

PRESIDENT ISAIAS AFWERKI ENGAGES IN DIPLOMATIC TALKS DURING SAUDI VISIT AND MET WITH SAUDI CROWN PRINCE



President Isaias Afwerki met and held talks at Al Yamamah Palace in Riyadh with Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13 November.

The two sides discussed on enhancement of bilateral relations of cooperation in various fields, especially in the sectors of investment, trade and Saudi regional role of complementarity.

Earlier, on the sidelines of the Saudi Arabia-Africa summit,

President Isaias Afwerki engaged in talks with various leaders representing countries and governments from different regions. These meetings included President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of Somalia, President Salva Kiir Mayardt of South Sudan, Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Gen. Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, President Evariste Ndayishimiya of Burundi, President Brice Clotaire Oligui of Gabon, Prime Minister Ali Mahamane Lamine Zeine of Niger,

and Eng. Abdulrahman Alfadley, Saudi Minister of Environment.

During his discussion with President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President Isaias expressed Eritrea's willingness to collaborate closely and consult with Egypt on regional security matters and other relevant topics. President Isaias also called for a unified effort among Egypt and neighboring nations to find a long-term solution to the Sudanese conflict, urging them to avoid initiatives that could exacerbate the

situation.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, in response, affirmed his country's commitment to enhancing bilateral relations with Eritrea and bolstering comprehensive ties.

Both leaders agreed to continue ongoing discussions and follow-ups to incorporate opinions and thoughts on regional issues, particularly those related to Sudan, Somalia, and the Red Sea regions.

In his meeting with President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President Isaias Afwerki discussed ways to strengthen relations between Somalia and Eritrea, grounded in historical ties that could benefit both nations. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud also expressed appreciation for Eritrea's contribution to the reconstruction of Somali sovereign institutions, with a focus on the national army. Additionally, the two leaders coordinated efforts on regional stability and the Red Sea.

During talks with President Salva Kiir, President Isaias discussed the strengthening of bilateral ties and global development, with a specific emphasis on finding a lasting

Diop, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Mali, and Dr. Ousmane Bougouma, Speaker of the Transitional Assembly of Burkina Faso.

In his meeting with Eng. Abdulrahman Alfadley, Saudi Minister of Environment, President Isaias discussed a strategic roadmap for Saudi-Eritrea cooperation in agriculture, fisheries, and animal husbandry.

Furthermore, President Isaias met with President Evariste Ndayishimiya to discuss enhancing bilateral relations between Eritrea and Burundi.

Accompanying President Isaias were Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hagos Gebrehiwet, head of Economic Affairs of the PFDJ, Mr. Nesredin Mohammed-Saleh, Minister of Industry, Ambassador Isa Mohammed Isa, and Ms. Weini Gerezgihier, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in Saudi Arabia.

As part of his visit, President Isaias and his delegation also



solution to the Sudanese conflict.

In discussions with Gen. Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, President Isaias explored ideas for ending the conflict in Sudan, considering its detrimental impact on Sudan and neighboring countries.

President Isaias held similar discussions with President Brice Oligui and Prime Minister Ali Zeine, focusing on strengthening bilateral ties and addressing the situation in West Africa.

Additionally, President Isaias met with Ambassador Abdoulaye

had the opportunity to explore the historical city of Diriyah in the Riyadh Province of Saudi Arabia on November 12th. They received a briefing on the city's historical significance, its role in the establishment of modern-day Saudi Arabia, and its rich heritage.

Diriyah, from 1744 to 1824, served as the center of administrative institutions and remains a significant historical and symbolic landmark in the development and unity of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. President Isaias commended the efforts and objectives aimed at preserving this historical city during his visit.

OROTTA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCE GRADUATES 252 STUDENTS

Orotta College of Medicine and Health Science, graduated 252 students including 130 females in degree and diploma programs

in various fields of study on 11 November.

The graduates include 14 in

Medicine, 11 in Pharmacy, 8 in Anesthesia, 7 in Midwifery, 7 in Adult Health, 6 in Emergency and Critical Care, 4 in Ophthalmology, and 1 in Clinical Laboratory Science in degree program and 131 in Comprehensive Nursing, 18 in Pharmacy, 13 in Radiology, 12 in Environmental Health, 11 in Medical Laboratory Technology, and 8 in Ophthalmology in diploma program.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony in which Ministers and senior Government and PFDJ officials and Dr. Haile Mihtsun, Executive Director of Higher Education Institutions and Research, took part, Ms. Amina

