



## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT ISAIAS AFWERKI'S INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL MEDIA



The first part of the Interview President Isaias Afwerki conducted with local media outlets on 12 February, in the port city of Massawa, focused on the three reckless offensives that the TPLF had intermittently launched during critical harvest times for two years; the political and military underpinnings of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement that the TPLF was ultimately compelled to sign; as well as the prospects of the peace process in the period ahead.

President Isaias underlined that the crucial question that we need to ponder is why this destructive war was necessary, why it was waged in the first place? President Isaias noted that the TPLF had inculcated huge damage during its 27 years of repressive rule in Ethiopia. It was removed from power and subsequent 2018 Peace Agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia had ushered in a period of hope and optimism in the region and beyond.

These developments fostered anxiety in its handlers in Washington who nudged it to indulge in reckless military offensives. Miscalculation on the balance of power was another factor behind these deplorable debacles.

The TPLF was made to sign the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement in Pretoria, worked out mainly by

Washington with the over-arching intent of precluding its total military defeat. Be this as it may, Eritrea has no reservations if the Peace Agreement is implemented in good faith and in its entirety. This must be ascertained through

meticulous monitoring.

The war has inculcated a huge loss of life as hundreds of thousands of Tigrayans were conscripted through various subterfuges. In this regard, the

issue of accountability of the forces who instigated and pursued the war is of utmost importance.

President Isaias also elucidated with historical facts the implications of the new US National Security Strategy for global and regional peace. In this regard, President Isaias underlined that the deep-rooted political culture anchored on greed and domination by a tiny few was the primary cause of the turmoil and conflicts that have bedeviled the world in the past decades. These tiny few do not aspire for peace and stability based on common values and interests. They relentlessly pursue a zero-sum-game policy. The New National Security Strategy does not contain novel concepts, and semantics and packaging aside, its main thrust is to revive and bolster the defunct uni-polar world order.

President Isaias referred to a Memorandum that Eritrea had sent to the Trump Administration

in an effort to highlight the historical wrongs meted to Eritrea by the US for eighty long years since the denial of its rights of decolonization in the 1940s purportedly because this "did not serve US strategic interests". This did not entail a substantive change of policy.

On the prospects of a new and balanced international order, President Isaias noted that the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America have borne the brunt of war and destruction that emanate from the policies and proponents of greed and domination. This has engendering a growing awareness both in the countries of the Global South as well as in other powers adversely affected by the policies of "containment". This has not crystallized to assume meaningful institutional form, but still remains a reactive and natural response or trend that can grow with time.

Second part of a four-part Interview will be done next week.

## OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION OF FENKIL OPERATION: PRESIDENT ISAIAS LAYS WREATH AT TWALET MARTYRS CEMETERY

President Isaias Afwerki in the morning hours of 11 February, laid wreath at the Twalet Martyrs Cemetery in connection with the 33rd anniversary of Fenkil Operation commemoration.

At the occasion Ministers, regional administrators, Army Commanders, members of the Diplomatic community as well as invited guests were present.

The 33rd anniversary of Fenkil Operation is being commemorated with various programs under the theme "Fenkil-Resolute Commitment".

Meanwhile, the official ceremony of the commemoration of the 33rd anniversary of Operation Fenkil was conducted in the afternoon hours of 11 February with enthusiasm, under the theme "Fenkil-Resolute Commitment".

At the official ceremony that was attended by President Isaias Afwerki,

Ministers, Government and PFDJ officials, Army Commanders and a number of nationals, the Governor of the Northern Red Sea region, Ms. Asmeret Abraha indicted that Fenkil Operation in which the Eritrean Popular Forces demonstrated coordinated land and naval strategic operation is being commemorated every year by the Eritrean people with patriotic zeal.

Ms. Asmeret went on to say that the 33rd anniversary of the

commemoration of Fenkil Operation is unique for it is being marked at a promising stage and expressed expectation that it will be transferred to posterity.

