

Institute, stakeholders sign city flood curbing MoU

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ADDIS ABABA — The Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC) and various sector offices in Addis, agencies and authorities signed a MoU last Thursday to relieve Addis from flooding problem scientifically.

Speaking at the event, City Administration Deputy Mayor Abate Setotaw said Addis Ababa is one of the fastest growing cities. However, problem associated with flooding during the rainy season is still a challenge, he added.

According to him, this is specially true for the northern part of the city which is continuously affected by the runoff during the rainy seasons.

“ Thus, to curb the problem in a sustainable manner scientific research is needed. In this regard, the combined effort of the Addis Ababa University and other stakeholders will bring about a positive impact,” Abate said.

Assistant Professor Ketema Abebe also said the research will be conducted jointly by Addis Ababa, Copenhagen and Dar es Salaam

universities whose outcome will be used independently in the three cities.

“For long, runoff water was not exploited for developmental activities. However, after undertaking scientific studies it will be used for the benefit of the society,” he added.

EiABC Scientific Director Joachim Dieter on his part said water shortage remains the principal challenge for the ever growing urban population.

According to the Director, climate change is manifested by flooding, drought and water scarcity. Thus, Africa is most likely to experience several impacts of climate change affecting the status of water and food security, he added.

“Lack of green urban rural watershed management and consequent loss of critical ecosystem service have often threatened peoples' food security, health and livelihood.”

Presenting his findings, Research Project Director Dr. Kumelachew Yeshitla said in addition to controlling the runoff, the research is also aimed at creating a new habitat for wildlife and plants as well as expanding green parks.

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CORRECTION

Please read the last paragraph of the news headlined 'Agency digitization said lagging behind schedule'. During the meeting, MPs also raised questions and forwarded suggestions with regard to the report. The Agency has about 2,183 employees, of which 477 are journalists. [477 are journalists] was omitted due to technical problem.

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