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Development

Prospects of Chinese Agricultural Technical Assistance in Eritrea

Agriculture is one of the sectors where Sino-Eritrean cooperation is witnessing appreciable momentum. The account of technical agricultural support by the People's Republic of China (PRC) to Eritrea extends back to the year 2009. Ever since then, the Government of the PRC successively dispatched a total of 16 agricultural experts in five batches to this end; i.e. in August 2009, March 2012, September 2018, October 2019 and February 2022. Likewise, in January 2022, a Chinese firm, Sichuan Road and Bridge Group (SRBG), commenced a collateral initiative of sharing Chinese agricultural production technologies with Eritrea

Horticulture Development Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), is also the Coordinator of the two ongoing Chinese projects: The Third China-Eritrea Agricultural Technical Assistance Project (TCEATAP) and the SRBG Agricultural Demonstration Programme (SRBGADP). According to him, the common objective of both projects is exchange of agricultural production technologies with Eritrea, namely at the levels of introduction, production and value-addition of a number of agricultural crops. The projects also involve new agricultural machineries, inputs, and fruit seedlings, in addition to hybrid

condition," he added.

Records of the TCEATAP reveal that one open-pollinated Maweiba rapeseed variety was imported from China and applied in demonstration trial along with Thamarin, a local variety from the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI). The harvest phase of this project component is pending. Equally noteworthy is the fact that two broad bean varieties from China have also been planted for demonstration in contrast with a local counterpart variety (local) at the Merhano and Mendefera sites. Farmer's Day was organized on the 29th of September 2023 in Mendefera for the purpose of carrying out field demonstration on broad bean and local flax. The event entailed participation of 20 farmers, 7 experts, as well as officials from the Administration of the Southern Region; and its result was commendable. The Chinese legume varieties have shown merits on harvest rate, although more trials need to be conducted in different locations.

With regards to the SRBGADP, Mr. Ermias stated that the main areas of focus constitute introduction of horticultural crops –fruits, vegetables, oil crops, and legumes; besides organizing training on horticultural fields. Furthermore, he specified that more than 38 new varieties of apple, oil crops and vegetables have been introduced for demonstration trial through the programme.

Mr. Liu Yunmin, Senior Agronomist Researcher and Legume Expert, is the Team Leader of the Chinese experts under the TCEATAP. He has actively been participating in broad bean demonstration at the sites of Adi-Keih, Merhano, Mendefera and HalHale (NARI), besides in continuous training of farmers. Concerning his expectations from the project, he said, "We hope that agricultural activities of the project, including technical demonstration, experience-sharing, crop seeds improvement and provision of necessary materials, will have impact in promoting agricultural technology and production in Eritrea, and thereby promote the yield of the crops we are working on jointly."

Among the Chinese experts representing the TCEATAP, Mr. Wang Li is Fruit Expert who has been fully occupied in apple tree management at the demonstration

sites in Marhano and Adi-keih. He is responsible for cultivation of 210 Chinese apple trees that represent Qinyang and Yuhuaaofo varieties, in addition to 100 local apple trees of Anna and Dorsett Goldden. Mr. Wang gladly indicates that the apple trees are growing well under continued and careful management, and that some have already started to bear fruit. As an expert who has been actively involved in promoting water-saving irrigation technology of mulch-covered tree trays, he suggested that the technology is adopted in the plantations of fruit trees in areas with insufficient local water resources and low rainfall rate.

Mr. Zhou Cheng, Senior Agronomist and Oil Crop Expert, is another member of the TCEATAP's crew who has been working on different sites with a specific focus on the rapeseed and flax demonstrational plantations. He takes proper field management measures such as application of fertilizer, weeding, thinning, transplanting, insect control etc. Thus far, the Chinese rapeseed variety is in flowering stage, while the local rapeseed variety has reached harvesting stage.

Based on Mr. Zan Wenming and Mr. Feng Jun, agriculture experts representing SRBGADP, the apple aspect of the engagement comprises planting and top-grafting demonstrations. Nine big apple trees were top-grafted successfully in Merhano site last year that Johnson and Reddew, the two Chinese apple varieties, were introduced through this means in the site. The survival rate of grafting was good, with six of the nine trees starting fruiting this year. More than 5 kgs of apple could be harvested from the 6 trees so far. Fruit quality as compared to the local varieties has merits in terms of single fruit weight and sweetness. The observations to date imply that the two Chinese apple varieties can be cultivated in Eritrea.

The two experts mentioned that more than 30 vegetable varieties



such as cucumber, kidney bean, lettuce, radish, celery, pea, cabbage and broccoli were also planted in Merhano site in total area of 0.25 Ha, and that they have been harvesting on monthly basis around two tons of vegetables, which they have been sharing with local workers.