Ms. Asmeret also commended the Government and PFDJ institutions as well as the public, members of the Eritrean Defense Forces and individuals that contributed for the colorful commemoration event

The Chairperson of the Holidays

Coordinating Committee in the Northern Red Sea region, Ms. Zeineb Omar, on her part commended those who contributed for the colorful commemoration event.

The event was highlighted by sports competitions, exhibition, cultural and artistic performances, and community gatherings.

The 33rd anniversary commemoration of Fenkil Operation was concluded on 12 February.



# NEWS

## EXHIBITION IN CONNECTION WITH FENKIL OPERATION



An Art Exhibition in connection with the 33rd anniversary of the commemoration Fenkil Operation was opened in the port city of Massawa in the morning hours of 11 February.

The exhibition organized by the Promotion and Information office of the Ministry of Defense and other Government institutions was officially opened by Mr. Tewolde Kelati, the Minister of Marine Resources, in the presence of Maj. General Humed Karikare, Commander of the Eritrean Navy, and Ms. Asmeret Abraha, Governor of the

Northern Red Sea Region.

The exhibition includes photos depicting the heroism, unity, and resilience of the Eritrean people as well as the struggle for national independence and atrocity committed by enemy forces on the innocent Eritrean people.

The exhibition also included

### COMMEMORATION OF FENKIL OPERATION IN THE UK

Nationals in the United Kingdom commemorated the 33rd anniversary of Fenkil Operation on 12 February under the theme "Fenkil-Resolute Commitment".

According to report, the commemoration event that was organized in London was attended by a number of nationals.

At the occasion, Mr. Tewolde Yohannes, head of Public and Community Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy in the UK and Northern Ireland, gave briefing on the historical background of Fenkil Operation and commended the nationals that contributed for the colorful event.

The occasion has been highlighted by cultural and artistic programs.

The participants on their part expressed readiness to stand alongside the people and play due part in the national affairs.

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## HENOK MULUBRAHAN BECOMES CHAMPION OF AFRICAN CYCLING

Member of the Eritrean Cycling National team, Henok Mulubrhan, has become the champion of African cycling for the second time in a row winning a Gold Medal at the 19th African Cycling Championship that was held on 13 February in Accra, Ghana.

The performance of the Eritrean National Team in the championship has been highly acclaimed by the fans and sport analysts.

In the overall result, Eritrea became second in the team time trial, third in the individual time trial through Henok Mulubrhan and second in under 23 through Aklilu Arefaine.

It is to be recalled that Henok has been Gold Medalist in the similar African Cycling Championship that was held in Sharm El-Sheik last year.



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Marine Resources; Forestry and Wildlife Authority; Eritrean Institute of Technology; Hamelmalo Agricultural College; and other private institutions), has successfully strengthened the National Database on Fauna and Flora (NDFF), attaining data entry level of over 4200 fauna and flora species.

Regarding prevention of migratory pests, besides limited instances of tree-locust in Gash-barka region, and African armyworm in some parts of the country, the ministry didn't face any major challenges in 2022. The ministry is putting up consistent endeavors to substitute farmers' use of chemical pesticides with organic pesticides and mechanical weeding, according to a report on plant protection.

The breaking news on launching vaccine production against Peste Des Petits (PPR) and Newcastle Diseases (NCD) was reported by the National Animal and Plant Health Laboratory (NAPHL). According to the report, NAPHL has managed to produce

327,200 & 30,000 doses of vaccines for NCD & PPR respectively; and this will periodically enable the country to meet its demand. The National Laboratory also presented extensive reports on animal and plant diseases diagnosis; quality and safety tests as well as strengthening regional laboratories, among others.

