

SEMINAR ON OBJECTIVE SITUATION FOR DIASPORA NATIONALS

Mr. Berhane Gebrehiwet, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in the US, conducted a seminar for nationals residing in Seattle focusing on the objective situation in the homeland and regional developments.

Mr. Berhane said that, as a result of Eritrea's enhanced internal capacity, many countries are expressing their readiness to engage with Eritrea on the basis of mutual benefit and cooperation. He added that this is the result of the strong resilience of the Eritrean people, the Government, the PFDJ, and its Armed Forces. Mr. Berhane also called on nationals in the Diaspora to strengthen their organizational capacity and participation in national affairs.



Ms. Hadinet Keleta, head of Public and Community Affairs, gave an extensive briefing on the 2026 programs to expand the PFDJ organization, strengthen public diplomacy, and develop community services.

Likewise, Ambassador Estifanos Habtemariam, Director General

of the Desks Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met with heads of national associations in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

At the meeting, in which heads of the Eritrean community, PFDJ, the National Union of Eritrean Women, YPFDJ, and the 'White Trucks Owners Association' took part, Mr. Estifanos gave a briefing on the current situation in the homeland and regional developments. They commended the participation of the national associations in national affairs.



REMAINS OF ANCIENT AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE DISCOVERED



Mr. Temesgen Hagos, Head of Culture and Sports in the Adi-Keih sub-zone, reported that ancient and historical heritage has been discovered in Der'a.

The discovered heritage includes various artifacts, such as a seal, amphora, cup, and water container, as well as rock paintings and inscriptions.

Ancient and historical heritage was found on agricultural land and

construction sites.

Noting that the area is rich in ancient heritage, Mr. Temesgen urged caution during construction activities and the timely reporting of discoveries to concerned institutions.

Indicating that finding ancient artifacts in the area is not new, the residents called for scientific exploration and the collection of ancient remains to preserve them and pass them on to future generations.

WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministries of Agriculture and Land, Water and Environment, as well as UN partners, has commenced the World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week campaign under the theme "Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future." The campaign is scheduled to take place from 17 to 24 November.

At the launching event held on 17 November at the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers Hall in Asmara, representatives of partner institutions delivered messages of support.

At the event, discussion papers were presented focusing on Multidrug-Resistant *Klebsiella Pneumoniae*, a cross-sectional study of bacterial pathogens and outcomes, and investigations into antimicrobial resistance patterns in urinary tract infections. The participants, for their part, engaged in extensive discussions of the papers presented.

Speaking to Erina, Dr. Mulugeta Russom, Head of Drug Side-Effect Management at the National Medicine and Food

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TRAINING ON CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

A capacity-building workshop on Human Rights and United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms was conducted at Asmara Palace Hotel from 18 to 20 November. The workshop, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Office in Eritrea, was attended by 39 experts.

The objective of the workshop, which was moderated by Eritrean experts working at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, was to enhance the reporting mechanisms that Eritrea submits related to the global human rights structure, understanding of human rights procedures, Eritrea's stance on human rights issues, international

and regional obligations, and Eritrea's experience.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Negasi Sengal, Director General of Research and Information at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that the workshop will have significant contribution in consolidating understanding, strengthening institutional mechanisms, enhancing technical competence, harmonizing data, and improving inter-institutional coordination, thereby ensuring that future reporting is more systematic, evidence-based, and reflective of the country's progress and realities on the ground.

Speaking at the event and in a video recording respectively,

Ms. Nahla Valji, UN Resident Coordinator in Eritrea, and Mr. Mahamane Cisse-Gouro, Director of the Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, said that the workshop is aligned with the efforts that Eritrea and its partners are making to ensure the Sustainable Development Goals, and that these shared frameworks remind that human rights and development are not parallel tracks—they reinforce one another.

Ms. Elsa Haile, Director of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Mary Stephen, WHO Representative in Eritrea, noting the workshop's significance in enhancing the capacity of various experts, called for its continuation.



Development

More Than Performance Skills: How Culture is Building a Generation in Tesenai

Kesete Ghebrehiwet



Empowering young people remains a cornerstone for building a stable, productive, and responsible society. In the Tesenai sub-zone, the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) has transformed this belief into concrete action, nurturing a generation of capable, confident, and versatile youth through comprehensive training programs, cultural activities, and life-skills development opportunities.

The programs have successfully helped students and young workers broaden their knowledge, discover their talents, and contribute meaningfully to their

communities. This work is part of a broader national effort to create a generation of skilled, patriotic, and socially conscious citizens.



According to Mr. Meles Ghebray, head of the NUEYS in the sub-zone, who noted the progress already seen, "Training is one of the most powerful tools we have for shaping capable youth." The sub-zone plans to expand its training programs further and introduce new opportunities for youth engagement.

