Ethiopia is rich in history and diversity of human and natural resources, yet it faces different challenges. To change this situation and ensure the rich resources translate into a decent and comfortable livelihood for the people, strengthening the human understanding focusing on citizens’ sense of ownership, participation in democratic processes, poverty reduction in election and other aspects is paramount. In view of those issues, Ethiopian Teachers Association (ETA) has three projects under way.

ETA has a contract agreement with EU to Promote civic education to citizens in Ethiopia in some selected woredas. Its objectives include:

To motivate citizens' participation in the ongoing work of building democracy and human rights,

To increase the involvement of citizens in the local election process by organizing over 1104 events on which more than 56,000 People are expected to participate in issues of election, democratic principles and processes, and citizens' duties and responsibilities.

To support 200 Youth and women candidates in Adama, Awassa, Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar to conduct election campaign techniques.

To implement the action, ETA deploys one central and nine regional coordinators and 184 civic educators who will be trained on how to implement and achieve the project objectives.

To make the implementation effective ETA produces and disseminates information on a variety of media such as TV/radio clips, posters, brochures, billboards.

Ethiopian Teachers Association has a project in partnership with Initiative Africa, (IA) a local NGO, which has got fund from European Commission which aimed at improving students' council's leadership effectiveness by carrying out different activities. To achieve these and other pillar objectives consultancy meeting, national workshop and student leadership training for 600 students council leaders will be conducted at Bahir Dar, Mekele, Awassa, Addis Ababa and Adama with the help of regional facilitators- technical assistants.

For this purpose different manuals which help strengthen the work of student councils in playing their roles and responsibilities in their respective schools will be published and distributed.

3. Furthermore Ethiopian Teachers Association has made a project agreement with local NGO called CVEA- to which ETA itself is a member- to conduct civic education to School community in Ethiopia in selected senior secondary schools. CVEA (Civic and Voter Education Association) obtained fund for the project from Sweden and Norwegian Governments. The project is envisaged to reach 298080 people. The main objective of this project is to improve school community's participations in building democracy and human rights process and to make aware the students of democratic principles right at their school age.

For the implementation of the project 179 Civic and Ethical Education teachers will take TOT and 10 coordinators will be employed to help the civic educators in implementing the program. ETA has on going project entitled 'Reinvigorating Civic Mission in Schools'. The general objective of the project is to create avenues & structures, for citizen' participation, building cohesion and solidarity for progressive development out come. Agreement of the project was signed on 10 October 2005, with Initiative Africa financed by SIDA. It is aimed at improving the communication and interaction between students and teachers by strengthening student councils and parents in accordance with the existing school procedures.

The project helps to make the students aware of their rights and duties as well as helps to create conducive condition for the teaching and learning process by bringing up the school community together.