

ERITREAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN AU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION



An Eritrean delegation led by Mr. Biniam Berhe, Chargé d’Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in Ethiopia and Eritrea’s Permanent Representative to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, participated in the 49th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council.

The session, convened at the AU

Headquarters in Addis Ababa on 28 and 29 July, was held under the theme “Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve Agenda 2063.”

Addressing the session on Eritrea’s policies and positions regarding the main topics under discussion, the Eritrean delegation noted that, since

Eritrea is located in the Sahel Belt, where water scarcity is prevalent, ensuring an adequate water supply is one of the country’s main national development priorities. The delegation further stated that Eritrea is making substantial, forward-looking investments in sustainable water management, backed by firm political commitment.

The delegation also stated that potable water coverage, which stood at less than 13% in 1991, has now reached 85% as a result of substantial investments in the construction of water reservoirs and related infrastructure. It added that the number of dams has increased from 138 to 850.

The delegation further noted that Eritrea is working toward implementing the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 and has so far achieved encouraging results.

After reviewing progress made during the first half of the year in programs aimed at ensuring access to potable water, the session proposed measures to be taken going forward.

ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT MEETING REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



An assessment meeting was held in the Central Region to review progress on administrative, development, and infrastructure programs during the first half of 2026.

Mr. Zerit Teweldebhan, Managing Director of the region, said that the objective of the meeting was to assess the strengths and challenges in implementing projects that were initiated in 2025 and carried over into 2026, as well as to identify measures to address the challenges encountered.

At the meeting, heads of departments and divisions presented reports on training programs organized to enhance workers’ vocational skills;

measures taken to improve social services and residents’ welfare; and the renovation of asphalt and dirt roads and pedestrian walkways.

The reports indicated that, compared with 2025, the construction of agricultural terraces increased by 48% in 2026, water-diversion terraces by 95%, and contour terraces by 72%.

The participants held extensive discussions on the reports presented and adopted various recommendations.

Ambassador Abdella Musa, Minister of Local Government, called for coordinated efforts to implement the development programs outlined.

INAUGURATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN LOGO-ANSEBA SUB-ZONE

At an inauguration ceremony for a new dam constructed at a cost of over 12 million Nakfa and two micro-dams in Adi-Hans, Logo-Anseba sub-zone, it was reported that the development projects implemented through cooperation between the community and the Government over the past 10 years are contributing significantly to improving the livelihoods of residents.

Mr. Zerit Bahlibi, administrator of the Debri-Adhans administrative area, said that, as a result of the strong efforts exerted, the water supply shortage affecting both residents and livestock has been resolved, creating favourable conditions for the development of irrigation farming.

Mr. Abraham Hagos, administrator of the sub-zone, said that four water

distribution centres and three water reservoirs for livestock and irrigation farming have been established in Adi-Hans alone.

Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui, Governor of the Gash-Barka Region, commended those who contributed to the implementation of the projects and called for stronger community participation to ensure their sustainability.

The residents expressed gratitude for the measures taken to address the water supply shortages they had been facing and voiced their readiness to develop irrigation farming in their area.

At the event, certificates of recognition were presented to all those who contributed to the development projects.



ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES

The 52nd Eritrean community festival in the United States was colorfully conducted from 31 July to 2 August in Dallas, Texas, under the theme “Our Resilience: Our Guarantee.”

The festival was officially opened by Mr. Yosuf Saiq, Head of Organizational Affairs of the PFDJ, accompanied by staff members of the Eritrean Embassy. It featured programs organized by Eritrean communities that reflected Eritrea’s culture and history, as well as the Eritrean people’s enduring resilience and perseverance.

The festival also included cultural and artistic performances, displays and presentations focusing on Eritrea’s ancient and historical heritage, educational seminars, products from Eritrean enterprises, a book fair, and programs highlighting the dual struggle of Eritrean women and the history of the Revolution School.

Mr. Berhane Gebrehiwet, Chargé d’Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy, noted that the festival, which reflects the culture, history, and identity of the Eritrean people, makes a significant contribution to the transmission of

Eritrea’s noble societal values and history, especially to those living far from their country of origin.

Mr. Berhane also commended all who participated in and contributed to the colorful event, where nationals came together to share their knowledge and experiences, strengthen their unity, and reaffirm their commitment to national affairs.

The festival was attended by a large number of nationals, as well as the Mayor of Richardson, Texas, members of the Texas Congress, and American and African friends of Eritrea.



Development

The Strategic Expansion of Postgraduate Healthcare at OCMHS

By: Mussie Efriem

The Orotta College of Medicine and Health Sciences (OCMHS) has marked a transformative milestone in the nation's healthcare landscape by strategically expanding its postgraduate specialty programs. Building upon its foundational undergraduate and diploma tracks, the institution has profoundly shifted the paradigm of specialized medical care delivery across Eritrea. The journey of institutional growth began in 2020, when the college recognized the critical need for advanced, homegrown clinical expertise and launched its inaugural postgraduate residency programs in Pediatrics & Child Health and Obstetrics & Gynecology. Through a sustained commitment to institutional capacity building, OCMHS has steadily scaled up its postgraduate blueprint.