Over the past years, NUEYS Tesenai has significantly increased its focus on a wide range of vocational, cultural, and

civic education programs. These programs are designed not just to impart knowledge, but to build character, discipline, creativity, and responsibility. A strong focus has been placed on extracurricular activities, which help develop students who are more active, confident, and well-rounded by keeping them engaged, helping them discover their talents, and providing platforms for teamwork.

One of the significant achievements in the sub-zone has been the expansion of vocational training, particularly in computer literacy and digital skills. Recognizing that the modern world demands competence in technology, NUEYS organized computer training programs in which students learned basic computer operations, document preparation, and simple software applications. For many participants, this was their first structured introduction to technology. These trainings have helped the youth become more confident in using technology, preparing them for future academic work and employment.

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From Social Media



Yemane G. Meskel @hawelti

Another vivid display of the Potemkin Party's incorrigible preference for optics, political duplicity, and hollow posturing instead of substance. Let us revert to the fundamentals:

1. The Five-Point Peace Agreement - Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship between Eritrea and Ethiopia - that was signed in Asmara on July 9, 2018, was anchored on cardinal pillars of international law; i.e. full respect of each-others sovereignty and territorial integrity.
2. Indeed, Article 1. of the Agreement explicitly heralds the "end of the state of war between Ethiopia and Eritrea and the ushering in of "a new era of peace and friendship". Articles 4 & 5 announce the "full implementation" of the EEBC Award; and, the "joint endeavor of both countries to ensure regional peace, development and cooperation", respectively.
3. This Agreement occurred 18 years after the "final and binding" EEBC Arbitral Award that was rendered in April 2002. The state of continued hostility that prevailed between the two countries stemmed from the willful decision of the incumbent Ethiopia regimes not to abide by the international agreements they had signed as well as the failure of the relevant international powers/guarantors to take punitive measures against the recalcitrant party.
4. But the positive and sensible stance that the new Ethiopian government took, even if belatedly, in 2018 was sadly and suddenly reversed in December 2023 when it reverted to a more virulent variant of the expansionist and irredentist agendas of its predecessors; dashing the optimism and euphoria that the 2018 Peace Agreement had engendered for a new chapter of enduring regional stability and cooperation between the two neighbouring peoples and countries.
5. The Potemkin Party went beyond illicit claims of "sovereign access to the sea.. and reclaiming by force the stolen port of Assab", to desecrate and "delegitimize" Eritrea's inalienable and hard-won independence, publicly setting its mission as "the correction of the historical event that transpired in 1991 - i.e. Eritrea's independence". The daily barrage of media campaigns to whip up "national sentiment"; the provocative saber-rattling have been, and remain, intensive and boundless to this day.
6. As we have emphasized repeatedly, the incubator and epicenter of the unnecessary and avoidable tension; the party that is bracing for renewed conflict is the Potemkin Party alone. In the event, the panacea or antidote for the looming crisis is crystal clear: adherence to fundamental pillars of international law in good-faith and respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of *thy* neighbour! ከብሉ ጉዳይ የግጥም ጉዳይ ስለሆነ ምሳሌ ነው።

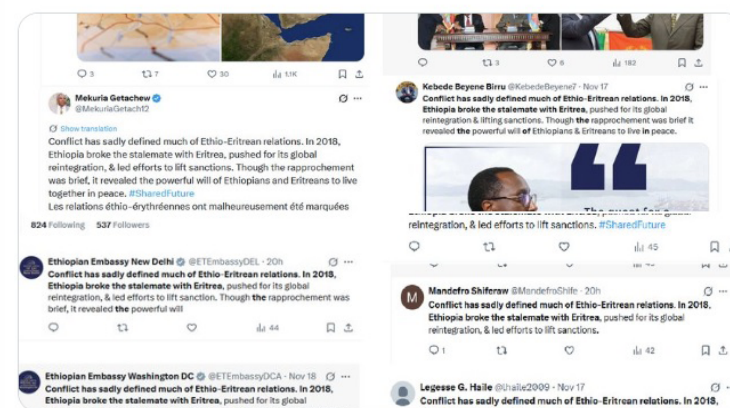
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Just two days ago, Abiy circulated a directive to his Ambassadors and diplomats on exactly what to post about #Eritrea—and they all obeyed without hesitation. Watching them copy-and-paste the same message across their social media accounts is honestly embarrassing. The #Ethiopian embassies in Washington, Italy, Ankara, New Delhi, the DRC, Puntland,... along with their affiliated activists, all published the statement word for word. We say the Potemkin Party for a reason. And we are supplied reasons daily!



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SpotLight

Eritrea's Steady Hand: Principles and Cooperation in the Horn of Africa

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Recently, Mr. Guang Cong, the UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, visited Asmara and met with President Isaias Afwerki. He acknowledged Eritrea's constructive role in regional conflict resolution and expressed commitment to working closely with the country to advance peace and stability across the Horn of Africa. His remarks reaffirm a truth long obscured by misinformation and politicized narratives: Eritrea has made consistent, meaningful contributions to regional peace, security, and cooperation.