"While rapeseed and legume demonstration under SRBGADP is moving forward well, an intensive training on apple cultivation technology was organized for selected Eritrean technicians from all administrative regions of Eritrea. The program also hosted three field show activities on rapeseed and legumes. More than 120 local agriculture technicians and farmers took part on these activities," Mr. Zan and Mr. Feng said.

Speaking on both Chinese technical assistance initiatives, Mr. Ermias Asmelash pointed out that 180 concerned people in total (164 farmers and 16 experts) have been trained theoretically and practically on apple, legumes and oil crops consistent with the TCEATAP, and that 100 farmers as well as 20 experts obtained training on different apple, vegetables, legume and oil crop varieties through the SRBGADP. And he remarked conclusively as follows: "Projects of this type serve as good platforms for transferring the Chinese agricultural production technologies, and the issue of ensuring sustainability following their phase-out should be addressed in advance for better results."

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based on sponsored demonstration projects.

Mr. Ermias Asmelash, a Horticulturalist and Head of the

and open-pollinated seed varieties of vegetables, oil crops, legumes etc.

The project sites of the TCEATAP, which is due to wind up in February 2024, are in Merhano, Mendefera and Adi-Keih, while that of SRBGADP are located in Merhano and Mendefera. Mr. Ermias said that trial of soybean in the highlands, i.e. in Merhano Site, didn't have good results last year. And he went on disclosing: "This year, however, we tried four varieties of soybean in the midland of Mendefera and the results are excellent. As a result, we have a plan to distribute the seeds of the varieties in areas where the climatic setting is warm."

Mr Ermias explained that, in line with the TCEATAP, more than 200 seedlings of two Chinese apple varieties, are being monitored and supervised almost on daily basis in Merhano and Adi-Keih sites, and thus so far performing very well. And "They have been treating them with black plastic film as mulching, and proper management activities such as pruning and other cultural practices. Moreover, there are local Anna and Golden Dorset pollinizer varieties planted for comparison purpose. These too are in good



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Striving to Combat Blindness and Visual Impairment

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Since independence, Eritrea has been confronted by a number of health and development-related challenges. Through a tremendous amount of hard work, great resilience, and substantial investment the country has been able to register significant progress in several areas. Worth noting, too, is how these achievements have come against the backdrop of its relatively modest resources, externally imposed conflicts and an extended military occupation, a spate of illegal, unjust sanctions and associated coercive measures, and a highly challenging regional socio-political and environmental context. One of the clearest and strongest testaments of Eritrea's developments improvement and progress is the fact that it was one of the few countries that entered the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals period having achieved most of the Millennium Development Goals targets on health.

Over the years, an area of special focus and attention for the country has been visual impairment and eye health problems. One specific challenge is cataract, a medical condition where the eye's natural lens which lies behind the iris and the pupil is clouded. Globally, it is one of the leading causes of vision impairment and blindness, with tens of millions of people afflicted with the condition.

Another eye health challenge of note has been trachoma. One of the world's oldest diseases and the leading infectious cause of blindness worldwide, trachoma is a devastating eye disease caused by infection with the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis*. It is spread through contact with infective eye or nose discharges, either directly from person to person (such as through personal contact via hands, clothes, towels, bedding, etc.) or mediated by flies that have been in contact with discharge from the eyes or nose of an infected person. With repeated episodes of infection over many years, the eyelashes may be drawn in so that they rub on the surface of the eye, with pain and discomfort and permanent damage to the cornea. Trachoma is common among preschool-aged children, who harbor the principal reservoir of infection. As well, women are blinded nearly four times as often as men due to their close contact

with infected children.

According to data from the World Health Organization, trachoma is a public health problem in over 40 countries and it is responsible for the blindness or visual impairment of several million people. Based on estimates for 2020, across the world about 137 million people live in trachoma endemic areas and are at risk of trachoma blindness, with Africa being the most affected continent.

Highlighting Eritrea

In Eritrea, cataract is the cause of an estimated 55 percent of blindness, making it the leading cause of visual impairment nationwide, while trachoma poses a risk in some parts of the country. Importantly, a number of measures and interventions have been undertaken in order to address these issues and ultimately improve people's lives.

With regard to cataract, screening programs in health facilities throughout the country have been expanded in order to better determine if people require surgeries. Also, training and skills development programs have been provided to local eye health workers to improve their skills and provide information on the treatment and prevention of common causes of avoidable blindness. Close cooperation with international partners, who conduct mass operations campaigns and train locals, has also been vital. The outcome has been that more people suffering from cataract in the country have been able to receive necessary surgical procedures and experience the restoration of vision.

Importantly, the barriers that often serve to stop people from accessing eye health services have also been targeted. There have been numerous public education and community campaigns to raise awareness of the symptoms, risks, and availability of help for cataract, while expansions in road infrastructure and transportation services have led to greater access, particularly for the socioeconomically disadvantaged and rural populations. As well, many facilities have provided vision rehabilitation, including assistive products such as glasses or white canes, to patients.