Today, the institution administers seven distinct clinical specialties: internal medicine, general surgery, radiology and imaging, obstetrics and gynecology, pathology, pediatrics and child health, and ophthalmology. This systematic expansion directly benefits the national health sector. By producing specialized clinical consultants locally, public health facilities across the country gain resident physicians and graduates capable of handling complex medical, surgical, and diagnostic cases that previously required overseas referrals or specialized foreign interventions. Institutionalizing these seven distinct tracks directly addresses the shortage of specialist workforce in public hospitals, anchoring secondary and tertiary facilities with well-trained domestic experts.

Furthermore, conducting advanced medical training locally reduces the heavy financial burdens of sending medical professionals abroad for specialization, thereby aligning health sector advancements with sustainable national development goals. Ultimately, the continuous influx of specialized graduates supports the Ministry of Health's overarching objective of improving clinical service delivery, reducing morbidity and mortality rates, and ensuring equitable access to specialized healthcare for all. Below are interviews with postgraduates who served in local hospitals for several years before undertaking their specialization at OCMHS.

Dr. Simon Woldu (Specialist in General and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery)

Could you share more about your area of specialization and your experience during the program?

I am graduating in surgery with a focus on laparoscopic (keyhole)



Dr. Simon Woldu

procedures after a rigorous four-year training program. The training was conducted by foreign experts, including professors from Sudan and several European countries. It required strenuous effort, with long hours spent at the hospital dedicated entirely to patient care. What makes surgery uniquely challenging is that once you stand up, it is a job where you rarely get to sit down. Worldwide, surgery is among the most demanding fields in medicine, requiring intense physical and mental resilience, as well as immense patience and endurance while standing for long hours through the night. It is not the kind of work you can do casually or while chatting, because a human life is literally in your hands to restore and preserve.

Ultimately, the training was a resounding success, reaching this graduation milestone through rigorous assessments conducted by both foreign and domestic examiners. The external examiners from Sudan expressed deep admiration, noting that our clinical competence and practical skills are exceptional. Building on this, I firmly believe that, provided there are no major equipment constraints, any surgical procedure can now be successfully performed right here in our own country.

The training was provided free of charge, fully funded by the public and the government. As graduates, we did not pay a single penny; we invested our effort and commitment, which is a debt of gratitude we owe to serve our people. Surgeons carry a heavy responsibility that demands manual skill and artistry that cannot be taken lightly. Historically, our country has faced a shortage of expert surgical capacity, forcing patients from remote regions to travel long distances to Orotta Hospital for referral. It is now our responsibility as graduates to ensure that our people receive high-caliber medical care close to home, without long travel times or treatment delays.

Do you have any concluding remarks?

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the people and Government of Eritrea, who dedicated every resource to enable us to pursue this advanced level of education without any financial burden. On our part, we stand ready to elevate our standards to continually serve our society, and we ask only that our community continue to support us with their moral encouragement. Historically, complex oncology surgeries were among the most difficult cases requiring patients to travel abroad for care, but moving forward, provided the necessary surgical equipment is available, it is my firm belief that any procedure performed overseas can be successfully performed right here at home.

Dr. Haben Dawit (Specialist in Pathology)

What inspired you to specialize in pathology and join this department?

For a long time, there were no local Eritrean specialists in pathology, and the department was almost entirely reliant on foreign personnel. It was disheartening to see such a vital area unmanned by local experts. My primary inspiration came from a vision to advance our country's laboratory and diagnostic services, as I felt strongly that Eritrean professionals needed to step up to



Dr. Haben Dawit During the Graduation Event

build and sustain the department. Relying heavily on foreign experts created ongoing challenges because their availability was often temporary, leaving critical systemic issues unresolved. When OCMHS officially opened the postgraduate residency in pathology, I was genuinely excited and jumped at the opportunity to join.

Given what drew you to the field, how would you define the significance of pathology in medicine?

Pathology is widely recognized as the backbone of modern medicine and the core of clinical practice. Often described as the bridge between basic science and clinical application, it provides the definitive answers that clinicians rely on to establish diagnoses, determine prognoses,

and design effective treatment plans. Without the foundation provided by pathology, other medical specialties cannot operate effectively.

Can you walk us through your experience of pursuing a postgraduate residency while balancing your roles as a mother and wife?

In truth, it was incredibly demanding, but if you set your mind to a goal and genuinely believe in your ability to succeed, you will find a way. Every day involved managing the household—preparing the children for school and keeping up with domestic responsibilities—before I could even sit down to study late at night. Even after completing daily chores, young children naturally demand attention and affection, often interrupting long study sessions, so navigating those double demands required immense perseverance.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to my family, especially my husband, who was my greatest champion and stood by me every step of the way. Balancing a rigorous residency with three young children would have been impossible without my husband and my parents stepping in to help manage childcare. I am also deeply grateful to my fellow residents and faculty for their camaraderie and support throughout this journey.