The significance of his visit lies not only in the Envoy's statements, but also in what they reflect. Specifically, Eritrea's regional posture is long-standing, principled, and rooted in a consistent commitment to cooperation and stability. Understanding this broader context helps explain the country's growing engagement with regional and international partners.

First off, Mr. Cong's visit is only the latest in a growing series of high-level interactions. In recent years, Asmara has hosted senior leadership delegations from Sudan, as well as the Special Envoy for Sudan, Ramtane Lamamra, in efforts to promote dialogue and de-escalation. President Isaias Afwerki's recent visit to Egypt similarly focused on strengthening bilateral relations



and addressing shared regional concerns.

Furthermore, at the invitation of the Government of Eritrea, Ms. Rita Laranjinha, Managing Director for Africa at the EEAS, and Mr. Jonas Jonsson, Head of the Horn of Africa Division, travelled to Asmara for high-level discussions on regional dynamics, economic cooperation, and human rights, while the EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa has also engaged Eritrean officials in substantive dialogue. Eritrea has additionally engaged with other officials and delegations at the bilateral, regional, and global levels. Collectively, these diplomatic exchanges demonstrate the growing recognition of Eritrea's importance as a stable and reliable partner in a region often marked by crisis and conflict.

Second, Eritrea is characterized by a remarkable degree of internal peace and cohesion. Despite significant ethnolinguistic and religious diversity, the country remains a stable, unified social fabric with minimal communal or sectarian tension. This internal stability, rooted in multiple factors and achieved despite years of external pressure and regional instability, has made Eritrea a steady, predictable, and reliable partner. In a Horn of Africa frequently disrupted by fragmentation and armed conflict, Eritrea's stable internal environment remains a central reason for its growing diplomatic relevance.

Third, although detractors continue to circulate politicized and unfounded claims about Eritrea's intentions and actions, the country's record speaks for itself. For instance, since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan, Eritrea has played a distinctly constructive, if quiet, role. Despite its modest resources, the country has welcomed large numbers of Sudanese displaced by the fighting. At the diplomatic level, Eritrea's engagement with Sudanese delegations and the Special Envoy has sought to facilitate a peaceful resolution.

Eritrea's constructive regional role is also reflected in its contributions to Somalia's security sector through training and capacity-building programs, undertaken at the Somali government's explicit request. While many external actors have long interfered in Somalia's internal affairs in pursuit of their own geopolitical interests, Eritrea's engagement has been guided by principles of mutual respect, solidarity, and African brotherhood.

Importantly, Eritrea's position on Somalia is longstanding and highly consistent. It has long argued that Somalia's challenges cannot be solved through military means alone, since they are rooted

in deep social, economic, and political issues. Sustainable peace, Eritrea maintains, requires an inclusive political and reconciliation process involving all Somali stakeholders. After decades of foreign interventions that produced destabilizing and disastrous results, Eritrea has consistently held that only a Somali-owned, Somali-driven process – grounded in the will of the Somali people – can deliver lasting stability.

This principled stance dates back to the early 1990s, when the international community, led by the US Administration at the time, prepared to intervene in Somalia. Eritrea voiced strong reservations about an operation with a vague mandate and no viable long-term strategy, arguing that Somalis could resolve their problems if

national ownership.

Despite long-standing political efforts by some actors to depict Eritrea as destabilizing or destructive, the reality is quite different. Eritrea has repeatedly affirmed its unwavering commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter and its readiness to engage constructively – globally, regionally, and nationally – in pursuit of peace, sustainable development, human dignity, and mutual respect among nations.

More broadly, Eritrea's regional outlook has never been defined by competition or rivalry. Its foreign policy rests on the belief that peace and progress in any part of the Horn of Africa contribute to stability and prosperity across the entire region. This principle, enshrined in Eritrea's National Charter, asserts that national policy must advance “peace and stability in our region and in the world” while promoting constructive cooperation with all peoples and governments. The Charter further recognizes that “economic and cultural development cannot be achieved in isolation from surrounding and international countries,” underscoring Eritrea's belief in active, principled, and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Overall, Eritrea's approach to regional peace and cooperation is neither reactive nor opportunistic. It is rooted in longstanding principles, a commitment to sovereignty, and



supported in a facilitative rather than domineering manner. When the intervention collapsed resulting in unwarranted chaos, Eritrea sought to convene Somali actors for inclusive dialogue. In the decades that followed, as Somalia endured cycles of internal conflict, Eritrea consistently opposed the interference of neighbouring states and external powers seeking to impose their preferred outcomes, advocating instead for peace grounded in Somali agency and

an insistence on locally owned solutions. As the Horn of Africa continues to face overlapping crises, the recognition shown by regional and international partners reflects an emerging reality: sustainable peace cannot be achieved without the inclusion of actors who prioritize stability over short-term political gains. Eritrea's steady and principled engagement – often overlooked – remains essential to any genuine effort to build a more peaceful and cooperative Horn of Africa.

Development

Luwam Kahsay H.