In a similar vein, there have been multifaceted efforts to address the scourge of trachoma. According to reports from regional and national health authorities, the prevalence of trachoma within some parts of the country has either been significantly reduced or almost eliminated in recent years.

Since risk factors influencing the transmission of the disease include inadequate hygiene, access to water, and access to and use of sanitation, improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene have been at the root of Eritrea's national response. For instance, the country has made great investments in improving access to water and sanitation, both in households and communities, while the topics of sanitation, hygiene, and facial cleanliness have been featured and promoted within community events, schools, and health education programs disseminated by mass media in all national languages. Notably, the number of people living in areas that warrant treatment with antibiotics, facial cleanliness, and environmental improvement for elimination of trachoma as a public health problem has been reduced significantly – about 70% – in less than a decade.

Furthermore, during the past few years, thousands of patients have undergone operations to treat trachomatous trichiasis (which is the late, blinding stage of trachoma), while Eritrea has also mass distributed antibiotics (such as azithromycin) to prevent and treat trachoma. (At risk individuals in trachoma-endemic communities older than six months are offered an annual single oral dose. In the last decade, Eritrea has acquired about three million packages of antibiotics.)

It is well worth noting that treatment, services, and medications are provided free of cost in Eritrea. This demonstrates the nation's deep commitment to social justice, the right to health, and ensuring that all are able to receive quality care, regardless of socioeconomic status or other distinction. What is more, since trachoma reduces economic productivity and increases social exclusion, Eritrea's efforts to address the infectious disease have positive and profound implications for individual rights



and development, as well as the country's progress on the SDGs.

Another important feature of Eritrea's comprehensive response has been its partnership and close cooperation with international

effective intraocular lenses for cataract surgeries. Moreover, local ministries and educational institutions have collaborated with international partners to improve the capacity of local eye health systems so that they can deliver



partners and organizations. For instance, through a longstanding partnership with the Fred Hollows Foundation, Eritrea has been able to produce cost-

high quality services, while the partnership with the International Trachoma Initiative has been important in the distribution of antibiotics.



REPORTAGE

Second Commencement of Orotta College of Medicine and Health Sciences

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Orotta College of Medicine and Health Sciences (OCMHS) held its annual commencement Saturday, 11th November, at the quadrangle in its premises. The ceremony was attended by Ms. Amina Nurhussien, Minister of Health, Dr. Haile Mehtsun, Executive Director of the National Higher Education and Research Institute, senior government officials, religious leaders and families of the graduates.



Minister Amina Nurhussien

In her graduation address, Minister Amina Nurhussien indicated that the Government is making a

one's abilities."

Kibrom Fesseha -- who studied Pharmacy, graduated with great distinction, and was given an award for the most outstanding graduate of the class of 2022/23 -- said that regardless of the magnitude of the obstacles any person faces, it is better to focus on how to overcome them. He added that today's success is the outcome of the combined efforts of his parents and family members who have been there for him since day one.

Segen Tesfayesus, who studied



Professor Yemane Seyoum

Staffing the health care system with adequate numbers of competent, responsible and knowledgeable medical professionals has been a priority in the strategy that has been in implementation over the past two decades under the direction of the medical schools, Asmara College of Health Sciences (ACHS) and Orotta School of Medicine and Dentistry (OSMD) in particular.

Since the establishment of the medical schools, a total of 5680

high and mid-level medical professionals have graduated, with 50.5% earning degrees and 49.5% earning diplomas. And since the inception of OSMD, a total of 584 doctors -- 83 doctors of Dentistry, 473 doctors of general Medicine and 28 specialist doctors in the fields of General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics and Child Health have graduated.

As part of the college's plan to develop its human resources, a total of 16 faculty members of are pursuing their post graduate studies here, at home, and abroad. The college runs a post graduate specialty training program to alleviate the shortage of medical specialists in the country.

OCMHS was following the merger of ACHS and OSMD, and the graduation ceremony held on Saturday marked OCMHS' 2nd and OSMD's 13th commencements.



In his opening address, Professor Yemane Seyoum, Dean of OCMHS, said, "Globally, medical education is considered a vital field of study and it is one of the most significant investments that any nation can undertake in terms of its development. With good medical education, the health and livelihood of societies improve substantially. Quality medical education contributes to a country's social stability and its long term economic growth." He added that education in medicine and health sciences is an excellent career choice and that there is always enormous need for well-trained and qualified medical professionals. The recent global pandemic has proved just how demanding the medical profession is during times of unprecedented challenges to health care.