In addition to the afore-mentioned reports, all supporting departments and divisions presented their achievements, work plans and corresponding challenges. The deliberations from the participants of the meeting had the following focus, among others:

Ensuring expedited increase in the scope of oil crops' cultivation, strengthening grass collection practice, boosting fodder production, carrying out cost-benefit analysis, conducting continued maintenance and renovation of micro-dams, expanding the space of potato seed stores, ensuring regular supply of veterinary drugs and vaccines. Mr. Arefaine Berhe, the Minister of Agriculture, in his remarks, called for concerted actions in soil and water conservation, use of improved seeds, increased cultivation of oil crops, regular annual grass collection, selecting bulls of outstanding local breed,

consolidating backyard poultry farming activities, widespread introduction of top-bar hives, assignment of agricultural professional at village and administrative-area level, increasing the number of farmers' agricultural schools and regular meetings, popularization of progressive farming, giving added impetus to sweet potato production, ensuring greater production of organic fertilizers and pesticides, as well as inspiring the young professionals at village and kebab level to perform different trials.

Mr. Arefaine further gave an in-depth explanation and deliberations on the issues of standardization of reports; strengthening youths' participation in all national development programs; stopping the use of perilous weed-killer (2-4-D); as well as distribution and cultivation of locally grown hybrid maize seeds; ensuring regular supply of veterinary drugs and vaccines; and giving special attention to remote areas of the country.

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# OPINION

# Borrell's Troubling Habit

**Dr. Fikrejesus Amahazion**

Early last week, Josep Borrell, the European Union's (EU) foreign policy chief, made some highly troubling comments about several African countries. Speaking about Russia's recent engagements in Africa and the supposed possibility of disinformation, he declared, "Minister [of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Sergey] Lavrov is touring Africa again. These days, Mali and Eritrea; well, easy countries for them but others not so easy. Trying to spread lies about who is guilty for what is happening there."

These comments, although brief, are problematic for a variety of reasons. For one, they have racist undertones and are patronizing. Borrell arrogantly denies the agency of Africans and seems to suggest that they are incapable of deciding for themselves on their partnerships – forgetting or dismissing the basic fact that all sovereign nations, including African, are free to choose their own paths.

Additionally, demonstrating great hubris, he questions Africans' capacity and intelligence in regard to deciphering disinformation, basically portraying them as being young children that are in deep need of Western guidance and direction.

And, of course, Borrell making problematic comments about Africans (or non-Europeans) is becoming a troubling habit.

## A troubling habit

For Borrell, publicly denigrating Africans and calling into question their basic intelligence is not a rare incident, but actually a regular, recurring pattern.

For instance, during a session of the EU Parliament's Special Committee on Foreign Interference in December last year, Borrell declared, "Russia is able to deflect blame, twist reality, and find an audience in some parts of world. I have seen in TV screens these young African people on the streets of Bamako [the capital of Mali] with billboards saying '[Russian President Vladimir] Putin, thanks. You have saved Donbas and now you will save us.' It is shocking.

You can consider that these people do not know where Donbas is or maybe they do not even know who Putin is."

Prior to that, in October 2022, during an address at the European Diplomatic Academy in Bruges, Belgium, Borrell said, "Europe is a garden. We have built a garden...The rest of the world...is not exactly a garden. Most of the rest of the world is a jungle. The jungle could invade the garden. The gardeners should take care of it."

Borrell's comments, both last year and more recently, have provoked criticism and pushback. This is unsurprising, as collectively they reek of racism and sheer arrogance, and they are dripping in colonial hubris and paternalism.

In addition to remembering that the West's own history is far from rosy, involving great violence, considerable conflict, and much bloodshed, it is worth recalling that the dark horrors of colonialism and slavery – which actually played a significant role in building up the prosperity of the so-called "garden" – were fundamentally underpinned by the inherent belief held by Western racists that the rest of the world was inferior, backward, and savage, while the West itself represented the height of civilization. The obligation and duty, indeed the burden, of the noble West was to conquer and civilize the rest of the barbaric world. This is the archaic view reflected in Borrell's series of recent comments (especially those using the garden and jungle framing) and obviously can only be deplored.

What is more, at an especially critical juncture in time when many parts of the world, particularly the West, seem to be increasingly fragmenting, with growing social divisions, large-scale conflict, and a continued slide towards extremism, Borrell's comments are troubling in that they serve to promote even further intolerance, division, animosity, and discrimination.

