20 October 2010

The 23rd Annual Council meeting of ETA was held at Hawassa city, capital of SNNPR, from 14-16 October 2010. The opening speech was delivered by H.E. Mr. Shiferaw Shigute, Chief Administrator of Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region (SNNPR).

Attendants were regional teachers’ association representatives, university teachers associations and other invited guests. The council has discussed on the central committee’s annual activity report, annual activity plan for the 2010/11 and the result of external audit reports among others. The main issues that were discussed include issues of quality education, struggling for teachers’ legal rights and benefits, amending administrative structure of ETA, enhancing Ethiopian Development and Democratization process.

The reports have addressed the detailed activities of each department at headquarters whether or not activities were performed as per the approved annual plan of 2009/10 by the Council. The Council, after hearing the reports, has identified agenda on which to discuss and came up with resolutions and committed for their implementation. The Education Bureau of the region has also presented report on the achievements made and challenges faced in implementing educational plan for the last Ethiopian fiscal year (i.e 2009/10). The bureau gratefully made a promise to work with teachers’ associations at all levels and the session ended with a gift of Sidam cultural wears for participants. The SNNPR Teachers’ Association played a leading role
for the success of the Annual Council meeting.