

Press Release of 10th General Assembly Meeting of PHE EC

The 10th Annual General Assembly Meeting of Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHEEC) was successfully held on 23 March 2016 at Harmony Hotel in Addis Ababa. The meeting had entertained two major sessions, thematic and business, that dealt on multi-sectoral partnership, and on PHEEC's organizational progress and planning respectively. The meeting had brought together around 80 participants from member and partner organizations including government officials.

The meeting was opened by the speech of His Excellency Dr. Shiferaw Teklemariam, MEFCC through his delegate Ato Debasu Baylegn. In his speech, he mentioned that "Looking into Ethiopia's engagement in sustainable development, the population, health and environment integration approach (PHE approach) being exercised in the country is a good initiative, and we appreciate the efforts that the Consortium and its member organizations are exerting on environmental conservation and generating and dissemination of evidences on the strategic directions of multi-sectoral integration."

The major presentation topics were the following:

1. Growth and transformation plan II with focus on major result areas, Dr. Amsaye Anteneh, National Planning Commission
2. Health Sector Transformation Plan, Ato Noah Elias, Ministry of Health
3. PHEEC five years strategy and alignment with GTP2, CRGE and SDG, Ato Negash Teklu, PHEEC
4. Health Insurance Schemes in Ethiopia, Ato Getachew Tiruneh, Ethiopian Health Insurance Agency
5. Official Business Meeting deliberations in the after sessions included reviewing and approving board, annual performance and audit reports and 2016 plan, providing certificate for board members who completed their service term and electing new board members as replacement.



Group photon of PHEEC 10th GA participants

The establishment of monitoring and evaluation as separate system in the government structure was key lesson drawn from presentation of the National Planning Commission. Likewise, participants have explained that, the focus given by ministry of health on health sector transformation in ensuring quality and equity in health services are very crucial. In this regard, participants raised the issue of affording and delivering quality health services in ensuring equity and quality as key concerns. In relation to the new health insurance scheme, governance related concerns were raised. Similarly, the presentation of PHEEC strategy alignment with development plans and the emphasis on the need of multi-sectoral partnership in achieving the sector and national level set targets was considered as key lessons for others in developing their interventions and plans.

In general, all the sessions were followed by thorough discussions and resulted into important decisions. The major decisions were made in the business sessions in the presence and active participation of majority of General Assembly members.

- Performance, Audit Report and 2016 physical and financial plan of the consortium was appreciated and approved unanimously
- Three new members were accepted that made the total members of the consortium to be 60
- Two new women board members were elected and agreement reached to revise the bylaw of the consortium so that 2+ board members will be women led organizations in the subsequent periods

Population Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHE-EC) is a non- governmental non-for-profit organization established in 2008. The consortium was established with a vision “***to see Ethiopia with a sustainable use of resources, resilient ecosystems, sustainable livelihoods, and a healthy population***”. The organization has also a mission “***to contribute to sustainable development in Ethiopia by promoting and enhancing the integration of population, health and environment through multi-sectoral approaches***”.

The consortium currently has 60 member organizations that are working in all regions of Ethiopia. It is also a member of Global Population and Sustainable Development Alliance (PSDA), Global Climate Action Network (CAN) and the PHE Eastern Africa and African PHE Network.