

## **Ethiopia celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity -22 May**

This year's International Biodiversity Day was celebrated at Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI) which is a focal point to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), through different events under the motto **"We are part of the solution #ForNature"**.

The day began celebrated by press conference which was held in the Institute's compound.

During the press conference, Director General of EBI Dr Melesse Maryo gave briefing for journalists from radio, newspapers and TV. Dr. Melesse Mario, Director General of the Institute, said "Deforestation as a driver of biodiversity loss causes about 70% of communicable diseases as well as 30% of the pandemic disease and there are many man-made & natural problems of the biodiversity. To address such issues all the concerned citizens, including governmental and non-governmental organizations, Civic society and others have a great national responsibility to join our hands together to save the planet earth".

He also added that, the **"Green Legacy"** program launched by the Prime Minister is part of the solution for nature and will enable us to achieve the objectives of climate change resilient a green economy strategy.

After the press conference panel discussion was held to elaborate the motto **"We are part of the solution #ForNature"** for Parliament Representatives, Commissioners, stakeholders, media and staff members of the Institute. Panelist Dr. Debissa Lemessa presented about **"Understanding the Challenges of *Human-Based Solutions* for Nature** whereas Mr. Abraham presented about **"Are we part of the solution?"**

On the panel discussion Deputy Director General Dr Feleke Woldeyes, mentioned that, the Motto of the last year celebration entitled **"Our Solutions are in Nature"** and this year's is **"We are part of the solution for nature"**. Both mottos show that nature has a solution and we're part of that solution. So that to use biodiversity resources in a sustainable way and to protect nature a lot needs to be done, he emphasized.

The day also marked by planting indigenous trees with invited guests and the staff members of the Institute.

News about the day was released on the Facebook, Website, YouTube and Telegram of the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute and also got coverage in different print and broadcast media. Centers also celebrated the day in different events.



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



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**20<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY**



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**Press Conference by Dr. Melese Mario, Director  
General of the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute**



**Moderator of the Panel Discussion**

**Dr. Feleke Woldeyes, Deputy Director General of  
the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute**





## **Participants and Policy Makers in the Panel Discussion**



## **Panelist Dr. Debissa Lemessa and Mr. Abraham Assefa**





**Plantation of Indigenous trees**

## Celebration from centers





