

## News Release

### Ethiopian policymakers to be trained on development through economic transformation

BISHOFTU, ETHIOPIA – Experts from UNDP Ethiopia and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore will be conducting a week-long training course for senior-level government leaders on how Ethiopia can accelerate its economic growth for the next 10 years. The course will be held from 16 – 20 May 2016.

Embodied under the country's Second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II), achieving an accelerated growth is essential to realize the country's vision of becoming a lower middle income country by 2025.

Apart from achieving high annual real growth rates in the Gross Domestic Product, GTP II aims to support its critical pillars based on the evaluation of the outcomes of the first GTP (GTP I) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include increasing competitiveness of the national, as well as the state-level economies and its productive sectors, managing the rapid urbanization and migration of citizens to the cities through sustainable urban planning, enhancing the skills and competencies of its workforce, facilitating engagement and participation of all the different sectors and building a climate resilient green economy.

Around 30 senior policymakers, including Members of the Parliament, State Ministers, Senior Directors, Regional Directors and other key decision-makers from Ethiopia will be attending the training.

During the course, participants will be exposed into the fundamental tenets of the economics of development for developing countries like Ethiopia, industrial policy, agricultural transformation, evidence-based policy development and enhancing competitiveness of critical industries. Recognizing the need to learn development models including those from Asia, Ethiopia can potentially pattern its development trajectory similar to Asia's bigger economies. As an enhancement to this program, a special module on the Singapore story of development will also be offered.

As Singapore celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary last year, several insights on leadership, competitiveness, economic and industrial growth, environment and social development policies would be ingrained for Ethiopia's government leaders to design and implement ideas on how they can refine their country's development.

The course is part of the UNDP Ethiopia's Advanced Leadership Training project. Earlier, on 15-16 April 2016, around 20 senior-level officials also took part in a 2-day course on Climate Resilience Green Growth Development which was also delivered by UNDP Ethiopia and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Bishoftu. The Ministry of Public Service and Human Resource Development is the key implementing agency of this project.

Another course is scheduled to be held in Singapore later this year, where selected participants will be trained on public-private partnerships. The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Asia's premier public policy school with a strong global presence will host these participants for a week-long learning sessions, including networking with various government agencies and learning journeys to different sites across Singapore.

### **About UNDP in Ethiopia**

UNDP works in Ethiopia to support the country's priorities as defined in the national five year development plan, the Growth and Transformation (GTP). The GTP (2010/11-2014/15), as was the case with Ethiopia's previous five-year national plans, complements the country's efforts to meet the MDG.

UNDP's key interventions in Ethiopia fall under these three programme pillars:

- Growth and Poverty Reduction
- Climate Change and Environment Vulnerability
- Governance

UNDP's catalytic interventions in Ethiopia are helping to enhance the country's progress towards meeting its development agenda of sustainable and equitable growth. UNDP's Country Programme Document as well as the Country Programme Action Plan are aligned with the GTP. The same is true of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF 2011 - 2015), which seeks to ensure optimal coherence and coordination of the assistance provided by various UN agencies.

### **About the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy**

The LKY School is an autonomous, professional graduate school of the National University of Singapore. Our mission is to educate and train policy-makers and leaders, with the objective of raising the standards of governance throughout the region, improving the lives of its people and, in so doing, contributing to the transformation of Asia and beyond. In addition to Masters and PhD programmes, LKY School offers high quality customised Executive Programmes that cater to the needs of time-constrained senior managers and professionals, with the aim of delivering creative solutions to real management and leadership challenges.

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