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As already stated in its statutes, Ethiopian Teachers Association Convenes its General Congress every four years. The Congress was made as per the direction given from the national ETA council meeting held from 11-15 October 2007 in Amhara Regional State Capital in Bahir Dar. Accordingly Regional Teachers' Associations have conducted their General Congress at all levels. The ETA General congress which was held from 18-19 July 2008 in Oromia Regional state, Adama city, was opened by an opening remark made by HE Abadula Gemeda, head of the Oromia Regional State.

HE Abadula Gemeda underlined that Teachers are the key to development and his government cooperates with their association to make better working conditions for them as much as possible. The ETA General Congress has evaluated the activities the association did during the last four years. It has also discussed on the second strategic plan of the association prepared by ETA in collaboration with experts in the field and has ratified after making the necessary changes. The Congress has also thoroughly discussed on the revised statutes of the association and endorsed it to be submitted to the office of Associations Registration at Ministry of Justice. One of the powers of the Congress is to make election from members of the congress to lead the association for the coming four years. Accordingly,

1. Mr Yohannes Benti Chokorso President
2. Mr Anteye Kebede Birm Vice President
3. Mr Mengistu Yirga Wolde General Secretary
4. Mr Mohammed Dejen Yimer Finance officer
5. Mrs Destaye Taddese Keno Gender Department head
6. Mr Gebretsadikan Gebre Tinsa'e Cashier
7. Mr Kidus Alemayehu Bikemagn Audit Committee head
8. Mr Girma Regasa Barkesa Audit Committee member
9. Mr Bilata Mekonnen Ayele Audit Committee member

were elected.

Finally, members of the General Congress have planted trees to commemorate the finalization of the second Ethiopia Millennium in East Shoa Zone, Lume woreda, Tade rural Area. ETA would like to thank the Oromia Regional Government for the hospitality it has made for the meeting participants in collaboration with Oromia Region Teachers' Association.