and an attractive and diverse climate, has become a main destination for investments. The Dutch private sector is already involved extensively in Ethiopia (via horticulture, agriculture). Despite the increasing number of investments by Dutch companies, opportunities available in Ethiopia are not fully optimized. In view of this,

both countries have agreed to stimulate the Dutch private sector investment in Ethiopia and trade opportunities between Ethiopia and the Netherlands.

During the Ethio-Netherlands business event, officials from Ethiopia and experts from the field will advise on the business opportunities and steps to take when investing. Specific focus will be on the investment potential in seven sectors, following from the Dutch development cooperation program and being in line with Ethiopian priorities: seeds (tomatoes, potatoes), oilseeds, poultry, dairy, spices, textiles and logistics/construction. Based on business opportunity reports and business cases for each sector, we will provide you with the right know-how and the introduction to a network to get started.

The event consists of two days, of which the first day will compose of the following elements:

Day 1:

A) General plenary session on investing in Ethiopia with testimonies from the Dutch private sector in Ethiopia;

B) Seven separate workshops on the specific sectors based on the business opportunities reports and business cases;

C) Matchmaking session between Dutch companies and Ethiopian and Dutch authorities (B2G); between Ethiopian and Dutch potential business partners (B2B) and between Dutch companies to establish cooperation (B2B).

D) A working dinner.

Day 2

The second day will consist of company visits by separate groups within the seven sectors. Another registration page will be opened to register for the company visits.

More information:

Email info@ethiopianembassy.be

Registration and information:

http://ethio.be/NL_Ethio_Business

Ethiopian National Flag Day and Diaspora Festival

On 24 October 2015, the Embassy of Ethiopia in Brussels will host a celebration of the 8th National Flag Day and the first celebration of the Diaspora Day in the Benelux countries. The members of the Ethiopian national diaspora and Benelux citizens of Ethiopian origin have been invited to take part in this colorful event. During the celebration, the National Flag of Ethiopia will be raised. In addition, the current socio-economic situation of the country will be discussed as well as the participation of the Ethiopian diaspora in the national economic development. Traditional Ethiopian food and drinks will be served to the participants, who will have the opportunity to dance with traditional Ethiopian music.

For more than a decade, Ethiopia has been one of the fastest-growing country in Africa. This exceptional economic development is set to continue during the next years, and the World Bank forecasts Ethiopia will be the fastest-growing country in the world in 2016. Several sectors like agro-processing and manufacturing have been gaining a considerable importance in the country's economy, while several flagship

projects like the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, road construction and railway projects in the capital and throughout the country have attracted worldwide attention. Ethiopia is also identified as one of the major investment destinations in Sub-Saharan Africa due to high growth potential of business, cheap and trainable labor, cheap electricity, incentives provided to investors and a stable political and institutional framework. Furthermore, the country is visited by more and more tourists due to its unique geographical, historical and cultural heritage. The UNESCO has recognized 9 of those heritage, more than any other country in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2015 it was awarded the World Best Tourist Destination by the European Council on Tourism and Trade. As a stable country in a troubled region, Ethiopia has also been recognized as a solid international partner, and is generously contributing to several international peace-keeping force missions.



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Date: Saturday 24 October 2015

Time: 14:00-20:00hrs.

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