

Press Release On the 9th General Assembly of PHEEC

The 9th Annual General Assembly Meeting of Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHEEC) was successfully held on 19, March 2015 at the Harmony Hotel in Addis Ababa. The meeting brought together around 100 participants from PHE EC member and partner organizations of the consortium. The meeting aimed to:

- Review and endorse the revised PHE EC strategic plan of 2015-2020.
- Create awareness on Growth and Transformation Plan 2 (GTP 2) and Climate Resilience Green Economy (CRGE) core pillars and issues versus sustainable Development Goals (SDG) direction
- Share information on the role of PHE projects in the South Ethiopia to contribute to GTP and sustainable development, and
- Discuss and endorse PHE EC 2014 fiscal year financial and activity performance reports and 2015 fiscal year financial and activity plans, and

The meeting commenced with a welcoming address from the Executive Director of the PHE EC, Ato Negash Teklu, and was then officially opened with a speech from W/ro Ghrmawit Haile, Director of Strategic Planning and Resource Mobilization of the Ministry of Environment and Forest(MEF) on behalf of H.E. Ato Belete Tafera Desta the Minister of MEF. In her speech, W/ro Girmawit discussed the critical importance of addressing climate change and environmental degradation to achieve social and economic development in Ethiopia. She also acknowledged the efforts of PHE EC in advancing human wellbeing and environmental protection through its work on the PHE integrated approach and the need for multi-sectoral approaches like PHE to tackle complex issues like climate change.

After the opening session, three presentations were held: Mr. Negash Teklu Executive director of PHE EC gave presentation on the new PHE EC strategic plan (2015-2020) followed by Mrs. Ghrmawit Haile presentation on GTP 2 and CRGE core pillars and issues versus SDG direction. Finally, the role of PHE projects in the Southern Ethiopia to contribute to GTP and sustainable development was presented by Ato Yosef Girma from CCRDA.

The strategic plan includes five key strategic issues such as Advancing Family Health and Women's Empowerment, Facilitating the Attainment of the Demographic Dividend, Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Protection, Contributing to the National and International Targets for Sustainable Development and Climate Change, and Advancing Multi-Sectoral and PHE Integrated Approaches and Capacity

Presentation on Growth and Transformation Plan and CRGE was highly appreciated by the participants and well understood that the importance of further discussion or forum for non-government organizations.

In the afternoon, the business session of Annual General Assembly Meeting was conducted with PHE EC member organizations. In this meeting, Dr. Million Belay, Executive Director of MELCA Ethiopia, and board member of the consortium presented the 2014 board report.

Followed by the board report, the activity and financial reports of the year 2014, activity and financial plan of 2015 and the revised PHE EC strategic plan of 2015-2020 were presented one after another by Ato Negash Teklu, Executive Director of the consortium to the audience.. Then, the 2014 audit report was presented by external auditor, Tesfaye Gedilu and CO. As shown in the reports the consortium is registering a very remarkable progress and achievements. Finally, after thorough discussions on issues raised on the presented papers, the reports and plans were endorsed unanimously by the General Assembly.

The Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHE EC) is an Ethiopian Non-Government Organization with 56 members and that was established in 2008. PHE EC works closely with its member organizations and partners at different levels to promote and cultivate comprehensive and collaborative responses to the multi-dimensional challenges associated with poverty and vulnerability in order to achieve sustainable development. The PHE approach seeks to address the complex connections between humans, their health, and the environment through an integrated and multi-sectoral approach that involves improving access to family planning information and services combined with health, environmental management, and alternative livelihood activities to enhance human development and preserve local ecosystems.