Failed approaches are partly rooted in the belief of its inherent superiority

Beyond the points made



above, there is another important dimension to Borrell's series of comments. Specifically, they help to reveal part of the underlying reason for why the EU (and broader West) have often pursued failed approaches in many parts of the world. It is hard to cooperate with and understand others when you hold a belief of your inherent superiority. One pertinent example is the Horn of Africa.

Home to nearly 200 million people, the Horn of Africa is a significant landmass with huge historical and geopolitical importance. As well, the adjoining Red Sea remains a vital economic artery and plays a crucial role in the global maritime trade by connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Indian Ocean. (It is estimated that more than 10 percent of all seaborne cargo passes through its waters annually.)

Unfortunately, over many decades this significant region has been marked by recurrent crises, numerous conflicts, and near constant turmoil. The opportunities squandered have been enormous and the vast potential of the region has remained largely unfulfilled. The reasons are numerous and complex. Certainly, many of them are local. But it is inarguable that the EU and broader West's approach has also played a harmful role.

In particular, for decades, they have pursued an array of flawed policies in the Horn of Africa, including, but not limited to: interfering in the internal affairs of countries; establishing and supporting proxy groups; resorting to basic coercion, threats, and the brute logic of force; inducing paralysis of regional and international forums to render them susceptible to domination; and demonizing, isolating, and

sanctioning countries that it presumes to have "stepped out of order". Furthermore, external models and frameworks have been imposed, with little regard for local culture and context, unique circumstances, or deep-rooted historical dynamics.

It is far from a stretch to state that the EU and West's policies in the region have had a deleterious impact on the region and wrought immense damage. Again, while several factors driving these policies can be pinpointed, one strong element has been the same as that which underlies Borrell's spate of recent comments.

The EU and West have continued to demonstrate deeply entrenched feelings of inherent superiority and arrogant paternalism. In the Horn, for instance, the region's problems have been viewed through an interventionist prism – a modern day "civilizing mission" – and it often seems that the EU and West lack any interest in genuine dialogue on the basis of equality, instead preferring hierarchical directives and confrontations.

Genuine cooperation is not possible when one party fails to extend the other basic respect or recognize its equivalence. Certain of its own righteousness and nobility of intentions, the West has repeatedly failed to learn or adapt from past mistakes and has been completely unable to fathom that the countries in the region could possibly have valid alternative views or interests that diverge from its own. For Borrell and others, it is much easier to suggest that Africans lack intelligence or are easy to manipulate with disinformation, rather than reflect on the West's own failures or acknowledge that African states have the legitimate right to establish partnerships and cooperate with any state of their choosing.

Ultimately, with a patronizing mentality rooted in Western-centrism and colonial attitudes of racism, superiority, and paternalism, the EU and West have failed in their policies and approach to the Horn of Africa, while contributing to crises in the region. A shift in attitude could go a long way.



# Segen Art Gallery: A School of Empowerment

**Simon Weldemichael**

I was invited by a friend who is an admirer of art, and is also very much interested in the development of art education, to visit Segen Art Gallery. The art gallery is located right about the curve that connects Fiat Tagliero Building with the Semaat Avenue. I was thrilled to see that it wasn't just an art gallery, but also a school that gives priority to young women with hearing

perseverance among others.

Many believe that art education harnesses creativity, patience, and other vital skills from the students. In a technology and knowledge driven modern society, innovation is a key engine for progress. Art education plays a significant role in fostering the skills and attitudes that are highly required for innovation beyond artistic skills. Art education is often said to

our sisters and daughters to join to the world of work and make money for their living. We teach them free of charge. We teach them to be creative, innovative and productive citizens." His confidence seems well-founded. Currently, thirty five women with hearing problems are already taking the first year of training. Throughout the two-year program, these women receive all classes free-of-charge, and the institute is working to provide



disabilities and financial problems. The institute used art education as a vehicle for motivation, innovation, empowerment, engagement and then integration.

Segen Art Gallery offers students, mainly the females with hearing disability and socio-economic problems, a solid foundation in drawing, painting, ceramics, design, weaving and other works of art. As an art school, it provides a two-year training through intensive study of technique, theory, concept, and hands on approaches in studio work. The school provides both certificate and diploma programs.

