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Ethiopian Teachers Association, as per its statute, convenes every year to evaluate its annual performance and endorses the following annual plan of the association. Accordingly, the 22nd Annual Council meeting was held from 10-12 October 2009 in Arsi, the source of famous male and female athletes for the country, located in Oromia Regional state.

Participants were representatives of regional, zonal and district teachers' associations as well as 13 organized University Teachers' Associations.

On the occasion state Minister of Education, His Excellence Ato Fuad Ibrahim has delivered his opening speech followed by opening remark by His Excellence Ato Dereje Asfawu, head of Oromia Region Education Bureau. President of the Ethiopian teachers association, Mr. Yohannes Benti, reported the performance of his association in the last fiscal year of the land. After thorough discussion on the reports presented from the ETA head office, i.e., annual activity performance and external audit report, members of the council unanimously endorsed them. Like wise Regional Teachers' Association have also presented their report to members of the association's council. Activities of the Arsi zone in terms of education participation and quality was as well presented.

Members have also deliberated on the agenda set such as teacher transfer issues, pay scale, housing problems, education quality issues and membership fee collection problems among others. The council have discussed on these and other relevant issues and made various decisions to work on in the future.