In Eritrea, the harvest season is not only about agriculture; it is a cultural moment that binds families and neighbors together. At the heart of it all are women, whose presence on the farms and in the homes ensures that the harvest is both a practical success and a celebration of identity.

From the first light of dawn, women step into the fields with baskets and sickles, working side by side with men to cut and collect the crops. Although their labor is essential, their role in the harvest extends beyond the physical. Women organize the rhythm of the day, preparing meals for workers, caring for children, and coordinating the flow of tasks. In many villages, it is women who decide how the grain will be stored and distributed, ensuring that families remain secure through the dry months ahead. Their work is both visible and invisible, woven into the fabric of community life.

The harvest season is also a time of song and ritual. As threshing begins, women lead traditional chants that rise above the oxen's crushing of stalks. Passed down through generations, these songs are more than melodies; they are oral histories, reminders of resilience, and celebrations of gratitude. In some regions, women compose verses that honor the land and ancestors, giving the harvest a spiritual dimension. Through these performances, they preserve traditions while reinforcing the village's collective spirit.

Once the grain is gathered, women take charge of post-harvest tasks. Sorting, cleaning, and storing the kernels requires skill and patience.

Traditional

methods of preservation—such as clay granaries or woven baskets—are often managed by women, whose expertise ensures that the yield remains safe from pests and moisture. Their knowledge, refined over the centuries, is crucial to the success of the harvest. Without it, the hard work on the farms could easily be lost.

Celebration is another hallmark of the season, and here, too, women are central. Communal feasts mark the end of the harvest, with women preparing dishes that symbolize abundance and gratitude. Injera, shiro, and zigni are served in generous portions, while coffee ceremonies are held until late in the evening. These gatherings are not only about food; they are about reaffirming bonds. Women's role in preparing for and hosting these events underscores their position as cultural anchors, weaving the community's social fabric.

The harvest also highlights women's role as teachers. Older women guide younger ones in the techniques of threshing, storing, and cooking, ensuring that traditions are passed on. These lessons extend beyond practical skills to include the songs, stories, and rituals that accompany the harvest season. In this way, women serve as bridges between past and future, carrying forward the cultural memory of their communities.

In some villages, women have also taken on leadership in sustainable farming practices.

The Hands That Gather: Women and the Harvest in Eritrean Villages



They organize collective efforts to build terraces, plant trees, and protect farmlands from erosion. These initiatives ensure that harvests remain

balancing baskets of grain, leading songs of thanksgiving, or welcoming neighbors to a communal feast captures the essence of rural life. Their

back home. Their involvement underscores the global dimension of Eritrean identity, where women continue to play a central role in sustaining



viable for future generations, linking women's labor to environmental stewardship. Their dual role—feeding families today while safeguarding the land for tomorrow—underscores their importance in both cultural and ecological terms.

The harvest season is also about joy. The sight of women

role is practical, cultural, and symbolic all at once. They are the backbone of the harvest, ensuring that the fruits of the land are gathered, preserved, and celebrated.

Diaspora connections add another layer to this story. Eritrean women living abroad often send financial and other forms of assistance to families during the harvest season, and they organize cultural events that mirror the celebrations

culture across borders.

As the sun sets over the fields, the harvest becomes more than an agricultural act. It is a reminder that culture is lived daily, in the sweat of the farms and the warmth of communal feasts. Women's contributions, often quiet and unheralded, are in fact the foundation of rural life. They embody resilience, continuity, and hope. Their stories are not just about survival; they are about shaping the future of a nation, one harvest at a time.



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Administration and coordinator of the program, said that the objective of the event is to enhance the awareness of health and agricultural professionals, as well as the public at large, to ensure the proficient use of medicines and antibiotics.

Dr. Goitom Mebrahtu, Director General of Medical Services at the Ministry of Health, said that this year's theme calls for urgent and collective action on antimicrobial medicines to safeguard the health and well-being of future generations.

SpotLight

Amir Abdelkadir

Cycling, Youth, and National Pride

Earlier this week, I had the special privilege of attending a panel discussion featuring three of Eritrea's most celebrated sporting history-makers: Biniam Girmay, Natnael Berhane, and Daniel Teklehaimanot. Each of them has played a defining role in putting Eritrean and African cycling on the world stage.

Biniam Girmay, a national icon and trailblazing champion, became the first Black African to win a Grand Tour stage and the first African to claim the Tour de France's Green Jersey, and is also serving as the first UNDP Goodwill Ambassador from cycling. Natnael Berhane, another pioneering figure, was the first Black African to win a UCI Europe Tour stage and is a two-time African Continental Champion. Daniel Teklehaimanot, whose achievements opened doors for an entire generation, made history as the first Black African to wear the prestigious King of the Mountains jersey at the Tour de France.

