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Beyond Aesthetic Values

“An independent initiative by the Prime Minister, ‘Dine for Ethiopia’ mobilized local private sector to raise funds for the development of basic infrastructure like roads and electricity in three high potential sites identified. Unique in the approach, the Prime Minister’s initiative does not utilize public sector financing for the development of these sites. Rather, the contribution of citizens and private sector partnership has been instrumental in similar initiatives spearheaded to develop sites in Addis Ababa.”

Read the full Editorial: <https://bit.ly/3q3PKH5>

Key Activities of the Month:



On February 4, 2021, the Press Secretariat Unit at the Office of the Prime Minister held its monthly Addis Weg Round Table discussion on ‘Ways of

Communication for Electoral Peace & Security. The 'Addis Weg' discussions are intended to cultivate a culture of dialogue. Bringing differences to the proverbial table and hall, 'Addis Weg' aims to narrow contestations through dialogue, nurture plurality of ideas, and encourage the development of innovative solutions to old and new challenges.

On February 6, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation participated in the virtual summit of the 34th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union during which the African Union Commission Chairperson and Chairperson were elected.

On February 7, 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen, together with high level Federal and Regional government officials inaugurated the Bure Integrated Agro-Industrial Park in the Amhara Region.



On February 14, 2021 a high-level delegation led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched a total of 255km road projects in the Oromia region, aimed at enabling connectivity and mobility of residents in the areas. These included the Dembidolo-Mugi-Dola section of the Dembidolo-Gambela road project; The Ambo - Guder 18.5km road project and the Guder - Seyo - Shenan 91.8km road projects; the Shambo - Agamsa 95km concrete asphalt road project and inauguration of the Shambu - Bako 60.2km road project in Wellega.

On February 18, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with regional presidents and city administrators launched a solidarity initiative for the Tigray Regional Provisional Administration and the people of the region. The solidarity initiative aims at mobilising the contribution of regions and federal institutions as well as other stakeholders in supporting humanitarian efforts underway.

On February 20, 2021, the long awaited ‘Dine for Ethiopia’ function was held at Sheger Park, convening 500 private and public sector leaders in conclusion of the fundraising initiative launched by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The ‘Dine for Ethiopia’ fundraiser which raised Birr 4.2bil, targets the development of the Koysha, Wenchi and Gorgora sites in the Southern region, Oromia region and Amhara regions respectively, with the aim of facilitating integrated investments in the selected areas.



On February 21, 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with the council of ministers launched the Halala Kela cluster section of the Koysha project in Dawuro Zone, Southern Region. On the same day, the Prime Minister also lay a foundation stone towards launch of construction work of the Konta field hospital. Both Dawuro Zone and Konta Special Woreda constitute the Koysha project.



On February 22, 2021 the Council of Ministers held a bi-annual review of national performance against established plans and goals set for the year. The review explored each ministry's key milestones over the past six months, enabling factors, critical challenges, social responsibility initiatives as well as works being undertaken by all ministerial offices in creating an ergonomic and conducive working environment.



On February 23, 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with the Council of Ministers launched the construction of the 80km Chida - Jimma road which crosses through Jimma zone and ends in Konta special woreda.

On February 24, 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussions with

federal and regional leadership on the upcoming elections to establish a defining line between government and party work. The clear role of government is to ensure that peaceful, free and fair elections take place in this highly anticipated round.

On February 25, 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed undertook a review of Addis Ababa City administration's six-month projects and work performance against set goals. On the same day, he also held a virtual discussion with regional presidents and the head of the National Elections Board of Ethiopia, to assess the preparedness level of the regions for the upcoming elections in ensuring peace and security, as well as availing other necessary logistical elements.

Updates on Tigray Region:

In a February 24, 2021 press release, the Government of Ethiopia provided updates on its humanitarian assistance efforts in the Tigray region and declared the permits approval of international media in a second round.

Read the full press release here: <https://bit.ly/37ZB8SK>

In a February 26, 2021 press release, the Government of Ethiopia announced the decision to provide unfettered humanitarian access to international and location aid agencies to complement the Federal Government's efforts. The press release also indicated the Government's commitment to enable joint investigations into rights violations in the Tigray Region.

Read the full press release here: <https://bit.ly/3r9u2mk>

Policy Matters:

Policy Matters is a conversation platform which aims to provide reasoned analysis and context to the activities, reforms and policies of the Federal Government of Ethiopia. Exploring various reforms, the government is undertaking, the conversation platform aspires to enable nuanced and informed understanding.

In the month of February, Policy Matters featured:

1. State Owned Enterprises Reform with Ahmed Shide, Minister of the Ministry of Finance: <https://bit.ly/3sDUK6L>

Quote of the Month

“There are many people with wealth in Ethiopia but not many with grace. There is a difference between one with grace and one with wealth. One with wealth means one who has money. One with grace means one who also has heart. The one with grace will work and enable others to work; will profit and share profits; will give hope and peace to many youths. If the wealthy also gain grace and politicians become servant leaders, then we can build the Ethiopia we want.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Photo of the Month



An elder gives her blessing upon Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's arrival in Dembi Dolo, Wellega