Prof. Yemane ended his speech by congratulating the graduates for their momentous milestone and reminding them about their responsibilities.

substantial investments in the human resources development with a view to ensure the multi-faceted nation building process and social justice and that encouraging progress is being registered in the health sector. She further called on the graduates to serve the society with dedication.

Representative of the graduating class of 2022-23 congratulated his fellow graduates for a job well done and said, "Let us carry with us the vibrant spirit of possibility, the unvarying belief in our potential and the determination to create novel opportunities." He concluded his speech by thanking all those who contributed to the success of the graduates.

Dr. Nerjis Jabir, who studied Medicine and graduated with distinction, said, "Educating females means having an educated society. So, every person should focus on being successful by working hard and being patient and confident in

Nursing, emphasized that females of her generation should understand that they are productive and should stand for themselves and pursue their dreams. She thanked her parents and her husband for their inputs in her journey.

A total of 252, 51.6% of whom are females, graduated at the commencement held on Saturday: 14 with degree of Doctor of Medicine, 43 with bachelor's degree and 195 with diploma. The degree programs attended include Pharmacy, Clinical Laboratory Science, Dental Therapy, Medical Laboratory Technician, Radiology Technician and Specialized Nursing (Adult Health Nursing, Ophthalmic Nursing, Anesthesia, Nursing Midwifery, and Emergency and Critical Care). And those who earned diploma attended programs in Pharmacy Technician, Comprehensive Nursing, Dental Therapy, Medical Laboratory Technician, Radiology Technician, and Environmental Health Technician.



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Nurhusein, Minister of health, indicating that the Government is making substantial investment in the human resources development with a view to ensure the multi-faceted nation building process and social justice, and that encouraging progress is being registered in the health sector.

Dr. Yemane Seyoum, Dean of the College on his part, said that the college is working to provide basic health education based on the country's and peoples priority and that

transcendent health education has significant contribution in ensuring health and stability of the public and in ensuring economic development.

Dr. Yemane also said that the college has 7 post graduate, 8 degree and 6 diploma programs and 75 Eritrean lecturers and 21 expatriates.

The representative of the graduates commending for the education opportunity they were provided expressed conviction to live up to the expectations of the people and Government that provided them the opportunity.

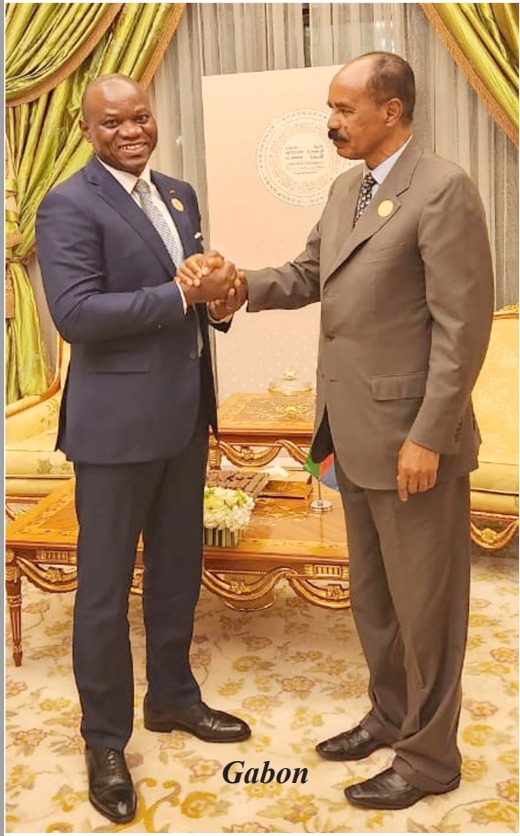
President Isaias Afwerki's
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position;

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Number required – (02)
Type of contract – Indefinite

- Major Duties and responsibilities.
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 - To maintain safety standard operation and guide the drill equipment.
 - To perform any or other duties and functions as assigned by D&B/ Maintenance Superintendent and Sr. D&B/ D&B Supervisor.
 - Directly responsible and accountable for all aspect of drill equipment assistant.

- Safety
- To adhere to standard operation of drill procedures and drill operating manual.
 - Assist to preform proper pre-check on the drill equipment, GET and all operate system before operating.
 - Report all accident, incident, hazard and defect on the drill equipment.

