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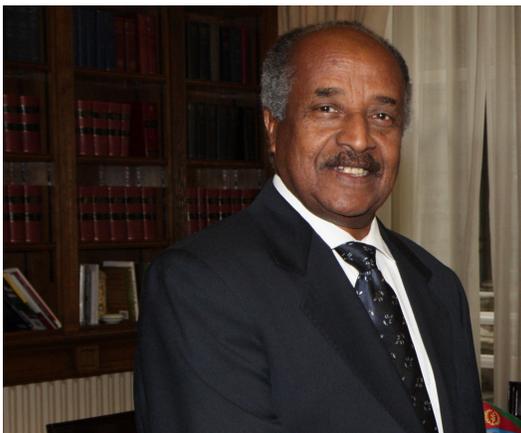
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Eritrean Foreign Minister met with the Prime Minister of Egypt

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh met, on 15 March 2015, with Egyptian Prime Minister H.E. Ibrahim Mahlab on the sidelines of the Egypt Economic Development Conference (EEDC) held in Sharm el Sheikh. The meeting focused on promoting bilateral relations in several fields, especially trade and investment.



Foreign Minister Osman also met with his Egyptian counterpart, H.E. Sameh Shoukry, and conveyed Eritrea's support to Egypt's economic development, fight against terrorism, and regional role.

Japanese Government Delegation held talks with Eritrean Government Officials

A Japanese Government Delegation headed by Mr. Hiroyasu Kobayashi, Ambassador in charge of RECs, Peace and Security in Africa, visited Eritrea in the first week of March 2015. The delegation met and held talks with the Eritrean Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Education, Energy and Mines, Tourism, as well as the Commissioner of Sports and Culture, and the Administrator of Central Region.



The discussions focused on strengthening the bilateral relations between Eritrea and Japan in educational, technical and professional domains.

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Eritrea Presented Periodic Reports on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

An Eritrean delegation headed by Ms. Tekea Tesfamichael, President of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW), presented Eritrea's 4th and 5th periodic national reports on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

The reports were presented, on 26 February 2015, at the 60th session of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The reports reflected the significant progress Eritrea has achieved in promoting the empowerment of women, achieving gender equality, and improving the livelihood of women, as well as the remaining challenges.

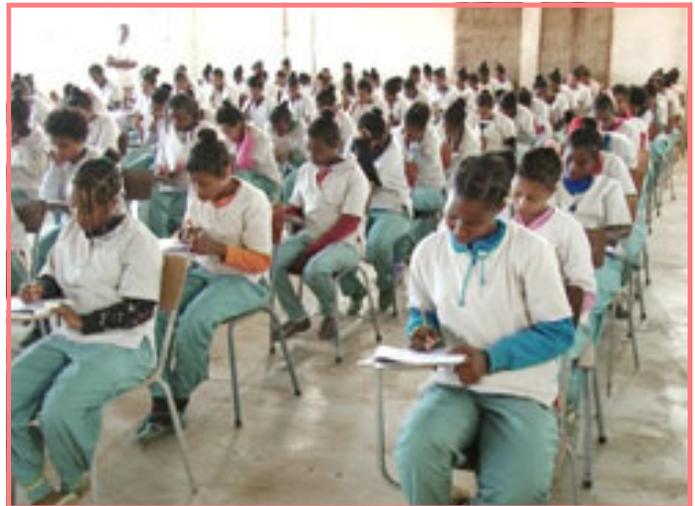


Eritrea Participating in the 59th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

An Eritrean Delegation led by Ms. Tekea Tesfamichael, President of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) is participating in the 59th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women being held in New York.

In a Statement she delivered to the session on 12 March 2015, Ms. Tekea elaborated on Eritrea's commitment to ensuring gender equality and the empowerment of women and the achievements registered. She stated that Eritrea has made significant progress in addressing the critical areas identified in the Beijing Platform for Action, including, expanding access to education and health services, eradication of poverty and violence against women, and achieving gender parity in decision making processes.

Ms. Tekea informed the session that the newly developed National Gender Action Plan 2015-19 will have an important role in harmonizing Eritrea's international obligations with domestic policies.



Colluli: A World-Class, Low-Cost Potassium Project in Eritrea

Colluli Project is one of the several modern mining projects underway in Eritrea. The Colluli deposit is located in the eastern part of the country, approximately 350km south of Asmara and 180km from the port of Massawa.

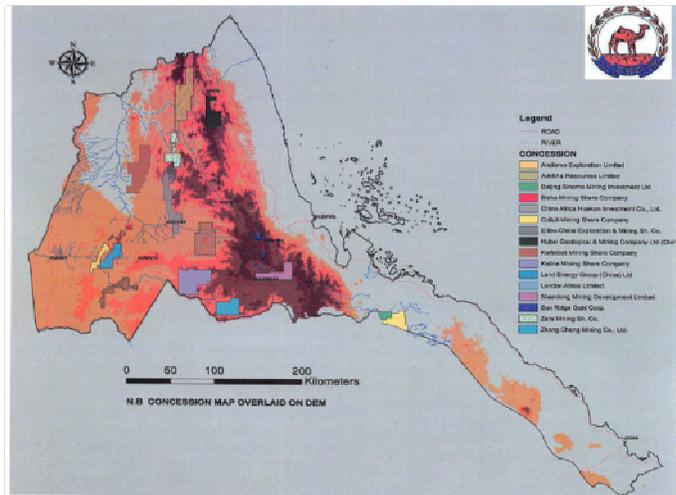


Fig. Concession map

The Eritrean National Mining Company (ENAMCO), and South Boulder Mines of Australia are 50-50 joint venture partners in the Colluli Mining Share Company (CMSC).

The resource contains over 1.2 billion tonnes of potassium bearing salts suitable for the production of potash fertilizers, and is only 75km from the Red Sea coast making it one of the most accessible potash deposits in the world.

More information on the project is available at: <http://www.southbouldermines.com.au/projects/project-overview/>



Eritrean Cyclist Mekseb Debesai Won International Tour of Blida in Algeria

Eritrean Cyclist Mekseb Debesai won the International Tour of Blida held in Algeria from 12-14 March 2015. In addition to securing the overall win, Mekseb also emerged as the best sprinter.

