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AND
EITPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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INTRODUCTION

This annual report of the EITPA Executive Committee Members (ECM) is prepared as a fulfilment of the Constitution of EITPA Article VI/2/g/I, which states that the ECM shall draw up annual report to be approved by the General Assembly. Therefore, this report covers activity of the ECM from August 2006 to September 2007.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The fourth General Assembly that take place on July 10, 2006 at UNECA Conference Hall had nominated nine members and seven were elected as ECM. During the election only position of the President was set. The rest of the position is assigned by the elected ECM during their meeting on October 13, 2006. The following are summery of nominees and electives listed by name alphabetic order.

Name	Position	Remark
Ato AbduselamYideg		Nominate at the GA
Ato Assefa Bahta	Treasurer	Elected by the GA
Ato Dagmawi Lemma	Vice President	Elected by the GA
Dr. Dawit Bekele	President	Elected by the GA
W/t Hayat Yusuf	Editor	Elected by the GA
W/t Makeda Solomon		Elected by the GA
W/t Meron Bisrat	Public Relation	Elected by the GA
Ato Mengistu Motbaynor	Member	Elected by the GA
W/ro Mindaye Hailu		Nominate at the GA

After the election W/t Makeda Solomon departed from the country therefore the ECM decided to replace the vacancy as per the Constitution of EITPA Article VI/2/h that states

“In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Committee other than for the office of President, the Executive Committee shall have the right to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Assembly.”

Accordingly decision was made by the ECM to fill the vacancy by W/ro Mindaye Hailu. Yet another vacancy had occurred by the departure of W/t Meron Bisrat from the country in late December 2006, and again the ECM decided to fill the vacancy by Ato Abduselam Yideg. Over again the ECM is challenged by another two vacancies, occurred due to the departure of Ato Assefa Bahta from the country and the resignation of Ato Mengistu Motbaynor. Therefore at this reporting time the ECM are,

Name	Position	Remark
Ato Abduselam Yideg		Assigned by EC
Ato Dagmawi Lemma	Vice President	Elected by the GA
Dr. Dawit Bekele	President	Elected by the GA
W/t Hayat Yusuf	Editor	Elected by the GA
W/ro Mindaye Hailu		Assigned by EC

HANDOVER

In order to discharge its responsibilities the Executive Committee (EC) was looking forward to the handover from the previous EC. However handover was prolonged up to Saturday October 21, 2006. During the handover, the previous EC has shared their experience and they also pass to the new EC some unfinished matters. In addition to this, they advise to start running the finance after the audit report is completed, which has been under process by then.

ACTION PLAN

While waiting to the handover, the ECM start meeting since October 6, 2006. Since then the ECM had had meeting regularly and on demand in addition to the electronic discussion made via the ECM workgroup for urgent matters and follow-ups.

Following the first meeting the ECM decided to do something tangible in addition to completing some of the responsibilities passed from the previous EC. Thus, it has been tries to identify responsibilities passed from the previous EC and the following solid responsibilities has been identified

1. Finalizing Implementation of Members Database System
2. Materializing EITPA Code of Conduct
3. EITPA Magazine
4. WITFOR
5. IFIP General Assembly

In addition to this, the ECM decided to figure out how to strengthen EITPA and need to strengthen the foundation and make it a worthy association. And to start with an optimistic way of thinking saying we can make a difference.

6. Improve EITPA's website
 7. Exercising EITPA's Constitution
 8. Defining and Clarifying EITPA's goal and conducting vision sharing to members
- And the EC decided to add more plan after accomplishing the existing one.

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Though the EC was keen to execute the set-forth Action Plan, some forcing cases appears that enforce the EC to review its Action Plan and move towards another strategy. Therefore, the accomplishment is summarised in its chronological order and some of the accomplishment might not be part of the original plan.