- Reporting
- Report to Drill & Blast Supervisor, Sr. Drill & Blast Supervisor, Drill & Blast Superintendent.
 - Assist Pre- start check report and drill meter report to supervisor.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary schooling intermediate• Already been enlisted in the army.• Valid truck driver license.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mining experience in the sense of Drill & Blast, Load& haul.• 6 months to 1 year drill experience or similar drill.
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to identify and report damage to machine.• Able to read and write.
Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication - Local (English will be an advantage)• Safety leadership by example• Good Interpersonal skills• Commitment to deliver on agreed targets

- General Information and other requirements:
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Blast crew Assistant
Number required – (10)
Type of contract – Indefinite

- Major Duties and responsibilities.
- Work as required to assist blasting activities in
 - MMU operations.
 - Blast hole preparation, loading, priming, unblocking and stemming.
 - Assist the shot fire with pattern tie up.
 - To work with D&B Superintendent and Mining/ D&B Supervisor performing priming, and down the hole charging explosive as direct by D&B Superintendent and Sr. D&B/ D&B Supervisor.
 - To maintain safety standard by using SOP during all operation.
 - Pattern and Magazine cleanliness.
 - QAQC down the hole charging and priming explosive.
 - To perform any or other duties and functions as assigned by D&B Superintendent and Sr. D&B/ D&B Supervisor.

- Safety
- To adhere to all procedures.
 - Do proper pre- check on the blasting area before operating.
 - Report any hazard observed during operation.
 - Loading area clean to prevent environmental contamination.

- Reporting
- Report to Drill & Blast Supervisor and Sr. Drill & Blast Supervisor.
 - Pre- check report and QAQC report to be handed to Drill & Blast Supervisor or Sr. Drill & Blast Supervisor.at end of shift.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary schooling intermediate
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mining experience in the sense of Drill & Blast, Load& haul.• Three to Six months experience is min-ing.
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to identify any hazard that will be a safety risk.• Able to read and write.
Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication - Local (English will be an advantage)• Safety leadership by example• Good Interpersonal skills• Commitment to deliver on agreed targets• Physical condition to climb heights and lift weight.

- General Information and other requirements:
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Crusher Mechanic/Fitter
Number required – (02)
Type of contract – Indefinite
Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Maintain the crushers and conveyors
- Change conveyor rollers
- Do conveyor splicing when required

Safety

- Ensure safety guards are secure and in place on moving machinery
- Ensure that subordinates do not use loose clothing near conveyors or any moving parts of machinery
- Ensure that PPE are used at all times

Reporting

- Report to Maintenance and mining superintendent
- Daily check and repair reports

Develop Standards

- Ensure training complies with local and international standards.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read and write local and English languishes.• Secondary schooling• Certified mechanic / Fitter or at least 5 years’ experience as a crusher mechanic / fitter
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain crusher, Changing Crusher Liners and chute liners,• Replace conveyor skirting’s, Replace Rollers on the conveyors frames, Train conveyors.• Repair water sprays• Remove and replace conveyor drive motors• Remove and replace drive and return pulleys• Able to work on heights• Repair drive pulley scrapers• Do daily reports
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to use lifting gear, chain blocks, slings• Able to use gas cutting and welding• Able to use electrical drills and cutting machines• Knowledge of lockout procedures when working on a conveyor or the crusher.• Understand the start-up and shut down procedures• Understand emergency pull rope along conveyor belt line
Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Communication skills• Safety Leadership• Commit to deliver quality Workmanship

General Information and other requirements:

- ☐ **Place of Work:** AMSC Sites
- ☐ **Type of contract:** Indefinite Period
- ☐ **Salary:** As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

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P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
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P.O. Box – 272
Asmara
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Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position;
Crusher + weighbridge Supervisor
Number required – (02)
Type of contract – Indefinite
Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Supervise the crushing and conveying of ore
- Supervise and report all conveyor breakdowns
- Supervise crushed material stockpiles
- Ensure SOP procedures are adhered too

Safety

- Make sure that people are at least 50m away from the loader when in operation
- Pre- check done before loader operates
- Report any Damage observed during pre – check
- Safety procedures when working on heights and at open crusher jaw.
- Make sure safety procedures to be followed regarding conveyor and machinery operations
- Make sure start up procedures are followed
- Ensure PPE procedures are followed
- Lock- out procedures
- Emergency stop, pull rope procedure

Reporting

- Report to the maintenance superintendent
- Report to the mining superintendent

Develop Standards

- Ensure training complies with local and international standards.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to read and write local and English will be an advantage• Secondary schooling
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to operate a loader• Keep loading and dumping areas level and clean• Able to feed the crusher with loader• Identify electrical problems• Crushing and conveying and controlling of stock piles• Supervise all safety procedures regarding crushing and conveying• Start – up procedure from control room• Knowledge to unblock crusher.• At least two years of supervisory experience on crushers
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to identify any problem that will be a safety risk to machine and operator.• Able to identify any unsafe working procedure• Able to read and understand the electrical display panels• Knowledge of conveyor belt training• Identify mechanical problems on the crushers and conveyors• Knowledge of conveyor belt splicing
Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication – Local• Safety leadership• Good Interpersonal skills• Commitment to deliver production targets• Physical condition to climb heights

General Information and other requirements:

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- ☐ **Type of contract:** Indefinite Period
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"My Aim is to leave a Work that Tells true and Reliable History"

Milka Teklom

Please tell us more about Prima Oil Company?