Co-organized by the Commission of Culture and Sports, the Eritrea National Cycling Federation, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Eritrea, with the participation of the Ministry of Information, the event brought these elite athletes together with several sports nutritionists for a rich and multifaceted dialogue. Explicitly directed toward young people – male and female, including many aspiring cyclists – the panel focused on sport, nutrition, and empowerment. Held at the beautiful National Confederation of Eritrean Workers in Asmara, it drew an enthusiastic audience eager to learn from the journeys and insights of the speakers. The discussion was informative, inspiring, and truly memorable. The following are some brief reflections.

To begin, one of the most striking aspects of the event was the audience itself – a vivid reminder of the

richness, talent, and potential of Eritrea's youth. Many in attendance were young athletes, including highly skilled cyclists who represent the country's next generation of stars. As part of his message, Biniam reflected on this generational continuity, recalling how, more than a decade ago, he was among the young cyclists who welcomed Daniel Teklehaimanot back from his historic Tour de France performance, forming a guard of honour as Daniel's car made its way to the national stadium. Now, young people were welcoming Biniam home after his groundbreaking achievements in France, and some of the youths in the crowd will likely one day follow in his footsteps on the world stage.

Biniam also highlighted just how deep Eritrea's cycling talent pool truly is. He noted that despite all his global, record-setting achievements, some of his most challenging races have been in Asmara. When observers asked whether he had "underperformed" at home, he clarified that the difficulty was not personal. Instead, the level of talent in Eritrea is simply that high. His remark underscored the exceptional potential of the young athletes present at the panel.

Of course, more broadly, the contributions of Eritrea's youth extend far beyond sport. Across the country and across generations, young Eritreans have played an essential role in national development and social progress. In education, for example, young teachers serve in communities nationwide, supporting the country's advances in literacy, school enrolment, and human capital growth. In the health sector, young professionals provide care in facilities across all regions, improving individual well-being and strengthening the health of the nation as a whole.



Young Eritrean graduates are also contributing to research, innovation, and problem-solving across a range of fields. Notably, during an extended visit to Eritrea several years ago, Akinwumi Adesina, then President of the African Development Bank, praised the creativity and competence of the country's young engineers, noting that their work on national infrastructure could serve as a model for other countries in the region.

Eritrea's youth are also at the forefront of climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts, participating in greening campaigns, water-conservation initiatives, and community-based environmental projects. They continue to raise awareness and challenge deeply rooted social norms around issues such as gender equality, disability, and mental health, contributing to gradual but meaningful social transformation.

Moreover, the country's cultural

landscape, spanning music and art to fashion and film, is filled with talented young creators whose imagination and skill reflect a vibrant, dynamic generation.

Thus, in countless ways, Eritrea's youth are shaping the present and building the future. The energy, skill, and promise visible in the panel's audience were a powerful testament to that ongoing story.

Another vital reflection I had was that the event vividly demonstrated how sport extends far beyond competition. The sports nutritionists underscored the essential links between physical activity, proper diet, and overall well-being, in the process echoing Hippocrates' timeless insistence that food and exercise must work together to sustain health. Their presentations highlighted evidence-based benefits: preventing chronic diseases, strengthening the body, and supporting mental and emotional resilience.

Biniam, Natnael, and Daniel complemented this message by emphasizing the importance of balance: balancing training with rest, nutrition with discipline, and ambition with patience. Their reflections offered young Eritreans practical guidance on building healthy, sustainable pathways in sport and in life.

Equally robust was the discussion about sport's ability to unite people. The athletes shared how their victories have sparked shared joy, pride, and a renewed sense of possibility across the country. In those moments of triumph, sport has helped bring Eritreans together.

In this way, the panel made clear that sport is not merely recreation. It

is a driver of health, personal growth, and national cohesion.

Finally, the event highlighted cooperation among the United Nations in Eritrea, the Eritrean government, and national institutions, including the Commission of Culture and Sports, the Ministry of Information, and the Cycling Federation. The dialogue reflected the constructive and evolving relationship that has developed among these partners.

Contrary to common assumptions, several UN agencies, including UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNDP, have worked closely with Eritrean ministries and institutions for decades. Their collaboration has been grounded in shared goals and principles aimed at promoting sustainable development and improving people's lives. Built on mutual respect and trust, these partnerships continue to underpin joint efforts in innovation, youth empowerment, and community resilience.

The recent panel stood as a clear example of how such cooperation can create tangible opportunities for learning, progress, and engagement. It demonstrated what can be achieved when national institutions and international partners work together with a common purpose.

Overall, the recent panel discussion in Asmara showcased more than just remarkable athletic achievements. It highlighted the talent, energy, and potential of Eritrea's youth, the unifying power of sport, and the strength of partnerships between national institutions and international organizations. Together, these elements reflect a nation building its future through health, empowerment, and collaboration.