The training center was founded by artists, mostly veteran freedom fighters, with the intention of helping the disadvantaged sections of the society. Artist Demoz Russom, a painter, stage designer, makeup artist and a teacher, is among the founders of Segen Art Gallery. He recalled when a group of artists came together to establish a school and remembered that "we first decide to train young students who contracted HIV from their parents with the objective of giving them hope and help them discover the meaning of life and aesthetics."

The school helped the students to pick up important life skills from such as creativity, confidence, innovation, collaboration, and

be a means of developing critical and creative thinking. Segen Art Gallery is making a concrete and tremendous contribution to the young women living with financial problems and disability by creating a positive impact through technical skills, skills in thinking and creativity, and behavioural and social skills.

Achieving success in art may be attributed to talent, determination, and patience. For low income and women with disability, the financial obstacles often prove to be insurmountable. Segen Art Gallery answers this serious problem by mobilizing resources from various sources to equip the disadvantaged women with the necessary skills so that they can participate, work and integrate in the society. Artist Demoz Russom explained that the mission of the institution is "to produce young artists and help the poor and women with disability to lead their lives through art." The humanity aspect of this mission is supportive to build a community of creative citizens who are groomed for success in life.

The commitment of Segen Art Gallery to help young women to overcome poverty and disability deserves appreciation and special attention. Artist Demoz Russom added that "Our objective is for

them sewing machines during graduation.

Segen Art Gallery is committed to making sure that the students understand that the discipline and focus that they are going to learn is not just to design, paint or draw. The institute invites business and market experts to teach them how to commercialize their products.

Many of the women students that are learning at Segen Art Galley have not had the opportunity to explore beyond their neighborhoods. Because of their hearing difficulty they do not attend the formal education with their peers. Their level of education does not exceed junior school. To bring them into a community of learners and skilled artists who are passionate and have respect and a sense of dignity is an eye opening experience. Segen Art Gallery is a good example in that there are more possibilities than we thought would be imaginable, and that education and training are the best instruments of empowerment and achievement in life.

I was fascinated by the quality and range of drawing made by the women. The sensitivity, richness of perception, and ways of incorporating colour into artistic work is fantastic. The



skills acquired hitherto will have a positive effect on their work as future designers, drawers, and creative artisans. Segen Art Gallery provides important skills that effectively complement their impaired hearing. The young women with hearing problems have acquired skills to interpret what they observe, communicate what they think and make what they imagine through art. The quality of art, craft and design education of Segen Art Gallery can be seen in the performance of its students. Demoz Russom, opined that "It's an incredible feeling to know that you helped someone be

positive habits and spend more time in schooling. Therefore, art education is helpful in producing engaged and empowered youth.

Besides that, in collaboration with the association of Eritrean designers, Segen Art Gallery is offering design training to selected women that have financial problems to update their skills. Here, the objective is to introduce the young women with the nine ethnic groups of Eritrea's traditional attire so that they can incorporate into modern design. The Eritrean society have long history of incorporating aesthetic



the best that they could be."

choices into their everyday lives.

Segen Art Gallery is also offering art education to high school students with nominal fees. The institute encourages the young boys and girls to demonstrate positive behaviors, including improved academic performance and participating in extracurricular activities. Young students can do much better if they receive the art education. Receiving additional education encourages them to increase participation in extracurricular activities, develop



# Development

## Ministry Conducts Annual Assessment Meeting

The Ministry of Agriculture conducted its annual assessment meeting, on the 26th and 27th of January 2023 in Asmara, evaluating its overall accomplishments and challenges through the year 2022. During the meeting, its departments, divisions and branch offices from all administrative regions presented their respective reports and held extensive discussion on several issues.

According to the Agricultural Extension Department (AED)'s report, various on-farm and off-farm soil and water conservation activities were carried out on more than 50,000 hectares of land in total. This accomplishment was addressed as considerably very low vis-à-vis the plan. The need to put up increased efforts in this regard was also ultimately emphasized through conclusive views of the meeting's

instance of shortages of few vegetable commodities due to scanty rainfall during the harvest season.