- October 2006 Organised the first ECM meeting and decided to have a weekly meeting until urgent matters are resolved.
- Initiated and organized the handover from the previous EC
- Organised meeting with WITFOR secretariat to understand on the current status of the WITFOR preparation and to play its role. On the meeting it has been briefed by the secretariat that she needs assistance and advise from EITPA and further meeting schedules and agendas regarding the WITFOR has been cleared to the EC.
- Participated on the workshop "Downstream Liberalization of Telecom Services" that has been held at Sheraton Addis on Oct 31.
- November 2006 As per a complain reported by one of the institutional member on another institutional member, the ECM visited and discussed with the reporting member and a reached on mutual understanding on how to handle the reported problem.
- The EC assigned Ato Bogale Demessie and Ato Fikre y. Wondimu , who are previous ECM, regarding any WITFOR-EITPA matters and to report regularly.
- Frequent discussion has been made with Click Ethiopia for publishing EITPA's Magazin but the effeort has been hampered due to financial matters. (since the audit report was not completed and financial handover is not made yet)
- Meeting has been arranged with Cheryl vice president of Computer Frontier, and international ICT firm and they demand to link with Ethiopian IT professionals regarding their events and. Understanding has been reached to work together and EITPA confirm that all information will be communicated to members.
- December 2006 W/ro Mindaye Hailu and Ato Abduselam Yideg joined the ECM to assist the association at their best since there have been vacant position and lots of responsibilities to take.
- Ato Bogale Demissie reported about WITFOR to the ECM and it has been cleared EITPA's responsibility was mainly the WITFOR website.
- The EC learned that EITPA's licence has been overdue so renewal process was decided to commence since it is more importantly requested by the Bank to enable signatory of the new ECM.

- January 2007 The Auditor failed to produce the audit report therefore the ECM decided to look for another reliable Audit Firm.
- February 2007 EITPA participated on the 11th Addis Chamber International Trade fair entitled in "Networking for successful Business". This event has been organized by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectorial Associations, and held at Addis Ababa Exhibition Center from February 22 to February 28, 2007.
- March 2007 Audit agreement has been made with Tafesse Audit Firm after considering its proposal.
- Since the financial handover is not made so far it was not able to pay the salaries of the staff, therefore the ECM decided to request the former EC to sign checks for expenses and so is agreed with the former EC.
- The WITFOR Secretariat reports things on the WITFOR preparation is well underway and she requests someone to be assigned in place of Ato Fikre y. Wondimu since he is outside the country and his Sponsorship task is vacant. And action has been taken by assigning Ato Assefa Bahta on his voluntary.
- WITFOR website is launched.
- April 2007 Since the ECM has learnt a lot about the structure of EITPA and things that are a bottleneck for the activity of the ECM a reform program is launched. Furthermore, program committee is organized to execute the reform program. The following are the members selected for the program committee:
- 1- Ato Afework Temtimie
 - 2- Dr. Ahmed Hussien
 - 3- Ato Bogale Demissie
 - 4- Dr Dawit Bekele
 - 5- W/o Mindaye Hailu
- May 2007 FYI, the USAID project for WTO accession and participation-Ethiopia had a meeting with EITPA regarding IT businesses problems mainly related to tariffs and customs. Marc Walter, the project coordinator, expressed that his office will be happy to make presentation on WTO for EITPA members. It is found to be an excellent idea for the next General assembly meeting.
- "Project document for the reform program of the Ethiopian Information Technology Professionals Association" has been produced by the program committee.

June 2007 Audit Report has been completed and reported by Tafesse Audit Firm. The ECM has accomplished has done the facilitation on behalf of the former ECM

 A workshop has been organised on EITPA's reform program

July 2007 The audit report has been submitted to Ato Bogale Demissie and agreement has been reached with Ato Bogale so that he can take formal responsibility to organize activities regarding the International Federation of Information Processing – General Assembly (IFIP-GA).

August 2007 EITPA hosted IFIP-GA successfully. See annex for the IFIP – GA report