



**Welcome...**

To new staff members

Name	Unit/Position
Amarech Demeke	Senior Contract Administration Officer
Yosef Shibeshi	Junior Contract Administration Officer

**Meetings/ workshops in December**

- 20.11-14.12.09: CEFE training for TVET graduates, location: Dila
- 04.12.09: November's Monthly UCBP breakfast, location: TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor
- 11.12.09: MoCB evaluation meeting, location: ecbp ground floor, meeting room
- 15.12.09: Earthquake awareness seminar, location: TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor

**Infos from Addis Ababa...**

- on 23.11.09 an '**Honor Pin Award**' was given to eleven National Skill Up-graders from carpentry, concrete, electricity, masonry and metal trades from Adama, Debre Birhan, Debre Markos, Dese, Jijiga and Kombolcha at Imperial Hotel for their high commitment and effective performance. This award was the first of its kind in Ethiopia, initiated by UCBP in cooperation with CCAE. The association assured to continue with the awarding to construction companies and experts who contributes a lot for the development of Ethiopian's construction sector.
- Following Technology Transfer components are **newly structured** since December 2009.
  - SME unit will be headed by Ato Biruk Sileshi
  - ISO component will be coordinated by Yirgalem Alehegn
  - Skill upgrading component will be coordinated by Tsega Girma
  - Tier II will be coordinated by Addis Ababa Lisanwork
- GTZ IS management has endorsed a workplace **HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming Policy** on 17.11.09. The policy will provide a more conducive environment for HIV/AIDS prevention as well as care and support schemes for the staff. Detail information will be communicated by HIV/AIDS mainstreaming coordinator, Ato Addisu Shewamoltot.
- **Staff assessment** for all national GTZ IS staff will be conducted until 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2009.

**Infos from the sites...**

- **Regional joint evaluation meetings** between UCBP and Regional Trade and Industry Bureaus of Amhara, Oromia and Southern region take place in the month of December to evaluate tasks and responsibilities of the two parties as well as to extend the cooperation agreement until April 2010
  - Amhara Region: Debre Birhan, Debre Markos, Dese, Kombolcha on 10.12.09 in Dese
  - Oromia Region: Adama, Nekemte and Robe on 11.12.09 in Adama
  - Southern Region: Sodo, Dila, Mizan Teferi, Tepi on 15.12.09 in Sodo
  - Axum, Dire Dawa, Jijiga and Semera sites will have similar meetings in their respective sites until the end of December 2009.
- HIV/AIDS sites focal persons' **bi-annual workshop** was held from 04-06.11.09 at TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor. During the workshop, refresher training was conducted for all the focal persons to upgrade their knowledge and skills about HIV/AIDS awareness. Furthermore, activities done so far were reviewed and discussion made on future endeavors.

GTZ staff participated in the 10 km Great Ethiopian Run on 22.11.09 together with 33,000 people.



These are the National Skill Up-graders who were honored with the Pin Award on 23.11.09 at Imperial Hotel.