Strengthening the artificial insemination technique was among the areas where the ministry invested heavily during last year. AED's report quantitatively reveals that more than 1,500 dairy cattle were artificially inseminated in the course of this period, and that a better result has already started to be registered. Thus, the number of dairy cattle has grown by 11%. On the other hand, an instance of decline in the scope of fodder cultivation last year was noted and the participants called for an immediate intervention in this regard.

Participants of the assessment meeting further held extensive discussion on the prevailing



on livestock health. It was made clear that, except for fewer instances of camel deaths in a certain part of the country, no significant problem was faced. Consequently, a total of 1.1 million livestock and poultry were vaccinated last year, while more than 383,000 animals were treated for different ailments. The participants also noted temporary shortage of vaccines in certain areas of the country.

Regarding the annual report of the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI), its Genetic Resources Research Division managed to characterize 69 accessions of Taff (Eragrostis tef) agro-morphologically; and evaluated 19 bread wheat entries (18 developed genotypes (Manna x Kafza) & 1 improved variety) using 8 traits. The Division also conducted accessions regeneration & multiplication of seven crops.

In the Livestock Improvement Research, 11 sweet potato lines were evaluated for forage yield and nutritive quality. Subsequently, three lines were selected for their high biomass with six cuttings per year. Establishment of Barka Breeding Nucleus at Golij was also marked as a promising step towards identification and improvement of local breeds.

NARI's report indicated that several solid and liquid organic fertilizer trials were applied on wheat, potato and other vegetables. According to the report, even though the trials will further continue, the results, so far registered, are promising.

Seed improvement programs were some of NARI's notable achievements. During the year 2022, a number of seed improvement programs were

carried out on wheat, sorghum, pearl millet, barley, maize, rape seed and some legumes. In addition, maintenance of different crop varieties was conducted. Similarly, the report indicated that potato improvement program, sweet potato seed multiplication as well as cassava observation trials were among the main achievements of NARI.

NARI has also been engaged in releasing virus-free seeds through tissue culture. During the reporting period, promising tissue culture activities were done on potato, banana, date-palm as well as aloe-vera. The routine production and distribution of foundation seeds, vines, suckers and seedling were also incorporated in the NARI's 2022- report.

A report by the Regulatory Services Department (RSD)

food, including yogurt, which used to be imported from Yemen in the past.

The report further indicates that plant and animal quarantine activities at entry points (Tesseney, Massawa Seaport, Asseb Seaport and Asmara international Airport) were implemented with significant success in 2022 as these quarantine stations were equipped with the necessary facilities and quarantine inspectors were trained to render effective inspection services by upgrading their pest/ disease diagnostic and identification capacities.

According to the report, a number of awareness-raising meetings, which were conducted at regional and headquarter level, were organized for stakeholders and farmers on relevant topics like the importance of



participants.

The report further highlighted that a total of 493,000 hectares of land (96% of the planned) were cultivated with cereals, legumes and oil crops in the course of the year, giving rise to 84%, 7% & 9% respectively. Accordingly, it was indicated that crop production increased by around 9%. However, the participants stressed that added efforts must be made to attain higher level of yield per hectare.

With regards to horticultural production, the report disclosed that the year 2022 witnessed the cultivation of fruits and vegetables in a total area of more than 4,600 and 22,000 hectares respectively, and the demand thereof could be met throughout the year, except for a short-lived

shortage of poultry and chick supply and laid emphasis on the importance of adhering to backyard poultry breeding focusing on traditional manner of incubation on the part of farmers to sustain the sub-sector. On the other hand, it was stated that distribution of chicks will start shortly, and that prices are due to drop to their normal levels.

Indicating that relatively higher level of beekeeping activities were recorded last year, the ministry noted the efforts made to realize the set goal, especially in terms of introducing top-bar hives extensively. The report shows that number of beehives grew from 34,000 to 39,000 last year.