Daniel Teklehaimanot

ERITREA

Dekemhare 30 MW Solar PV Project

Republished Specific Procurement Notice

Supply of spare parts for rehabilitation of Genset 1 and 2 of Hirgigo power plant and of Substations

IFB Number: DSP/SPN/OCBI/05/2025
Purchaser: Ministry of Energy and Mines
Contract title: Supply of spare parts for rehabilitation of Genset 1 and 2 of Hirgigo power plant and of Substations
Grant No.: TSF-5900155017954/ADF-2100155042372
Procurement Method: Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI / LCB No: DSP/OCBI/SRH/05/2025
Issued on: 22 Nov 2025

The Government of the state of Eritrea has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of Dekemhare Solar PV Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract for the Procurement of Equipment for Rehabilitation of Substations as listed in the below table. For this contract, the Grant Recipient shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank’s Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing. The current SPN replacement of the SPN published on July 16,2025.

1. The Ministry of Energy and Mines (MoEM) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders Supply of spare parts for rehabilitation of Genset 1 and 2 of Hirgigo power plant and of Substations.

2. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank’s [Procurement Framework](#) dated October 2015, and the IFB is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Energy and Mines (MoEM), **Mr. Tefferi Abraha - e-mail tefferiab.pce@gmail.com** during working days (Monday to Friday) and office hours 0900 to 1700 hours at the address given at the bottom of the SPN/ IFBs below.

4. The bidding document in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible Bidders upon registry at the e-mail address given at the bottom of the SPN/ IFBs below.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 AM local time on January 23, 2026. Soft copy of bids will be required in addition to hard copies and should be submitted with the hard copy on the same date, however, Electronic Submission is not allowed. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address given at the bottom of the SPN/ IFBs below on 11:00 AM local time on January 23, 2026.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of USD 25,000**.

7. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the recipient to disclose information on the successful bidder’s beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

8. The address referred to above is:

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position for Bisha site project.

1. **Position:** HME Tyre Bay Supervisor
- Department:** Mining
- Number required:** One (01)

- Primary Purpose**
- To be responsible for supervising all Tyre related work and repairs of all the mining tyre fleet equipment as well as any other tyre equipment to ensure sustainable operations at BMSC to meet the approved business plans following BMSC Safe Work procedures.
- TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS**
- Planning
 - Implementation
 - Writing Reports & Data Control
 - Supervise/Manage team
- Unique requirements/other information**
- Candidate must be physically and medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
- Technical engineering trade or equivalent within the Tyre profession - Any additional Tyre Maintenance documents or certificates will be advantageous - Must be a holder of a drivers license	- At least 8-10 year’s experience in a supervisory role in a mining open pit operational environment - Experience in delivering services across multiple departments in a collaborative forum with end users - At least 5 year’s experience in delivery of services within developing or underdeveloped countries, challenging operational environments - Experience in maintaining large earth moving equipment tyre management
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
- Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate,) - Must be able to do a quality Site Severity Study audit and report - Must have above average knowledge and skills regarding OTR tyre maintenance Safety - OTR tyres and Mechanical experience - Must have above average knowledge and experience regarding TKPH application. - Must have good knowledge regarding tyre selection on mine sites - Problem solving skill - Supervisory experience	- Communication (English) - Interpersonal Relations - Self driven - Assertiveness - Interpersonal Relations - Integrity - Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling - Ability to work towards strict deadlines - High level of accuracy - Discretion - Self-motivation - Attention to detail

2. **Position:** Underground Maintenance Engineering Coordinator
- Department:** Processing and Underground Operations
- Number required:** One (01)

- Primary Purpose**
- To be responsible for supporting the mechanical work performed for maintenance and repair of underground Heavy Mobile Equipment (HME) and Fixed plant to ensure sustainable operations at BMSC to meet the approved business plans.
- TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS**
- Health, Safety and Environment
 - SOP requirement achieved
 - Production Targets met (Costs maintained within budget)
 - Manpower development achieved
 - Reporting
- Unique requirements/other information**
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.



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Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
- Technical engineering trade or equivalent within the mechanical profession - At least 8-10 years experience in a supervisory role in an operational mining environment - Experience in delivering services across multiple departments in a collaborative forum with multiple end users - At least 5 years experience in delivery of services within developing or underdeveloped countries, challenging operational environments - Experience in maintaining large earth moving equipment as well as limited fixed plant - Must be the holder of a valid drivers licence	- Minimum 10 years of experience in underground HME maintenance in Underground mining - Hands-on experience with hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical systems in mobile and fixed plant equipment - Experience in spare parts forecast and consumption management and tracking of parts ordered - Familiarity with maintenance planning, troubleshooting, and repair procedures - Knowledge of safety regulations and best practices in underground mining environments - Experience and knowledge of major component hour tracking and PCR scheduling.
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
- Theoretical understanding and practical implementation of safety management - Strong troubleshooting skills across hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical systems - Ability to interpret technical manuals, schematics, and diagnostic tools - Root cause analyses techniques and report writing - Best practices for fixed and mobile plant reliability enhancement - Skilled in coordinating parts procurement and managing spare parts inventory - Good understanding of quality management systems, techniques and best practice - Hands-on ability to assist in repairs and maintenance activities	- Adhering to principles & values - Strong writing And Reporting culture - Excellent communication and coordination skills - Strong problem-solving and decision-making abilities - Ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced, safety-sensitive environment - Team player with the ability to assist and guide maintenance teams - High level of safety consciousness and adherence to safety protocols - Must have the ability and skills to support the development of National workforce through OJT (On the Job Training and sharing of skills.)