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SpotLight

Continuous Learning and Improvement: Highlighting the OAG

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The recent training organized by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and National Development, marks another Continuous Learning and Improvement: Highlighting the OAG

important milestone in Eritrea's ongoing efforts to strengthen public financial management and institutional capacity. Conducted in two phases, the program brought together 75 internal auditors, including 23 women, from the Ministry of Defense and various government institutions for intensive instruction on key aspects of public-sector auditing and financial administration. Participants received training in the fundamentals of internal auditing, professional ethics, risk-based annual audit planning, audit reporting, budget execution, government bookkeeping, procurement systems, material management and disposal, and the basic concepts of Eritrea's new coordinated government financial management system.

Speaking at the closing ceremony on 16 July, Auditor General Gerezgiher Gebremedhin emphasized that the training's objective was to equip internal auditors with the knowledge and practical skills needed to strengthen financial and material administration and improve institutional performance within their respective organizations. The trainees, in turn, expressed their commitment to applying the knowledge they had acquired in their day-to-day responsibilities. General Filipos Woldeyohannes, Chief of Staff of the Eritrean Defense Forces, likewise underscored the importance of sustained professional training, urging participants to translate their newly acquired expertise into concrete improvements in their workplaces.

While the initiative undoubtedly enhances the technical capacity of internal auditors, it also reflects something much broader. It is part of a long-standing institutional strategy that recognizes human capital development as indispensable to effective public administration, sound financial governance, and national development. Indeed, the history and evolution of the Office of the Auditor General demonstrate that sustained investment in people – their knowledge, skills, and professional competence – has been a defining factor in the institution's

steady growth and increasing effectiveness over the years.

Broadly, national auditing institutions are universally recognized as indispensable pillars of good governance and effective public administration. Beyond their traditional role of identifying waste, inefficiency, and financial irregularities, supreme audit institutions play a central role in strengthening accountability, improving public-sector performance, and safeguarding the prudent use of public resources. Through independent audits and constructive recommendations, they help government institutions improve management systems, reinforce internal controls, and enhance operational efficiency. In doing so, they promote transparency and integrity, deter corruption and financial mismanagement, and strengthen public confidence in state institutions. A growing body of international research further demonstrates that effective public auditing contributes to broader development outcomes, including poverty reduction, increased investor confidence, and more inclusive and sustainable socioeconomic development.

In Eritrea, the Office of the Auditor General serves as the country's supreme public auditing institution. Pursuant to Legal Notice No. 14/1993, Article 2(25), the OAG is mandated to audit government ministries, national departments, state-owned enterprises, and other public institutions and to prepare comprehensive audit reports regularly. Although the present Office was formally established following Eritrea's independence – initially under Proclamation No. 23/1992 and subsequently reconstituted under Proclamation No. 37/1993 – the practice of public auditing in Eritrea has a much longer and richer history.

Formal auditing institutions in Eritrea date back to the Italian colonial period, when an auditing body known as the *Controllore Generale dei Conti* was established to oversee public accounts and state property in what Italy regarded as its *colonia primogenita*, or “firstborn colony.” During the subsequent British Military Administration, the institution was reorganized as the Office of the Auditor General and entrusted with auditing and supervising government revenues, expenditures, and public assets. During the period of federation with Ethiopia, the Office reported directly to the Eritrean



Parliament. However, following Eritrea's unlawful annexation, it was incorporated into Ethiopia's national auditing framework and assigned responsibility not only for government accounts within Eritrea but also for several northern Ethiopian provinces. Following Eritrea's liberation and the restoration of national sovereignty, an independent Office of the Auditor General was re-established, reflecting the country's renewed commitment to accountability, transparency, and sound public financial management.

Over the past three decades, both the institutional capacity of the OAG and the professional competence of its staff have expanded considerably. The scope, quality, and sophistication of its auditing services have likewise improved, enabling the institution to carry out its mandate with increasing effectiveness. International experts who have worked alongside the OAG have consistently praised the professionalism of its personnel, describing Eritrean auditors as highly competent, motivated, and dedicated professionals. These assessments have been reinforced by the institution's own accomplishments, including receiving Awards of Excellence from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) International in 2007 and the African Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI) in 2014.