Prima was an Oil and Gas share company. When we came back to Eritrea from abroad, my friends and I agreed to do something based on our profession, and so Prima was created. And I worked as a manager. It operated till 2006 but due to the constant rise in oil price, the company could not be sustained, and we were obliged to shut down. Besides working in Prima, I worked as the President of the Eritrean Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Around 2002, I was the President of IGAD Business Forum. Through my role as President of these two institutions, I have gained extensive experience in business development and negotiation skills.

What happened after Prima's shut down?

After Prima, in 2007, I was offered a job in Abu Dhabi. I worked as Business Development Director and Managing Director at an oil and gas consultancy company. And again the price of oil was rising and it seemed impossible to work in the field. So by the end of 2018, I had to move back to Norway. After settling back in Norway I began my journey of writing books.

Writing books, where did that

Our guest today is Mr. Sirak Kifle. Mr. Sirak was born and raised in Eritrea. In 1976, he moved to Norway, where he continued his education and became a petroleum engineer. After working at different companies in Norway until 1993, he decided to move back to Eritrea and start a company, Prima Oil Company. According to people who have worked with him, he is a skilled negotiator and deal maker and has successfully negotiated major projects with IOCs, NOC's, government institutions and various organizations with different cultural backgrounds. Among others, he launched Synergy LLC office in Abu Dhabi and was Regional Director for Middle East and Africa. He also established ProEarth and Smart Resources and worked as Commercial and Business Development Director for Baker Hughes in UAE, responsible for developing its businesses in the Middle East and Asia Pacific. He has wide contact network in the Middle East, Africa, Asia (especially China), USA and several countries in Europe. Mr. Sirak is the author of two books.

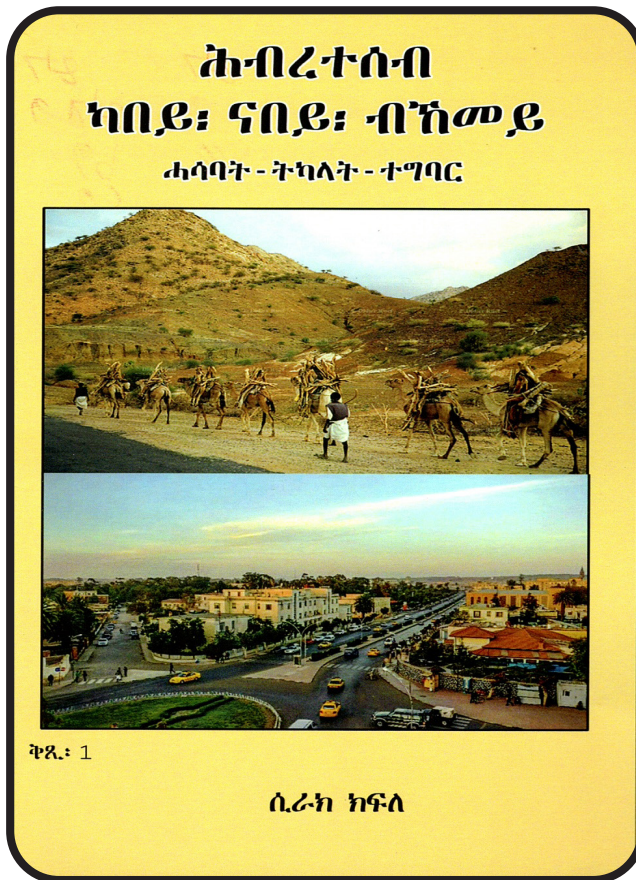


skill come from?

It might seem out of the blue but I am an avid reader and I guess that has enabled me to realize that I have a passion for writing. Also, when I used to live in Eritrea, I used to contribute articles for the economy column of the national newspaper, Hadas Eritrea. I guess I am passionate about informing people about the current events involving the economy, and I do believe economy is crucial in everybody's life. Even though I wrote my two books simultaneously, initially I began writing Getting to Norway and then I wrote Hibrteseb kabey Nabey Bekemey (Society from where, to where and how it was formed).

Tell us more about your books.