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Bisha.
- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Type of Contract: Indefinite

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 will be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

Address: Please mail your applications to:-
Bisha Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea

Note to Eritrean applicants:

Please send a copy of your application to:

- Aliens Employment permits Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940
Asmara, Eritrea.
- Mineral Resources Management
P. O. Box 272
Asmara, Eritrea

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Financial Accountant

Number required – (01)

Type of contract – Indefinite

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- To provide financial information to Finance Manager or management by researching and analyzing accounting data; preparing reports required.
- Prepares and records asset, liability, revenue, and expense entries by compiling and analyzing account information.
- Maintains and balances subsidiary accounts by verifying, allocating, posting, reconciling transactions; resolving discrepancies.
- Maintains general ledger by transferring subsidiary accounts; preparing a trial balance; reconciling entries.
- Summarizes financial status by collecting information; preparing balance sheet, profit and loss, and other statements.
- Provides financial reporting and analysis and cost control services in accordance with company systems and procedures.
- Assists in budgeting, forecasting and strategic planning preparation for all functional departments.
- Understands corporate accounting policies and procedures to ensure financial and operating reports reflect the condition of the operation and provide accurate and reliable information to assess the operations performance.
- Ensures transactions are accurately and timely prepared and recorded in accordance with IFRS.
- Communicates and collaborates with internal departments and subsidiaries on accounting matters.
- Ensures complex transactions are researched and accounting treatment properly documented & supported.
- Leads and participates in special projects as required.
- Supports and provides resolution to all internal and external audit processes and resulting issues that might be identified.
- Recommends and assists in implementing process improvements to both the accounting processes and management controls.
- Supports the Financial and Admin Manager controller for month end duties and works directly with management to address variance issues when necessary.
- Supports site related projects and requests from operations when necessary.
- Reviews the Petty Cash Control and Month-end Reimbursements
- Ensures that the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable Accounts are Properly reconciled with the Departments concerned
- Ensures that Weekly and Monthly Bank Reconciliations are done
- Assists the Financial and Admin Manager with Cash-flow forecasting.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents

- University Degree in Accounting. BCom, and Computer and ERP Systems eg Pronto or similar

Literate

Working Experience – Nature & Length

- Minimum 10 years’ experience as an Accountant, reconciliation, control and reporting experience. Mining experience will have an asset.

Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time

- Time management skill, ethical and professional attitude
- Excellent leadership experience.

Other skills and abilities

- Extremely detail-oriented, proactive, and Accounting, Corporate Finance, Reporting Skills, Deadline-Oriented, Reporting Research Results, Confidentiality, Time Management, Data Entry Management. Good math and computer skills. High-level of attention to detail. Skills of accounting software applications. Strong organizational skills. Independent work skills. Analytical and problem solving skills. Strongly detail-oriented. Computer skills, especially the ability to use accounting software. Written and verbal communication skills.

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Asmara Office & 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.
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- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 10 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

Mineral Resources Management

P.O. Box 272
Asmara

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By Mussie Efriem

Preserving Eritrean Genealogy with Mr. Zeray Abraham

Meet Mr. Zeray Abraham, an inspiring historian who undertook a monumental research journey to document the genealogical history of the Deqi Teshm lineage. Undeterred by his advanced age, he spent years gathering data by personally cycling and walking across challenging landscapes. This intensely personal effort culminated in the book, “Weledo Deqi Teshm’n Ametsatsu’un,” an enduring contribution ensuring vital historical knowledge is preserved for future generations.

You recently inaugurated your book, “Weledo Deqi Teshm’n Ametsatsu’un,” a genealogical research and history of Deqi Teshm (descendants of Teshishm). Could you please walk us through the genesis of this book? What was the initial idea that inspired you to undertake the research and write it?

My deep interest in history is a direct inheritance from my father, who was naturally gifted in preserving and sharing historical and oral traditional knowledge. I took a particular interest in meticulously recording this history, focusing primarily on the genealogical history of our own family. This disciplined process of documentation became the foundational launchpad for my broader genealogical research on the entire Deqi Teshm lineage.



Another significant motivation was the growing realization that historical knowledge was failing to pass down to the younger generation. When we would gather, it was evident that the new generation had little to no understanding of their own history or the rich oral traditions of our ancestors. This lack of continuity was deeply concerning, as it represents a genuine break in the historical chain. Preserving this heritage is crucial for maintaining the identity and cultural continuity of our entire generation, and my book aims to bridge that gap.