A major driver of this institutional progress has been the OAG's unwavering commitment to continuous learning and professional development. Recognizing that effective auditing ultimately depends on the competence, integrity, and adaptability of its workforce, the Office has consistently invested in strengthening its personnel's knowledge and skills. This institutional philosophy mirrors Eritrea's broader national development strategy, which

places human capital at the center of socioeconomic transformation. Eritrean leaders and policymakers have consistently emphasized that the country's greatest resource is its people and that sustainable national development depends fundamentally on cultivating their knowledge, skills, and capabilities. Within this broader vision, strengthening the capacity of public institutions through continuous education and professional training is regarded not merely as an organizational necessity but as a strategic national investment. The OAG's sustained emphasis on capacity building is therefore not an isolated institutional initiative, but part of a wider national commitment to building a skilled, competent, and professional public service capable of advancing the country's long-term development objectives.

Guided by this philosophy, the OAG has, over many years, collaborated with a range of national, regional, and international partners – including the Eritrean Center for Organizational Excellence and AFROSAI-E – to organize numerous training workshops and professional development programs. These initiatives have focused on enhancing technical auditing competencies, strengthening leadership and management capabilities, and familiarizing staff with evolving international auditing standards and best practices. In addition, many auditors and support staff have been encouraged and supported to pursue professional certifications, specialized technical training, higher education, and overseas learning opportunities. Importantly, these development opportunities have been provided free of charge, ensuring equitable access for all employees while reinforcing the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and merit.

The importance of continuous professional development extends well beyond the auditing profession.

A substantial body of international research demonstrates that employees across sectors consistently value opportunities to expand their knowledge and strengthen their professional capabilities. Structured learning enables individuals to perform their responsibilities more effectively while also fulfilling their aspirations for personal growth and career advancement.

Continuous learning also produces measurable organizational benefits. Employees who receive regular opportunities for professional development generally exhibit higher levels of motivation, stronger organizational commitment, and greater job satisfaction. Such investments are frequently associated with improved productivity, lower absenteeism, and enhanced institutional performance. Moreover, in an era characterized by rapid technological advancement, digital transformation, automation, climate-related risks, and increasingly complex governance challenges, lifelong learning has become indispensable for building institutions that are resilient, adaptable, and capable of responding effectively to changing circumstances.

Equally important, professional development fosters creativity and innovation. Exposure to new methodologies, emerging technologies, and evolving international standards encourages employees to challenge conventional practices, identify more efficient solutions, and adopt forward-looking approaches to problem-solving. These experiences not only enhance present-day performance but also prepare future leaders capable of guiding institutions through increasingly complex administrative and financial environments.

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"Beles Alo Beles!"—Memories of Summer, Hard Work, and Childhood

By: Kidane Shimendi

I love summer; it is my favorite season of the year. I know what you might be thinking—I can see ideas racing through your mind as you try to guess why. Those who know I am a high school teacher might think it is because of the school vacation. Others might guess it is

By the time I entered junior high school, I began observing the older boys harvesting beles, filling their baskets, and selling the fruit along the roadside. With their earnings, they bought their own school supplies and clothes, and even assisted their families. I admired their independence and wanted to try it myself.

sweetest, healthiest beles. They also taught me how to sweep off the tiny, loose spines with leafy branches before gently placing each fruit into the basket. Looking back, I still smile at how many questions I asked that morning.

After harvesting, we returned home before the sun reached its peak. Along the roadside, we arranged our catch neatly on makeshift stalls made of stone or discarded tires. We carefully washed each fruit and displayed the largest, brightest ones in front to attract passing customers.

At first, I was nervous. I had never sold anything in my life, and even peeling the fruit neatly with a knife for customers felt clumsy. With practice, however, confidence took over. Without even realizing it, we were developing essential life skills—communication, patience, and responsibility.

The sense of camaraderie among us during those summers was extraordinary. Whenever one of us needed to grab lunch or take a break, another would watch the stalls without hesitation. We trusted one another completely. Those moments taught us teamwork and community far better than any classroom lesson ever could; they were core social values absorbed directly from our environment.

On slow days, a few of us would place a small portion of fruit into baskets, carry them on our heads, and walk through neighborhoods, market stalls, and shops, shouting at the top of our lungs: "Beles alo Beles! Sweet Beles!"

Our goal was to head home at the end of the day with empty

effort worthwhile.

By the end of the summer, we proudly used our earnings to purchase our own school supplies and new clothes, and handed the rest to our parents for household expenses. Earning our own income gave us a profound sense of purpose and self-reliance. Selling beles was never merely a small business; it was a practical lesson in independence, discipline, and respect for hard work.

Even today, whenever I catch up with childhood friends, we revisit those fond memories and laugh about our adventures.

I remember one occasion in particular. Three of us decided to venture through nearby residential streets with baskets balanced on our heads, while the other three stayed behind to guard the main roadside stall. As we walked, we proudly chanted, "Beles alo Beles! Beles alo Beles!"

After walking some distance, one of my friends stepped through an open compound gate, hoping to find a buyer. Instead, a large, furious dog came charging out at him. Terrified, he dropped his basket and sprinted for his life. Seeing the dog in full pursuit, the rest of us dropped our baskets too and bolted as fast as our legs could carry us—we likely broke our personal running records that afternoon!

