



**Welcome...**

To new staff members

Name	Unit/Position
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Kifle Gutema	Tier II Coordinator
Getiye Bekele	Deputy Coordinator, Infrastructure
Yetenayet Arega	Office Manager, Infrastructure
Bethel Ephraim	Office Manager, Construction Capacity Building
Brook Tadesse	Project Assistant, Infrastructure

**Meetings/ workshops in January**

- 30.12-01.01.10: ISO task force team training for Tier III companies: location, TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor
- 08.01.10: MoCB monthly evaluation meeting, location: ecbp ground floor, meeting room
- 11-25.01.10: UCBP photographic exhibition, location: GOETHE INSTITUT Addis Ababa
- 08.01.10: Monthly UCBP Breakfast, location: TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor

**Infos from Addis Ababa...**

- **UCBP photographic exhibition** is to take place from 11-25 January 2010 at the GOETHE INSTITUT Addis Ababa. The exhibition addresses different subjects:
  - Introduction corner: highlights general overview of UCBP.
  - Capacity development corner: addresses components such as ISO, SME, Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Cobblestone.
  - Ethiopian corner: portrays Ethiopia's long history of culture.
  - Video corner: 'A Window to Ethiopia', short documentary of GTZ projects in Ethiopia.
  - Mood Impressions: selected construction experts and UCBP staff have shared their views regarding UCBP.
- An **'Earthquake Engineering Awareness seminar'** was conducted on 15 December 2009. Ato Samson Engeda and Ato Kassaye Seyoum, Ethiopian Engineers based in USA presented on the subject. The Seminar created a platform for Engineers, Contractors, Architects and Contract Administration colleagues to be aware of the situation of earth quake and discussed on the measures to be taken. More than 30 Tier III construction companies took part in the seminar.
- **Cobblestone documentation** that depicts the successful activities of Cobblestone project in Adama where Mayor of Adama, national cobblestoners, residents were interviewed about the project. It is expected to be broadcast on Women's program in ETV soon.
- The production of **Tier I and Tier II Booklets of phase III** is finalized. The booklets will be distributed to the respective companies as well as particular staff of UCBP at the beginning of January 2010.
- **Cobblestone** sector guide for Ethiopian cities along with CD is available at the GTZ IS Ethiopia PR Unit.

**Infos from the sites...**

- Five TVET Colleges in Maichew (Tigray) passed the **UCBP audit of ISO 9001:2000** in collaboration with ecbp. Another four additional TVET colleges are requesting an audit process where it will be conducted in January 2010.
- The **Regional joint evaluation** meetings conducted in December between UCBP and Regional Trade and Industry Bureaus of Amhara, Oromia and Southern region resulted with an agreement to extend the cooperation agreement until April 2010.

Management wished all the best for the staff on the Christmas and European New Year 2010 celebration on 22.12.09 at TK Bldg 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

