**16 October 2017**

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on October 5 all over the world to commemorate the signing in of ILO/UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of teachers which was adopted by intergovernmental conference in 1966. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the 1997 recommendation concerning the status of higher education teaching personnel. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the 1997 recommendation concerning the status of higher education teaching personnel.

Ethiopian Teachers Association (ETA), established in 1949, unites teachers and teaching personnel from pre-primary up to university all together with a current membership of more than 480,000. ETA is member of Education International and celebrates the Day by organizing a two days conference in collaboration with universities and stakeholders every year.

This year’s World Teachers’ Day was celebrated from 13-14 October 2017 in collaboration with Wollega University and Wollega University Teachers’ Association located some 330 Km away from the capital city of the country to the West. Other stakeholders including Ministry of Education, Actionaid Ethiopia and Education International have also financially supported for the success of the conference.

On the conference, thirteen out of the fifteen research papers selected and confirmed were presented and discussed proceedings of which will be published.
Apart from deliberating on the research papers, advocacy efforts so far made by ETA and its international affiliate, Education International, over the last years in pushing for implementation of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendations was made.

ETA would like to thank its stakeholders and participants for showing interest to be part of this important Day and look forward for future collaboration.