

Workshop on the Status of Green Technologies in Ethiopia

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A one day Workshop deliberating on **Status of Green Technologies in Ethiopia** opened today at Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa. The Workshop was officially opened by Professor Bahru Zewde, Principal Vice President of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences. The major objective of the Workshop is to provide a forum for a consultative discussion on the status of activities related to transfer, adaptation, use and generation of green technologies required to implement the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) Strategy of the country adopted by the Government with a vision to achieve a middle-income status by 2025 in a climate-resilient green economy. Increasing generation of electric power from carbon free sources such as hydropower, wind, solar and other renewable sources is pursued as implementation of green technologies to achieve the carbon Resilient Green Economy vision of the country. The specific objectives of the workshop include:

- Assessing the need for green technologies in Ethiopia and the status of their implementation; and the legal and policy frameworks for their implementation;
- Drawing lessons from experiences of other countries in transferring, adapting, using and generating green technologies;
- Identifying gaps, challenges, opportunities and constraints; and measures to be taken to promote and implement green technologies in the country and outline the way forward.

The Consultative Workshop was organized jointly by the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) as one of their collaborative engagements in fostering science, technology and innovation in both countries through experience and knowledge sharing. The Engineering and Technology Working Group of EAS led the review study and organization of the Workshop.

Results of a preliminary expert review on the status of green technologies in Ethiopia and experiences of other countries are to be presented and discussed at the Workshop by the stakeholders. Presentations will also be made on the CRGE Strategy of Ethiopia and on the efforts being made to promote and use green technologies in the country. A senior official of ASSAf will present the findings of a consensus study conducted by ASSAf on the “State of Green Technologies in South Africa” with the view of sharing experiences relevant to Ethiopia. Over 70 participants representing various governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in various aspects of socio-economic development and climate change are attending the Workshop. They include policy makers and development practitioners from ministries, research institutes, universities, regional organizations, and international organizations. The discussions by the stakeholders are envisaged to enrich the findings of the review and define the way forward for further in-depth consensus study by the Academy.

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