A PROCLAMATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHIOPIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the advancement of adoptive and problem-solving research and study is of central importance for the country;

WHEREAS, research and study that is geared towards technology learning and adaptation promotes the system of technology transfer for sustainable economic development of the country;

WHEREAS, science and scientific method enhances the quality and efficiency of the decision-making processes to chart the country's future;

WHEREAS, research and study made by renowned science professionals with adequate scientific information is a basis for formulating correct government policies and for effective implementation of its process of performance;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a national science academy would play its role in strengthening linkages among the different actors in the national innovation system by promoting technology transfer through conducting research and study and providing information based on science;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, it is hereby proclaimed as follows.
PART ONE
GENERAL

1. Short Title

This Proclamation may be cited as the “Ethiopian Academy of Sciences Establishment Proclamation No. 783/2013”.

2. Definitions

In this Proclamation, unless the context otherwise requires:

1/ “science” includes natural science, mathematics, medical science, agricultural science, engineering and social science fields, and it also includes fields of humanities and arts;

2/ “scientist” means an intellectual or professional who has engaged in scientific research and studies;

3/ “General Assembly” means the General Assembly of the Academy referred to in Article 13(1) of this Proclamation;

4/ “Board” means the Board of the Academy referred to in Article 13(2) of this Proclamation;

5/ “service fee” means fee to be paid for knowledge based consultancy and other services of the Academy;

6/ “foundation” means resource of the Academy granted by government or other body at one time or different times and which generates income;

7/ “Ministry” means the Ministry of Science and Technology;

8/ “person” means any natural or legal person;

9/ any expression in the masculine gender includes the feminine.

3. Establishment

The Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the “Academy”) is hereby established as an autonomous institution having its own legal personality.
4. **Head Office**

The Academy shall have its head office in Addis Ababa and may have branch offices elsewhere as may be necessary.

5. **Objectives**

The objectives of the Academy shall be:

1/ to support and promote research on technology learning and adaptation;
2/ to promote the enhancement of problem solving technologies, knowledge of applied science, indigenous technologies and innovative technologies that enable to improve living standard and quality of life;
3/ to advise the government on issues related to science, in particular, on issues related to the quality and relevance of science education and research;
4/ to encourage that problem solving scientific research is conducted in areas and on issues of special importance to the country;
5/ to promote and support problem solving and effective scientific research conducted by Ethiopian scientists;
6/ to strengthen interaction among Ethiopian scientists and between them and the world science community;
7/ to strengthen the global position and role of scientific research conducted by Ethiopian scientists;
8/ to organize public forums and other appropriate programs for the dissemination of the major findings of science.

6. **Duties and Capacity**

The Academy shall have duties and capacity to:

1/ facilitate forums of discussions and symposiums to scientists from Ethiopia and elsewhere to discuss on issues of common interest;
2. promote the interests of the Ethiopian science community at national, regional and international forums;
3. establish relationship network and cooperation with national and international institutions having common objectives;
4. conduct scientific research on issues having national importance and publish reports that relate to the research findings;
5. grant, to the extent possible, financial assistance to scientists who are conducting research on issues having national importance;
6. award prizes to Ethiopian scientists who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields or to the furtherance of the objectives of the Academy;
7. publish its own research journals, other periodicals and books for the science community and for the public at large;
8. participate in international forums of academy of sciences;
9. prepare conferences, workshops and symposiums and formulate and implement programmes that enable to carry out its objectives;
10. own property, enter into contracts and be sued in its own name;
11. carry out other related activities necessary for the attainment of its objectives.

7. Relationship with the Government

1. The Academy shall:
   a) maintain its relationship with the government through the Ministry;
   b) give scientific advice based on information and subject to requests received from the Ministry and other relevant government organs;
   c) provide to the government other services related with its objectives and duties.

2. The government shall support the Academy by providing financial and other relevant assistances.
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PART TWO

MEMBERSHIP

8. Categories of Membership

The Academy shall have the following categories of membership:
1/ regular member;
2/ associate member; and
3/ honorary member.

9. Eligibility for Membership

1/ Any scientist who:
   a) is a citizen of Ethiopia;
   b) is a resident of Ethiopia; and
   c) has made an outstanding contribution in his respective field of science;
   may become a regular member of the Academy.

2/ Any scientist who is not a citizen of Ethiopia or an Ethiopian scientist who is not a resident of Ethiopia may become an associate member of the Academy if he has made significant contributions to the development of science in Ethiopia.

3/ Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the Academy may become an honorary member of the Academy.

10. Admission to Membership

1/ The Academy shall admit new members annually. The number of new members to be admitted annually shall be determined by the Academy’s bylaw.

