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Eritrea Took Part in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development

An Eritrean Delegation led by Ambassador Araya Desta, Permanent Representative of the State of Eritrea to the AU and UNECA, participated in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development that was held from 13-16 July 2015, at the United Nations Conference Center in Addis Ababa.

The scope of the Conference included assessing the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Con-

sensus and the Doha Declaration, addressing new and emerging issues including in the context of the recent multilateral efforts to promote international development cooperation, and reinvigorating and strengthening the financing for development follow-up process.

The Conference adopted an Action Agenda for a global framework for financing development post-2015.

Eritrea Submitted Report on the Promotion of the Rights of the Child

The Government of Eritrea submitted a consolidated Report on the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), covering the period from 2002-2013.

The 254-page Report submitted to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) describes in detail the measures undertaken by Eritrea to safeguard and promote the rights recognized in the ACRWC and the achievements and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Charter.

The achievements include the expans-



ion of access to education and the resulting many-fold increase in school enrollment of children; the significant improvements in child health and the drastic reduction in the incidence of diseases leading to a major decline in infant and child mortality, surpassing the targets set in the MDGs.

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Daniel Teklehaimanot Made History in the Tour de France as First African to Win the King of the Mountain Jersey

The 6th stage of the Tour de France, held on 9 July, became a historical day for African cycling as Daniel Teklehaimanot became the first African rider to pull on the polka dot Best Climber's jersey.



Daniel set off in pursuit of history when he got into the 3 rider break of the day that got clear after just 5km of racing. He continued to win the 3 category 4 climbs on route.



"I can't believe it. That was my childhood dream to get the polka dot jersey at the Tour de France. This is a day I will never forget. It is a big step for African cycling." Daniel Teklehaimanot

In each of the mountain sprints Daniel showed great awareness and strength, ensuring he would be the first African rider ever to pull on the King of the Mountains polka dot jersey at the Tour de France.

Freedom of Association in Eritrea

Eritrean laws guarantee the right of citizens to assemble and form associations. Currently there are dozens of Associations formed with the objective of, inter alia, protecting and promoting the interests of their members, advocating for the rights of people with special needs, and fostering professional collaboration. *A partial list of Eritrean National Associations is found on page 3.*

The establishment of Associations such as the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW), National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS), and National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW) predate Eritrea's independence. These Associations

constitute hundreds of thousands members at home and in the Diaspora.

In addition to their important contributions at the national level, Eritrean National Associations are active at regional and international levels. The Associations collaborate with their counterparts in other countries for the achievement of shared goals.

Since 2014 the Eritrean Association of the Blind and the Eritrean National Diabetic Association are serving as members of the Second General Assembly of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) of the African Union.

Partial List of Eritrean National Associations

Broad-Based Associations	
1	National Union of Eritrean Women
2	National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students
3	National Confederation of Eritrean Workers
4	Employers Federation of Eritrea
5	Eritrean National Chamber of Commerce

Associations on/of Persons with Disabilities	
1	Eritrean National War Disabled Veterans' Association
2	Eritrean Association of the Blind
3	Eritrean National Association of the Deaf
4	National Autism and Down syndrome Association

Associations of Persons With Chronic Diseases	
1	Eritrean National Diabetic Association
2	Eritrean Glaucoma Association
3	National Bidho Association of Eritrea
4	Hemophilia Association of Eritrea

Associations of Special Nature	
1	National Voluntary Blood Donors' Association

Associations of Returnees	
1	Eritro-German Association

Professional Associations	
1	Teachers' Association of Eritrea
2	Eritrean Pharmaceutical Association
3	Eritrean Medical Association
4	Eritrean Physiotherapy Association
5	Eritrean Chemical Society
6	Eritrean Nurses Association
7	Eritrean Air Traffic Controllers' Association
8	Library and Information Association of Eritrea
9	Eritrean Musicians Association
10	Eritrean Tourism Services Association
11	Awet Bus Owners Association
12	Eritrean Medical Laboratory Association
13	Association of Eritrean Electrical Contractors and Consultants
14	Association of Eritreans in Agricultural Sciences
15	Eritrean Leather and Allied Industries Association
16	Eritrean Football Coaches Association
17	Eritrean Women in Agribusiness Association
18	Eritrean Road Traffic Safety Association
19	Eritrean Creativity Promotion Association
20	Eritrean Radiology Association