The initial step was sharing the genealogical records I had compiled with relatives. This was a crucial early test. Upon sharing, I quickly realized this information was mine

alone, and the highly positive reception solidified my decision to expand the scope. I first decided to document the history of my place of origin, Hazega village, then broadened the project to include Teazega, and finally, the entire Deqi Teshm lineage, which essentially encompasses the majority of the Berik subzone. This expansion—starting with the family, moving to the village, and concluding with the entire subzone—is precisely how the book evolved.

Given the sensitive and significant nature of genealogical and historical information, how did you approach handling, verifying, and preserving this delicate data?

Before I began the rigorous process of gathering primary information, I immersed myself in a comprehensive literature review. This foundational reading was crucial for establishing historical context. I read numerous related books, including significant titles such as Mereb Mlash, Tarik Weledotat Hzbi Ertra, Bahli Hazegan Tseazegan, and, particularly helpful, “Tarik Senselet Weledotat” (The Historical Chain of Generations) by Bereket Amare.

With this foundational source material, I initiated the

comprehensive field research across the entire Berik subzone. My primary sources were the residents of the subzone, as well as residents of Asmara city (Gejeret, Godayf, and Maitemenay subzones) who are also part of Deqi Teshm’s history.

This undertaking required extreme physical commitment: I visited almost every single village and hamlet in the subzone, traveling by bicycle and, at times, journeying on foot. This intensive, community-based information gathering consumed approximately two years. The key to ensuring accuracy, especially given the sensitive nature of genealogical data, was persistent verification. I visited certain villages multiple times to cross-check initial findings, gather additional details, and refine the raw information. While the subsequent task of refining and verifying the extensive raw data was undeniably intensive, the ambition I held to successfully complete this significant work made every challenge negligible.

What has been the reaction to the book’s inauguration?

The inaugural event took place at the Tsaeda Krstian Administrative Hall, which is the administrative



center of the Berik subzone. The response from all parties involved—from the expert reviewers to the enthusiastic participants—was overwhelmingly positive and highly encouraging.

This strong affirmation has not only validated the initial work but has significantly motivated me to pursue broader objectives. Inspired by the positive reception, I am already dedicated to scaling the scope of this project. Specifically, I am actively planning and developing the framework to transform the current effort into a comprehensive, country-wide research initiative. I am currently making progress on this plan and remain highly optimistic about its timely and successful accomplishment.

Thank you for your time!

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NUEYS has also placed strong emphasis on training in music, cultural performance, and artistic expression. Culture is one of Eritrea’s strongest pillars, and its preservation depends on the active participation of the younger generation. Through music workshops, cultural dance sessions, and performance training, young people rediscovered their heritage while developing creativity, confidence, and teamwork. These activities also provided a positive outlet for self-expression and helped participants form strong bonds with their community.

Many students who joined the program expressed pride in learning traditional dances, songs, and instruments, and some even performed during local events and celebrations. The cultural training programs have also strengthened the youth’s understanding of identity and social values.

As Mr. Meles noted, “When youth engage in cultural and artistic activities, they gain more than

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performance skills—they learn discipline, teamwork, and pride in their identity. These qualities help build a well-rounded and responsible generation.”

Alongside these programs, NUEYS offered life-skills training designed to prepare young people for real-world challenges. These sessions covered communication, time management, and problem-solving, all essential for building maturity and self-reliance. The trainings also encouraged youth to think independently, take responsibility, and play active roles in their households and communities.

Another key component has been civic education training. This program teaches the importance of community service, respect for others, national values, and the responsibilities that come with being part of a society. Through civic education, students learned to contribute positively to their communities and uphold the principles of unity, cooperation, and hard work. Many youth who later participated in the program

took part in volunteer activities, school initiatives, and community campaigns, demonstrating the practical impact of the training.

The combined effect of these programs has been significant. Students and youth workers now show greater discipline, engagement, and willingness to participate in community life. They have gained confidence in their abilities, whether in school, cultural groups, or daily responsibilities, and have become more aware of their potential.



Mr. Meles affirmed, “We have seen real change. The youth have become more resilient, more patriotic, and more responsible.” He further noted that many youth workers and students performed tasks with enthusiasm, discipline, and readiness to help others, demonstrating a strong commitment to national values.

This success has had a visible influence on the community. Teachers, parents, and local elders have observed improvements in

students’ behavior, motivation, and performance. Youth who previously lacked confidence have become active participants in cultural programs, volunteer work, and school clubs. This growing sense of responsibility strengthens the youth and contributes to a more united, productive, and supportive environment within the sub-zone.

NUEYS Tesenai sub-zone remains committed to continuing its youth development work. Plans for the future include expanding vocational programs, strengthening computer training, creating more cultural clubs, and offering more advanced life-skills and leadership programs. The goal is to keep empowering the younger generation with the knowledge, values, and confidence they need to build successful lives and contribute meaningfully to their nation. The efforts of NUEYS in the Tesenai sub-zone stand as a strong example of how empowering young people creates long-lasting positive change.