Getting to Norway, which is written in English and Norwegian, is a summary of oil exploration and production value chain for non-experts, an overview of the Norwegian oil industry for everyone and some historical background



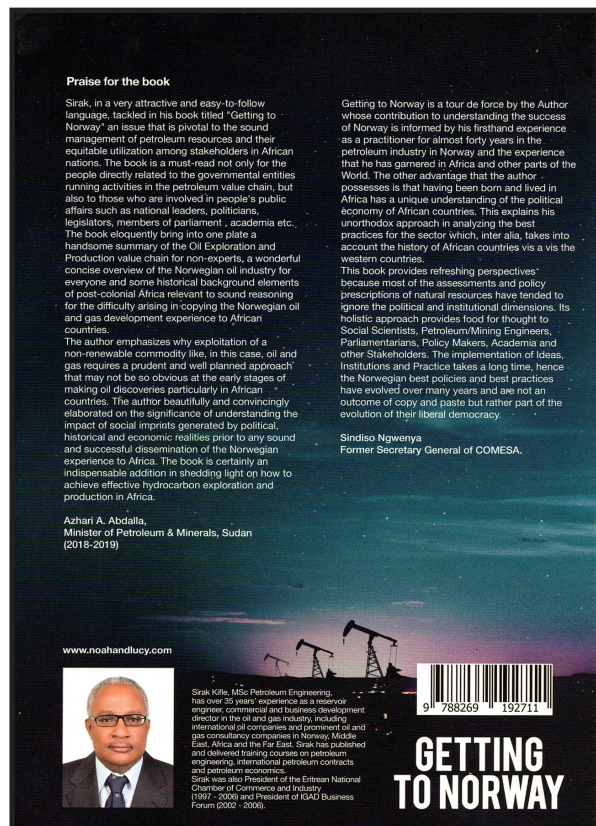
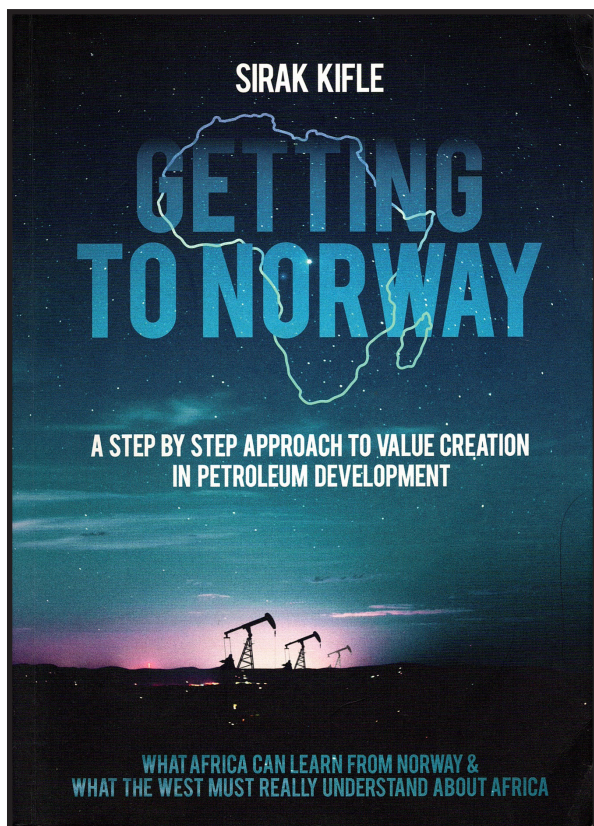
elements of post-colonial Africa relevant to sound reasoning for the difficulty arising in copying experience to African countries. I emphasized on the exploitation of non-renewable

commodity like, in this case, oil and gas that require a prudent and well planned approach that may not be so obvious at early stages of making oil discoveries, particularly in African countries.

colon cancer. It was aggressively spreading to my whole body, especially my liver. I went through chemotherapy and the diseases did stop spreading eventually. After that the doctors ordered I do colon surgery which took six hours. They are still checking upon me but did assure me that I am cancer free. It was a journey that showed me the importance of life and family. My family was by my side every moment, especially my wife. She was there for the emotion tantrum, for the desperation, attending to my all needs.

Any final remarks?

Well, it's a world of digitalization where everyone can write their version of history and be believed. It's a fact, yet a scary one. So I urge Eritrea Profile to write more historical articles since it's one of the reliable sources to spread the nation's true and ongoing situation.



The second book, as its title indicates, is about the history of society. It's a three volume book. With this book I particularly focused on relaying information to generations that have been led by false and mystical history. I wanted to tell the true history of my people, and I have referenced a variety of books and strived to get my facts straight. I am now leaving behind permanent documents future generations will refer to. The second volume will be published next year. I guess its importance was visible and was selected to be published at Hadas Eritrea every week.

Recently you have been diagnosed with cancer and you beat it; please tell us about it. Yes, I was diagnosed with