By the time we made it back to the main stall, we were gasping for air, empty-handed, and drenched in sweat. Our friends stared at us in complete confusion before we all burst into uncontrollable laughter. Once we caught our breath



gave us far more than sweet fruit. They gave us enduring friendships, responsibility, confidence, and cherished memories. Even the thorn scratches and the occasional stomachaches from overindulging could never dampen the joy of those seasons.

Beyond its nostalgic value, beles holds remarkable nutritional and medicinal benefits. The fruit is rich in vitamin C, magnesium, calcium, copper, and potassium—nutrients that help regulate blood pressure and manage stress. It is also an excellent source of dietary fiber, which benefits digestive health. Furthermore, its bioactive plant compounds—including polyphenols, flavonoids, and betalains—provide strong antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that help guard against cellular damage.

Yet, health researchers often overlook the profound social benefits that beles brings to young vendors and their communities. Beyond its nutritional profile, the seasonal trade cultivates essential life values—resilience, discipline, financial responsibility, and strong social bonds.

Historical records indicate that the cactus plant was first introduced to Eritrea in 1839 by a French missionary in the regions of Diggsa, Akkur, and Hiebo, and later spread along the railway lines constructed during the Italian colonial era. To this day, the legacy of that introduction lives on across our hillsides and valleys.

Today, whenever I spot young students selling beles along the roadside and hear their familiar cry—"Beles alo Beles!"—I cannot help but smile. Those simple words instantly transport me back to a childhood filled with adventure, laughter, honest work, and big dreams.

Summer has arrived once again, and the fruit is abundant across the landscape. Beles alo Beles! Beles alo Beles!



the annual visit of relatives from the diaspora, or the refreshing summer rains that so many of us enjoy.

However, none of those are the true reason. Simply put, I love summer because it brings back unforgettable childhood memories wrapped in the familiar street call: "Beles alo Beles!" (Prickly pear fruit is here!)

I know you are smiling and curious to hear the story.

Like most children, I first tasted beles (prickly pear) when my parents brought some home. Later, my friends and I learned where it grew and how to harvest it ourselves. As a beginner, I was eager to enjoy the sweet, juicy fruit, but I paid little attention to the tiny spines covering the skin. Predictably, my hands ended up covered in tiny glochids that caused intense skin irritation. My parents always knew when I had been carelessly eating beles because they would catch me stressed out, inspecting my hands like a scientist analyzing a specimen under a microscope. It was painful, but it was also the beginning of an unforgettable childhood adventure.

After I begged my parents for permission, they finally agreed. Early one morning, well before sunrise, my friends and I set off together toward the cactus fields, carrying our baskets. I was so excited I could hardly sleep the night before.

Our equipment for the campaign included a zembil (a traditional basket woven from Doum palm leaves), a gereweina (a large tin container), and, most importantly, a long pole equipped with a small cylindrical tin can at the end to reach and pluck the fruit. Mastering the art of harvesting beles with that pole takes patience and practice.

When we reached the field, I rushed to pick every fruit in sight, assuming all beles were ready for sale. My basket filled up quickly, but something was off—the experienced harvesters were still carefully selecting theirs. I soon realized that while filling a basket is easy, choosing the finest fruit requires true skill. Many fruits appeared perfect at first glance, but turning them over revealed damage from birds or insects that rely on the fruit for sustenance.

With great patience, my friends showed me how to identify the



baskets and pockets full of coins, ready to harvest a fresh batch the next morning. Even on days when some fruit remained unsold, we never felt disappointed—seeing our families enjoy the remaining beles with appreciation made every

and explained what happened, everyone joined in the laughter. Later, we cautiously returned to retrieve our abandoned baskets and resumed our rounds: "Beles alo Beles!"

