

Extension of Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Employer: Adama Science and Technology University

Project Name: Establishment of Centers of Excellence in Adama Science and Technology University

Contract Title: Supply, installation, and commissioning of research equipment for 5 CoEs including ERP, Construction and facility improvement, Capacity building and maintenance.

Country: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Loan agreement No. and Title: EDCF-L/A-ETH-6

IFB No.: ASTU-EDCF/ETH 6-002-2024

Issued on: 13th August, 2024

The re-bid was issued on 13th August, 2024, for Supply, installation, and commissioning of research equipment for 5 CoEs including ERP, Construction and facility improvement, Capacity building and maintenance. In response to requests from bidders, the bid submission date has been extended from September 12, 2024, to September 23, 2024. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:30 AM on September 23, 2024. The bids will be opened in the presence of bidder representatives who choose to attend at the same address at 11:00 AM on September 23, 2024.

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Reclaiming lost opportunities in HoA Ethiopia's top priority

BY YESUF ENDRIS

ADDIS ABABA- Foreign Affairs Minister Ambassador Taye Atsekeselassie called upon governments of Horn of African (HoA) countries to work together to resolve differences peacefully and reclaim lost opportunities for shared growth.

In press briefing he issued yesterday, the Foreign Minister stressed that Ethiopia highly values the shared history and traditions with its neighboring countries.

"People in this region are no longer held hostage by past hostilities. Through continued interactions, they have forged inseparable bonds of friendship and a sense of community. It is thus futile to try to create a wedge between communities across borders. We should resolve differences peacefully and reclaim lost opportunities for shared growth," he restated.

Certain forces are exacerbating the political and diplomatic differences of Ethiopia and Somalia which he stated that collusion with these "forces hostile to peace in this region is also short-sighted and counterproductive".

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Gov't launches bold skills dev't initiative

BY ASHENAFI ANIMUT

ADDIS ABABA -The Ministry of Labor and Skills (MoLS), in collaboration with the International Labor Organization (ILO), has launched a new pilot initiative aimed at driving sustainable economic growth and creating jobs through demand-driven skills development.

The Agro-Processing Sector Skills Body, introduced yesterday, is tasked with identifying labor needs, standardizing skills and training programs, and overseeing competency assessments in the sector.

At the launch event, MoLS State Minister Teshale Berchcha (PhD)

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IGAD forecasts higher than normal temperatures in HoA

ADDIS ABABA (ENA) - The Greater Horn of Africa (HoA) region will have warmer than usual temperatures from September to November, the Climate Prediction and Applications Center (ICPAC) of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African bloc, remarked.

ICPAC noted in its latest update that the temperatures in some countries would rise to over 34 degrees Celsius.

"Drier than usual conditions expected over the eastern parts of the region during the September to November season with warmer than

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Boosted exports, quality upgrades- Ethiopia's path to trade balance



BY TSEGAYE TILAHUN

Ethiopia's exports were 3.62 billion USD in 2023/24, while imports amounted to approximately 13.6 billion USD, resulting in a trade deficit of 9.98 billion USD. Bridging this gap requires strategic and sustained efforts.

Speaking to *The Ethiopian Herald*, Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) Executive Director Gerald Masila stated that Ethiopia has a significant potential to diversify its foreign exchange earnings by expanding exports, particularly in grain value chains. Increasing exports of pulses, cereals, and grains could bring substantial income to the country.

To achieve this, Masila stressed the importance of addressing several issues, including harmonizing trade policies, standards, and specifications for

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