Another point of discussion in the assessment meeting focused



underscores the efforts made to meet its main objectives which is ensuring safety and quality of agricultural products. To this end, vegetable products, particularly tomatoes farms, were intensively inspected for safety, besides conducting intensive awareness-raising activities on farmers with regard to proper application of pesticides.

The positive development is that tomato contamination by pesticides has now drastically declined.

In the past, pesticides were heavily applied on tomato plants pest attacks, especially leaf miner. Moreover, all agricultural food processing plants, the majority of which are to milk and milk products processing businesses, were closely inspected in connection with safety standards. As a result, consumers are enjoying safer

food safety, proper use and management of agrochemicals (both pesticides and veterinary drugs), agricultural quarantine, as well as seed quality and natural resources management. While around 2000 stakeholders and farmers took part in such meetings, it was reported that more than 90 RSD's inspectors attended training courses in the country and abroad to enhance their inspection capacity in quarantine, seed quality and meat inspection.

The report also highlights that the RSD, representing the Ministry of Agriculture and in collaboration with stakeholders (The Ministry of Land, Water and Environment; Ministry of

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ERITREA-SICHUAN MINERAL CONSTRUCTION CORP. LTD.

# Vacancy Announcement

Eritrea Sichuan Mineral Construction CORP. LTD. (ESMC) is inviting applicants for the following position for Asmara project sites.

**Position:** IT Administrator

**Department:** Administration

**Number Required:** 01

**Contract Type:** Indefinite

## **Major Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Good knowledge of IT operating systems, especially Windows, Exchange and Citrix
- ❖ Hands on experience of installing IT hardware and software
- ❖ Good organizational skills and Good time management
- ❖ Monitoring and maintaining networks and servers.
- ❖ Upgrading, installing and configuring new hardware and software to meet company objectives.
- ❖ Implementing security protocols and procedures to prevent potential threats.
- ❖ Creating user accounts and performing access control.
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- ❖ Developing data retrieval and recovery procedures.
- ❖ Designing and implementing efficient end-user feedback and error reporting systems.
- ❖ Supervising and mentoring IT department employees, as well as providing IT support.
- ❖ Keeping up to date with advancements and best practices in IT administration.

## **Qualification and Other Skills**

❖ Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	❖ Diploma in ICT (Information & Communication Technology)
❖ Working Experience – Nature & Length	❖ At least five years' experience IT or in a similar role.

❖ Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	❖ Applicable professional qualification, such as Microsoft, Oracle, or Cisco certification. ❖ Exceptional leadership, organizational, and time management skills ❖ Good at English communication skills. ❖ Good interpersonal relationship & Team player
❖ Other skills and abilities	❖ Extensive experience with IT systems, networks, and related technologies. ❖ Solid knowledge of best practices in IT administration and system security. ❖ Strong analytical and problem-solving skills. ❖ Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. ❖ Must have 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Eritrea driving license ❖ Able to work under pressure and extended hours

## **General Information and Other Requirement**

- ❖ Place of Work: Asmara Project Sites
- ❖ Salary: As per Company salary scale
- ❖ Type of Contract: Indefinite
- ❖

## **Additional Requirement for Nationals:**

- ❖ Having fulfilled his/ her National Service Obligation and Provide evidence of Release Paper from Ministry of Defense.
- ❖ Present Clearance from current/ last employer or Unemployment card from Labor office.
- ❖ Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credential, a copy of your National Identity card etc.)
- ❖ Only shortlisted applicants will be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- ❖ Application documents will not be returned to sender.
- ❖ All application should be sent through the post office.
- ❖ Deadline for application; 07 days from the date of publication on the newspapers

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# United Nations Development Programme

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT VA/01/2023

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Asmara invites qualified applicants (Eritrean) for the following vacant post:

<b>Job Code Title:</b>	<b>Procurement Analyst</b>
<b>Classified Grade:</b>	<b>NOA</b>
<b>Contract Modality</b>	<b>Temporary Appointment (TA) for Six months</b>
<b>Duty Station:</b>	<b>Asmara</b>

### Organizational Context

Under the overall guidance of DRR and direct supervisor, the Procurement Analyst ensures the effective delivery of procurement services. He/she analyzes and interprets the financial rules and regulations and provides solutions to complex issues related to procurement. The Procurement Analyst promotes a collaborative, client-focused, quality, and results-oriented approach in the Unit.