Looking back, those summers



Zara Mining
Share Company

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position:	HD Mechanic
Number required	06
Location:	Site: Koka Gold Mine
Reporting to:	Mechanic Foreman
Primary Responsibility & Scope of work	To diagnose and complete repairs on all company heavy equipment (Excavators, Graders, Loaders, Dozers, and Dump Trucks/ Rollers etc.).
Duties:	• Fabricates, constructs, installs, and repairs equipment and machinery • Diagnoses equipment problems and determines repairs needed • Demonstrates continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, and streamline work processes • Confer with Shop Foreman regarding all repairs and the extent of repairs necessary • Order material/parts required to complete repairs • Repairs, overhauls, maintains, and services diesel-powered vehicles, heavy trucks and heavy equipment ensure that repairs remain inside budget requirements • Performs daily safety and maintenance checks • Responsible to ensure all work is completed in a safe manner • Repairs, overhauls, maintains and services fuel injection systems, exhaust systems, cooling systems, air conditioning systems, lubrication systems, engine control systems, major internal engine repairs or overhaul, installation and alignment of engines and machinery • Repairs, overhauls, maintains and services drive trains and final drives, hydraulic transmissions, power take-offs, tracked vehicle suspensions and steering, vehicle brake • Systems, wheel-mounted vehicle suspension and steering • Use computer to input all time sheets, materials, equipment information for purchase orders • Perform work in either shop or outdoor construction site settings • Work with other shop of field personnel • Act in a courteous manner in order to project a positive company image • Assist with other duties as required from time to time
Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalent	• Completion of Grade 12. • Heavy Duty Mechanic Certification. • Must have valid driver license.
Age	▪ 25-45 Years old
Working Experience – Nature & Length	• Minimum 3 years as HD Mechanic. • Mine Experience an asset
Other skill, abilities, and requirement	• Willing to learn and take direction. • Ability to communicate well with co-workers. • Ability to work under pressure in some situations. • Able to meet all satisfying requirements and applicable safety policies. • Work overtime as required. Knowledge of truck and equipment safety. • Knowledge of operation of front-end loaders, dozers, graders, compactors, excavators and other pieces of heavy equipment. • Knowledge of equipment maintenance and storage procedures. • Knowledge of workplace safety requirements and procedures. Knowledge of record keeping systems. Knowledge of equipment cleaning standards and procedures. • Troubleshoot and inspect equipment to detect faults and malfunctions. • Determine the extent of repair required. Adjust equipment and repair or replace defective parts. • Test repaired equipment for proper performance. • Clean, lubricate, and perform other maintenance work. • Service attachments and working tools. Analytical and problem-solving skills. • Decision making skills. Effective verbal and listening communications skills. • Ability to read and write to keep daily records including maintenance reports and documentation
Salary	As per the Company scale
Additional Requirement for nationals: - Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligations and providing evidence of a release paper from the Ministry of Defense. Present Clearance paper from the current/last employer. Only short-listed applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview. Application documents will not be returned to the sender.	
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Note to Eritrean applicants: - Please send a copy of your application to Aliens Employment Permit Affairs P.O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea. and Eritrea. Mineral Resources Management P. O. Box 272	
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.

Senior Mine Planning Engineer
Number required – (01)
Type of contract – Definite (2 Years)

Major Duties and responsibilities

- Reporting to the Mine Planning Superintendent, the role will be responsible for providing short-term to-long-term planning and carrying out improvement projects when required to assist with Open pit and Underground operations.
- The role will also work hand in hand with the operation team to ensure optimal performance of the mining fleet to achieve planned targets as outlined in the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly budget schedules by applying international best practice principles and ensure statutory compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, and to set and maintain high standards in safety and health.
- In Addition, the role will also focus on the training/coaching and mentoring to accelerate our Eritrean staff in their development.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE
AREA

Main Functions

- Develop comprehensive short-term and long-term mine plans for Open and Underground operations
- Provide reports on actual production and conduct reconciliation on this. Highlighting variances and recommended actions to correct variances outside of tolerance
- Monitor actual and Open pit/ Underground designs to ensure achievement of design criteria
- Ensuring that the completion and timely of daily, weekly and monthly plans and schedules, detailed pit, dump and other infrastructure designs appropriate for construction
- Prepare weekly and monthly compliance reports ensuring they are submitted on time and to the required quality
- Ensure that the mine planning groups are providing the required level of service to the Open pit and Underground mine operations and projects
- Ensure Open pit and Underground designs are up to date and in advance of operations
- Ensure daily, weekly and monthly plans are followed and adhered too
- Promote and assist with business improvement projects
- Undertake safety investigations and take corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence.
- Develop the local Engineers competencies and establish safe systems of work through standard operating procedures.
- Contribute to the continuous development of mining operations systems and processes to meet short term mining requirements.
- Develop forecast and budget cost estimates for Mining department

SHEC

- Health, Safety and Environment
- Comply with all legal obligations, safety policies and procedures
- Creating and maintaining a safe work environment and ensure that all Company health, safety & security procedures and policies are being followed by staff and contractors.
- Practice courageous leadership at all times
- Ensure all operations are conducted with regard to the use of safe work practices and proper PPE
- Ensure all safety incidents are fully reported, investigated and corrective actions taken as required.
- Recognize and report all hazards at the project site

- Ensure Company environmental standards are met and adhered to
- Undertake risk assessments to reduce the operational risk profile where possible
- Encourage team members to have active participation in the EMR team.

Reporting

- Submit daily, weekly, monthly performance data for all mining operations.
- Assist geology and survey to undertake reconciliations to monitor performance.

Technical

- Reduce ore dilution through implementation of sound mining and planning practices for both open pit and underground operations
- Ensure timely communication for survey works in marking ramps and roadways, bunds, ground control, power, water, communications, work areas, personnel facilities etc before execution of planned works
- Apply best industry practice to all mine operational activities
- Develop productivity assessment tools and monitoring systems

Standards

- Implement sound mining engineering planning systems, standards and procedures into the mine
- Contribute to the development of Mining Standard Operating Procedures SOPs.

