A 70 year old ETA that has more than half a million members and member of Education International Africa Region committee held its 31st Annual Council meeting from 9-12 Oct. 2018 in Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region, Wolita Zone Sodo city Gutara hall.

Among the 200 participants, 187 were members of the Council and the rest were invited guests from different governmental and non-governmental organizations. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss on annual performance and audit reports of the central committee as well as regions and city administrations teachers’ associations. In addition, agenda like current status of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, Civil Servants’ Social Security, quality education and the new draft education road map, status of multi-purpose buildings at national and in all regions, teachers’ benefits, current situations especially peace and security issues and four directives drafted by the central office namely leaders’ discipline, scholarship for leaders across the structure, houses and buildings administration and election directive of female leaders team (Cocus) and 2018/19 annual plans of the central committee and audit.

In those four days, the above agenda were well presented and discussed thoroughly. Council members have given comments, suggestions and asked questions for clarity. To mention some, request for the establishment of Teachers’ Service Commission must be stressed, teachers’ benefit packages should be implemented uniformly, peace conference need to be organized at national and regional levels. Out of the four directives, two were accepted by the Council while the other two needed better discussion and, therefore, postponed for the next Council meeting.

Finally, after a discussion on the 5 year strategic plan, the Council endorsed and requested its effective implementation. The Council’s meeting was concluded by having endorsed resolutions. ETA would like to thank SNNP Teachers’ Association, one of its branches, for
hosting the meeting with the very good hospitality and reception.