2/ Nominations for membership of the Academy shall be made in writing by at least two regular members of the Academy

3/ Notwithstanding sub-article (2) of this Article, any scientist who fulfills the eligibility criteria for membership may submit his written application for admission to membership.
The nomination or application to be submitted pursuant to sub-article (2) or (3) of this Article shall be accompanied with the following documents:

a) a written declaration stating that the nominee or applicant fulfills the eligibility criteria for membership and a brief explanation of his most significant work;

b) written testimonies of five persons from various fields of knowledge about the nominee or the applicant;

c) a curriculum vitae of the nominee or the applicant including the list of his major publications and professional works.

5/ The Board shall, upon examining and ascertaining of the completeness of nominations and applications for membership, submit the list of candidates with their recommendation to the General Assembly.

6/ In admitting to membership, the General Assembly shall consider not only individual qualifications of nominees, but also the overall proportion between disciplines of sciences, age and gender of members.

7/ Regular members and personnel of the Academy shall keep confidential the information of candidates and members of the Academy obtained in the course of discharging their duties.

11. Rights and Obligations of Members

1/ Any regular member of the Academy shall have right:

a) to participate in meetings of the General Assembly and to vote on its decisions; and

b) to elect and be elected as a member in any of the governing bodies of the Academy.
8. Any regular member of the Academy shall have the obligations to:

a) respect the provisions of this Proclamation and the bylaws and decisions of the Academy;

b) provide the necessary contribution for the achievement of the objectives of the Academy; and

c) pay membership fee.

3. The rights and obligations of associate and honorary members of the Academy shall be prescribed by the bylaws of the Academy.

12. Termination of Membership

1. Membership of the Academy shall terminate upon the following grounds:

a) resignation of the member;

b) the member has violated this Proclamation or the bylaws or decisions of the Academy;

c) the member has violated ethical regulations of science;

d) the member has failed to discharge his obligations; or

e) the member has otherwise acted to prejudice the reputation or against the interests of the Academy.

2. A decision of termination of membership pursuant to sub-article (1) of this Article shall be made by the General Assembly on the basis of the recommendation of the Board.

3. With regard to termination of membership pursuant to the provisions from paragraph (b) to (e) of sub-article (1) of this Article shall be specified by the Academy's bylaw.
PART THREE

GOVERNANCE OF THE ACADEMY

13. Governing Bodies and Staff

The Academy shall have:

1/ a General Assembly;

2/ a Board;

3/ an Executive;

4/ an Executive Director of Secretariat; and

5/ the necessary staff.

14. The General Assembly

1/ The General Assembly shall be composed of all regular members of the Academy; provided, however, that the associate and honorary members of the Academy may participate in the meetings of the General Assembly without vote.

2/ The General Assembly shall be the supreme decision-making body of the Academy.

3/ Without prejudice to the generality of sub-article (2) of this Article the General Assembly shall have the powers and duties to:

   a) adopt the bylaws of the Academy;

   b) elect and dismiss the President, the Principal Deputy President, the Deputy President, the Treasurer, members of the Board and executive committee;

   c) admit new members of the Academy;

   d) approve annual plans and budgets of the Academy;

   e) approve annual performance and financial reports of the Academy;

   f) appoint auditors of the Academy;

   g) award prizes based on the recommendation of the Board;
### Meeting of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall hold its regular meeting at least once in a year.

2. An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly may be held at any time by the decision of the President or the Board or at the request of at least one-fifth of the regular members of the Academy.

3. There shall be a quorum when more than half of the regular members of the Academy are present at a meeting of the General Assembly.

4. The decision of the General Assembly shall be passed by a majority vote; in case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

5. Voting shall be made by a show of hands unless the General Assembly decides to vote by secret ballot.

6. The General Assembly shall decide the place and time of its regular meetings. The place and time of extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be decided by the Board.

7. Notice of the meeting of the General Assembly shall be served before 21 days to all members of the Academy together with the proposed agenda.

8. Without prejudice to the provisions of this Article the General Assembly may adopt its own rule of procedure.
16. Members of the Board

1/ The Board shall have the following members:

a) the President of the Academy
b) the Principal Deputy President and the Deputy President of the Academy
c) the Treasurer of the Academy
d) four regular members of the Academy elected by the General Assembly
e) a representative of the Ministry
f) two researchers to be assigned by the government from governmental research institutions
g) the Executive Director of Secretariat of the Academy

2/ The term of office of members of the Board referred to from paragraph (a) to (d) of sub-article (1) of this Article shall be for three years; provided, however, that they may be re-elected for one additional term.

3/ A member elected for replacement of member in accordance with Article 14(3)(h) of this Proclamation may be re-elected for two subsequent terms.

17. Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board shall have the powers and duties to:

1/ prepare the bylaws of the Academy and ensure their implementation upon approval by the General Assembly;
2/ issue directives necessary for the proper management of the affairs of the Academy;
3/ employ the Executive Director of Secretariat of the Academy and officers accountable to him; and terminate their employment when they fail to properly discharge their responsibilities;
9. **Powers and Duties of the President**

The President of the Academy shall have the powers and duties to:

1. preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board;
2. ensure the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and the Board;
3. represent the Academy in its relations with the government and its partners;
4. discharge other responsibilities assigned to him by the General Assembly and the Board.

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18. **Meetings of the Board**

1. The Board shall meet at least four times in a year.

2. The presence of six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

3. The decision of the Board shall be passed by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting; in case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

4. Without prejudice to the provision of this Article the Board may adopt its own rules of procedure.

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19. **Powers and Duties of the President**

The President of the Academy shall have the powers and duties to:

1. oversee the management of the affairs of the Academy, including its finances and property;
2. review the annual plans, budgets and performance and financial reports of the Academy and submit same to the General Assembly for approval;
3. recommend to the General Assembly the awarding of prizes in accordance with Article 6(6) of this Proclamation;
4. keep all members informed on major developments and decisions of the Academy;
5. prepare agendas and call meetings of the General Assembly;
6. perform other functions as may be assigned to it by the General Assembly.
20. Powers and Duties of the Principal Deputy President and the Deputy President

1/ The Principal Deputy President and the Deputy President of the Academy shall assist the President in the areas specified by the Board.

2/ The Principal Deputy President shall represent the President in his absence. In the absence of both the President and the Principal Deputy President the Deputy President shall represent the President.

21. Powers and Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Academy shall have the powers and duties to:

1/ be responsible for the overall management of financial resources and assets of the Academy;

2/ submit annual and, as may be necessary, quarterly financial reports of the Academy to the Board.

22. Powers and Duties of the Executive Director of the Secretariat

1/ The Executive Director of the Secretariat shall, subject to the general guidelines of the Board, execute the day-to-day activities of the Academy.

2/ Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-article (1) of this Article, the Executive Director of the Secretariat shall:

a) study and submit to the Board the functional structure and manning of the Academy, and implement same upon approval;

b) employ, administer and dismiss the staff of the Academy in accordance with the approved functional structure and manning;

c) prepare and submit to the Board the programs and budget of the Academy, and implement same upon approval;

d) effect payments in accordance with the approved budget of the Academy;
c) represent the Academy in all its dealings with third party other than those referred to in Article 19(3) of this Proclamation;

e) prepare and submit to the Board the performance and financial reports of the Academy;

f) perform other functions as may be assigned to him by the Board.

3/ The Executive Director of the Secretariat may delegate part of his powers and duties to other officers and employees of the Academy to the extent necessary for the proper implementation of the objectives of the Academy.

PART FOUR

BUDGET AND FINANCE OF THE ACADEMY

23. Budget

1/ The sources of the budget of the Academy shall be:

a) budget support by the government;

b) revenue from service fees;

c) membership fees; and

d) other sources.

2/ The Academy may establish income generating foundation in order to create financial sustainability.

3/ The budget year of the Academy shall be the budget year of the federal government.

24. Books of Accounts

1/ The Academy shall keep complete and accurate books of accounts.

2/ The books of accounts and financial documents of the Academy shall be audited annually by an external auditor designated by the General Assembly.
PART FIVE

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

25. Official Statements

1/ Official statements that reflect the position of the Academy shall be disseminated upon the approval of the Board.

2/ The President shall have the responsibility to supervise the preparation of all official statements of the Academy.

3/ When the President considers an official statement is ready for release, he shall submit a recommendation to the Board on the manner and mechanisms of dissemination of the statement.

26. Power to Issue Bylaws of the Academy

1/ The General Assembly may issue bylaws of the Academy necessary for the proper implementation of this Proclamation.

2/ The bylaws to be issued in accordance with sub-article (1) of this Article shall be prepared jointly by the Ministry and the Board and shall be approved by the General Assembly.

27. Transitory Provisions

1/ The Ministry shall facilitate the convening of a General Assembly consisting of the founding members of the Academy.

2/ The General Assembly convened in accordance with sub-article (1) of this Article shall elect the first President, the Principal Deputy President, the Deputy President, the Treasurer and other members of the Board.
28. Amendment

This Proclamation may be amended upon approval, by the concerned body, of the recommendation of the General Assembly passed by at least a two-third majority vote in a meeting in which at least two-thirds of the regular members of the Academy are present.

29. Effective Date

This Proclamation shall enter into force on the date of publication in the Federal Negarit Gazette.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 1st day of March, 2013.

GIRMA WOLDEGIORGIS

PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA