



A Delegation Led by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh Conducted Working Visit to Finland

An Eritrean delegation led by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh conducted a working visit to Finland from 25 to 30 August 2014, at the invitation of the Finnish Government. The delegation included Mr. Yemane Ghebreab, Head of Political Affairs of PFDJ as well as officials from the Ministry of Education and the Board of Higher Education.



In the course of the visit, the delegation met with Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister of International Development of Finland, and discussed bilateral and regional issues, especially the enhancement of cooperation in higher and vocational education.

The delegation visited several universities and institutions of higher learning and held discussions on developing bilateral cooperation. The delegation also met officials of ICT Tech and heavy equipment manufacturers as well as with development organizations and representatives of youth associations.

32, 000 Students Took Part in the Summer Work Program

Over 32,000 high school students and about 2,000 teachers, as well as agricultural experts, health workers and supervisors from across Eritrea took part in this year's Students' Summer Work Program.



The activities undertaken by the students include soil and water conservation, tree planting, traffic safety, and other related activities.

The Summer Work Program which started in 1994 has significantly contributed in greening Eritrea and conserving its natural resources.

Equally important is the Program's role in nurturing cohesion among the students and inculcating work habits and discipline.

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Eritrean Summer Festivals 2014

Every summer Eritreans at home and abroad organize Festivals that feature, among others, artistic and cultural shows, traditional cuisine, exhibitions, sporting competitions, and seminars.

The Festivals celebrate the Eritrean people's rich culture and history as well as portray their patriotism and unity. The Festivals play a crucial role in transferring the Eritrean people's values and heritage to the young generation, and in strengthening the ties of the Eritrean Diaspora with the homeland. They also serve as fora for direct interactions between government officials and the public.

Tens of thousands of Eritreans and friends of Eritrea attended this year's Summer Festivals. The highlights of the Festival season include the:

- ◆ National Festival in **Asmara**,
- ◆ Youth Festival in **Sawa**,
- ◆ **Bologna** Festival in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Eritrean Festivals in the Italian city,
- ◆ U.S. East Coast Festival in **Washington D.C.**,
- ◆ Scandinavian Festival in **Stockholm**,
- ◆ Canadian Festival in **Toronto**, and
- ◆ U.S. West Coast Festival in **Oakland**.



Asmara, 16-23 August 2014



Sawa, 18-20 July 2014



Bologna, 4-6 July 2014



Washington D.C., 8-10 August 2014



Stockholm, 31 July-3 Aug 2014



Toronto, 2-4 August 2014



Oakland, 15-17 August 2014

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES

ASMARA MINING CONFERENCE 2014

1 - 5 October, 2014



Eritrea hosts a variety of mineral deposits including **Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS)** and **Gold Deposits** in Neoproterozoic terrains of the **Arabian-Nubian Shield**, together with younger **Potash Deposits** in the Danakil Depression. The first modern mine **Bisha (Au-Cu-Zn VMS)**, has been successfully producing gold for two years and switched to copper production at the end of 2013. A second mine at **Koka (Gold)** is under construction and a Bankable Feasibility Study under review by the Government at a third Project, the **Asmara VMS-Gold** deposits. A Feasibility Study is underway on the world class **Colluli Potash Deposit**

In support of the industry, the Eritrean Ministry of Energy & Mines and the Eritrean National Mining Corporation (ENAMCO) will be hosting the Asmara Mining Conference from 1 - 5 October, 2014. The Conference will provide a forum for discussions and will include:

- 2 days of Technical Sessions at the Asmara Palace Hotel (1 & 2 October 2014)
- 1 day of site visits to the Asmara Gold & VMS deposits, Koka Gold Deposit and Bisha Mine (October 3, 2014)
- 2 day excursion to Massawa and the Dahlak Islands – including the historic steam rail journey (October 4-5, 2014)

The programme for the **Asmara Technical Sessions** will include Keynote Presentations by;

Dr. Clifford R. Stanley – Geology (Title to be confirmed)

Bruce Shapiro (President, Mine Africa Inc.)- **Striking the right balance**

Dr Graeme D Cambell (Director, Graeme Campbell & Associates Pty. Ltd) - **Mine-waste and tailings geochemistry**

Chesher, Mark (Principal Mining Engineer, AMC Consultants) - **Marrying Resource and Processing**

There will also be presentations by **Bisha Mining Sh. Co.**, **Zara Mining Sh. Co.**, **Asmara Mining Sh. Co.** (Sunridge Gold), **Colluli Mining Sh. Co.** (South Boulder) and **Andiamo Exploration Ltd.** Presentations from the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Eritrea and representatives from other countries in the region is expected. A booth space is available at the Asmara Palace Hotel near the conference room for promoting supplies and services.

The Conference dates have been selected to tie in with incoming/outgoing flights and enable Delegates from outside the region to participate in all (or part) of the proceedings. Participation in site visits to the deposits around Asmara will be optional with the helicopter trip to the Bisha and Koka Mines, only for selected Delegates (due to limited space). The steam train journey down the escarpment and trip to Massawa/Dahlak Islands for snorkeling, will also be optional

Fees:

☑ Registration Fee (includes Technical Sessions and Formal Dinner): USD350

☑ Steam train ride: USD50

☑ Site visits to Asmara Gold & VMS deposits USD50

☑ Massawa/Dahlak excursion: USD200

Anyone interested in attending the **Asmara Mining Conference 2014** should contact **Mebrahtu Ekubazghi** (efremrerina@gmail.com) with copy to **Amanuel Arefaine** (aarafine@sunridgegold.com) for details of registration or for any other enquiry.

We look forward to welcoming you in Eritrea