Administration

- Ensure daily, weekly and monthly report production figures are submitted on time and correct.
- Ensure the equipment maintenance schedule is followed and any deviation accounted for in the plan and discussed with the maintenance team
- Maintain good records and documentation of all mine safety activities and trainings in collaboration with safety and training team
- Ensure highest compliance of dumping compliance
- Ensure all mining production is reconciled against plan on a daily basis.
- Ensure they is timely communication of any changes to the plan to Operations

Other

- Work harmoniously with other departments to ensure good relationships are developed and maintained.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	Bachelor’s degree in mining engineering at a recognized University
Working Experience – Nature & Length	10 years’ experience in metalliferous mining with 5 years open-pit and underground mine planning. - Demonstrate understanding of mining engineering theories and principles. - Mining technology and large-scale production experience. - Ability to conduct time motion studies on Cycle times and operational efficiencies of all mining fleets and processes. - Prior use and understanding of mine design and planning software i,e Datamine, NPVS & Studio OP Deswik etc. - Experience in Mine Planning, Design and Production Engineering. - Open pit drill and blast operational and planning experience. - Proficient spreadsheet, presentation, work processing and database skills.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.

Rubber Technician
Number required – (08)
Type of contract – Indefinite
Major Duties and responsibilities

- To Perform Plant rubber lining and conveyor belt splicing (mechanical ,cold ,hot)
- To Perform belt repairs (mechanical , cold and hot process)
- To ensure conveyor belt in good running condition and meet required availability
- To ensure spare are well rubberline
- Follow direct instrumentation from rubber lining /conveyor supervisor
- Capable of performing belt repairs (mechanical, cold, hot process)
- Capable of performing belt replacement
- Capable of performing rubber lining on chutes and pipes
- Capable of performing belt splicing and vulcanizing
- Knowledge on basic vulcanizing equipment trouble shooting
- Guiding /mentoring and training of rubber Technician assistant
- Respond to emergency breakdown on conveyors and rubber lining
- Close inter departmental communication and coordination
- Perform additional task as required.
- Must be able to understand English instructions.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	At least high graduate / Technical trade certificates
Working Experience – Nature & Length	At least 2 years on rubber lining and conveyor splicing
Technical Skills	Not applicable
Behavioral Skills	Must be English speaking and willing to learn

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: AMSC Sites
- Type of contract: Indefinite Period
- Salary: As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
- Address: Please mail your applications to:
Asmara Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
- Applicants shall be required to send a copy to:
Mineral Resources Management
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- Note to Eritrean applicants:
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Technical Skills	- Leadership skills in multi-disciplinary environment. - Train and develop local staff. - Analytical skills. - Project management skills. - Attention to detail. - Report Writing skills. - Decision making skills. - Plan, organize and execution skills. - Understand Machine capabilities and productivities. - Problem solving skills. - Valid Driver's License.
Behavioral Skills	- Safety leadership by example. - Ability to work in developing countries. - Good Interpersonal skills. - Ability to work under pressure with challenging targets. - Commitment to deliver on agreed targets - Results oriented. - High level of initiative. - Ability to multitask. - Demonstrated team building and mentoring skills. - Demonstrated training and people development skills. - Strong interpersonal relationship-building skills and adaptability to work with people of different cultures. - Good interpersonal skills. Get things done attitude.

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: AMSC Sites
- Type of contract: Definite Period(2 years)
- Salary: As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

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Born in Beijing and Raised in Geneva, but Dreaming of Eritrea: Dr. Helen Awet

By: Kidane Shimendi

Please, begin by introducing yourself and sharing your background.

I was born in Beijing, China, and my parents brought me to Geneva, Switzerland, when I was five months old. I was born in China because my father was working as a station manager for Ethiopian Airlines at the time. When the colonial situation and conflict escalated in Eritrea, my parents decided to relocate our family to Switzerland.

In Switzerland, I completed my education from elementary school to higher education. I grew up largely within white European communities, but despite the small size of the Eritrean community in Geneva, I attended mother-tongue language classes every Sunday. That experience allowed me to establish a profound connection with my home country's heritage and national values.

At community meetings and cultural activities, I had the opportunity to reconnect with peers and learn Eritrean traditions. At home, my mother regularly prepared traditional dishes like injera and shiro. Together, these two influences—community engagement and family life—shaped my personal political consciousness and sense of national identity.

Since the time of the Eritrean armed struggle, the diaspora community has maintained a remarkably strong and united bond. Growing up in that environment was a true blessing; it instilled in me a deep sense of solidarity. Every summer, we traveled to the famous Bologna Festival in Italy, where we met Eritreans from across Europe. As children, we spent endless hours playing in open fields and making new friends. Those unforgettable memories still bring me boundless joy as a member of the diaspora.

Could you walk us through your academic and professional journey leading up to your doctoral work?