The Procurement Analyst works in close collaboration with the Management Support, Operations, Programme, and project teams in the CO, and UNDP HQs staff to successfully deliver procurement services.

### Position purpose

The key purpose of the position is to provide the CO efficient procurement management and success in the introduction and implementation of operational strategies. Accurate, thoroughly researched information, timely and appropriate delivery of services ensure client satisfaction and overall timely delivery of UNDP programmes and projects.

### Key Duties and Accountabilities

- 1.) Provides analytical inputs to elaboration and implementation of operational strategies
- 2.) Supports management of procurement processes for CO, NEX/DEX projects, UN House, and at the request of other Agencies.
- 3.) Ensures implementation of sourcing strategy and e-procurement tools.
- 4.) Ensures facilitation of knowledge-building and knowledge-sharing.

### Required Skills and Experience

#### Education:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics or a related field.
- In lieu of an Advanced degree, a Bachelor university degree with additional 2 years of experience

#### Experience:

- Up to 2 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in procurement management.
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc) and advanced knowledge of web-based management systems
- CIPS Level-II certification is desired
- Language requirements English is Required, and other UN Languages are Desired

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## LOCAL NEWS

### EFFORT TO DEVELOP IRRIGATION FARMING

Eng. Abraham Daniel, head of Agricultural Infrastructure in the Central Region, said the strong effort is being exerted to develop irrigation farming through ensuring water supply.

Eng. Abraham went on to say that in the Central Region there are 133 new and old dams and micro-dams and 91 water diversion schemes contributing in the irrigation farming development beyond supply of potable water to the public and that irrigation farming in the region has reached from 232 hectares of land in 1992 to 2 thousand hectares on 2022.

According to Eng. Abraham in the villages of Guritat, Adi-Gebru, Tselot and Adi-Qeshi there are four micro-dams with capacity of holding from 20 thousand to 70 thousand cubic meters of water that have been built in 2019 and 2020 and are contributing in the irrigation farming development in the areas.

Moreover, Eng. Abraham said that the dam in Gala-Nefhi sub-zone with the capacity of holding 75 thousand meter cube of water has collected enough water to enable farmers carry out irrigation farming and 80% of the construction of new dam in the sub-zone has been finalized.

Eng. Abraham further noted that the dams and micro-dams as well as the water diversion schemes in the region are significantly contributing in the development of vegetables and fruits farming and in stabilizing the local markets.

#### TOUR TO ADULIS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

Ambassador Zemedé Tekle, Commissioner of Culture and Sports, has conducted tour on 10 February to the Adulis Archeological Site.

Ambassador Zemedé said that the archeological excavation process beyond its historical importance has significant contribution in the capacity development of the Eritrean youth and commended excavation activity so far registered as well as on the new archeological findings.

During his visit, Ambassador Tekle was provided briefings by archeologists working at the site.

The 'Adulis Archeological excavation project' started in 2011 in cooperation with Eritrean and Italian archeological experts.

### MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui, Governor of Gash Barka Region, held meeting with public representatives and sub-zonal administrators of the sub-zones of Akordet, Mogolo, Gige, Mensura and Sel'a as well as members of the Eritrean Defense Forces in the areas focusing on the objective situation in the homeland and implementation of the charted out development programs.

At the meeting, Ambassador Aki Hirui said that as a result of encouraging participation of the public and members of the defense forces a number of development programs have been successfully implemented and called for more participation for better outcome.

Ambassador Ali Hirui also called on sub-zonal administrators and Army Commanders to play leading role in the effort being exerted to enable the public become beneficiaries of social services as well as in the awareness development of the society in general and that of the youth in particular.

The participants on their part conducted extensive discussion on the topics raised at the meeting.