Before earning my degree in International Relations, I had the opportunity to work with the Eritrean Red Cross Society in Asmara in 2002. Following my graduation, I joined the headquarters of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva. Later on, I was deployed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo as part of peacekeeping operations and subsequently worked

Eritreans across the diaspora continue to return to their homeland with inspiring missions, bringing their professional expertise, global insights, and personal assets home to address local challenges. Dr. Helen Awet Weldeyohannes is a prime example of this enduring commitment. Born in Beijing and raised in Geneva, she has always had her heart set on Eritrea. Last month, she visited home to share her doctoral research on the engagement and mobilization of the Eritrean diaspora. Eritrea Profile sat down with her to discuss her personal background, career journey, and ongoing research.



in Serbia with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Upon completing those assignments, I joined the Permanent Mission of the State of Eritrea to the United Nations in New York, where I served for four and

my life, I participated in activities organized by Eritrean communities across Europe and North America. Growing up, I witnessed my parents and their peers actively dedicated to the national cause. My mother served as the first president of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) in Geneva, while my father represented the Eritrean Relief Association (ERA) in Switzerland. I remember meetings held at our home, where my mother prepared meals for both community members and international allies, including Dr. Toni Locher of the Swiss Support Committee for Eritrea (Suke). That sort of environment early on provided my initial exposure to the concept of transnational solidarity.

As international interest grew regarding the role of the diasporas



Dr. Helen during presentation

a half years. During my tenure at the UN, I focused on social, cultural, and humanitarian affairs, gaining invaluable experience in international diplomacy, global politics, and African affairs.

What are your memories of the moment Eritrea gained Independence?

Following Independence in 1991, my parents brought me home to Eritrea for the very first time. I vividly remember how emotional my parents became when we stepped off the plane—my mother bent down and kissed the ground. It remains the most unforgettable moment in my personal life and in our nation's history.

What inspired your doctoral thesis?

Having lived the migrant experience firsthand, I am deeply familiar with both its opportunities and its challenges. Throughout

in migration and development, I realized that the long-standing experience of the Eritrean diaspora had much to contribute to global academic discourse. My own background motivated me to pursue this topic for my PhD research, specifically examining the underlying motivations driving Eritrean diaspora engagement in voluntary activities, both in host countries and back home.

My thesis, titled "Engaging with Diaspora: Eritrean Associations in Urban Areas," was directed by Professor Sandro Cattacin at the University of Geneva. My study focuses on Eritrean community organizations across four major metropolitan areas: Amsterdam, Milan, Stockholm, and the Washington, D.C. area. In my research, I examine social and cultural dynamics rather than strictly political ones, focusing on themes of identity, multiple belongings, transnational movement, and community solidarity.

What specific lessons can other diaspora communities draw from the Eritrean experience?

Uniquely, the Eritrean diaspora possesses an unusually resilient bond with its homeland. As a result, the community demonstrates an extraordinary capacity for mobilization, forged during the national liberation struggle and continues to thrive today in support of national development projects. This sustained connection is a testament to the high level of political consciousness, unity, and patriotism of Eritreans abroad.

At the same time, every community has insights to share. Beyond my research, I am an active member of the African Diaspora Association in Geneva, where I help promote African literature, artistic works, and intellectual achievements. Through this platform, I work to introduce Eritrean culture and identity to a



Dr. Helen with her research advisor

broader international audience.

Any message for our readers?

I want to encourage Eritreans, both at home and across the diaspora, to continue sharing Eritrea's authentic history, rich heritage, and natural beauty. The precious social capital forged through our national identity played a decisive role in achieving liberation and continues to drive our development today. It is a legacy well worth sharing with the world.

Thank you, Dr. Helen, for sharing your inspiring journey. We wish you success in your academic and professional endeavors.

Continuous Learning and

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Viewed in this broader context, the recent training provided to internal auditors is both timely and strategically significant. Beyond equipping participants with practical knowledge that can immediately strengthen financial oversight within their respective institutions, it reflects a deeper institutional philosophy that has guided the Office of the Auditor General throughout its evolution. Rather than viewing professional development as an occasional activity, the OAG has embraced continuous learning as a defining feature of institutional excellence and a prerequisite for effective public service.

Ultimately, the evolution of Eritrea's Office of the Auditor General illustrates the close relationship between strong institutions and sustained investment in

people. The Office's growing professionalism, expanding capabilities, and internationally recognized achievements have been built upon decades of continuous training, organizational learning, and capacity development. The recent training initiative is therefore far more than a routine professional workshop; it embodies both the OAG's enduring commitment to institutional excellence and Eritrea's broader commitment to developing the human capital upon which effective governance and sustainable national development ultimately depend. As public institutions confront increasingly complex challenges in a rapidly evolving world, investing in people remains one of the surest ways to build resilient institutions capable of serving the nation with competence, integrity, transparency, and accountability.