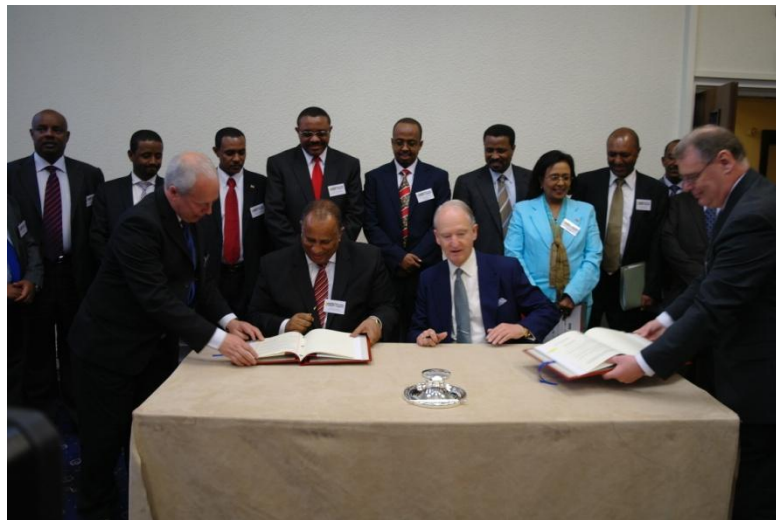




UK-ETHIOPIA INVESTMENT TRADE AND TOURISM FORUM



(l-r) H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, greets guests who included H.E. Henry Bellingham MP, Minister for Africa, Baroness Lynda Chalker, Chairman of Africa Matters Ltd, and Cabinet Ministers from Ethiopia.



Ethiopia and the UK signed an agreement on avoidance of double taxation before the Forum began. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede and the UK Minister for Africa Henry Bellingham MP signed the accord representing the two sides in the presence of the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, as well as high level government officials.



Deputy PM and Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Ambassador of Ethiopia to the UK, H.E. Berhanu Kebede and Minister for Africa, H.E. Henry Bellingham gave their opening remarks. UK Minister for Africa, on his part highlighted the excellent relationship the UK has with Ethiopia. Ambassador Berhanu Kebede urged businesses and companies to explore opportunities to engage in agriculture, agro-processing, energy, infrastructure, tourism and mining. The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister said the organization of such a Forum, when the Five Year Growth and Transformation Plan is picking up, could be an opportune moment to join the bandwagon and speed up further the momentum of Ethiopian development by engaging in investment, trade and tourism for mutual benefit.



Present at the Forum at Savoy Place, London were over 300 investors, businesses, government and private agencies, government officials, invited guests and members of the Ethiopian Diaspora.

The day-long Forum discussed major economic sectors in four sessions with particular focus on investment in mining, energy, agriculture and agro-processing, tourism and infrastructure.

## SESSION 1: STATING THE CASE FOR INVESTING IN ETHIOPIA



(r-l) Chair of the Session, Mr Laurence Robertson MP, Chair APPG, Ethiopia, Ato Abi Woldemeskel, Director General, Ethiopian Investment Agency, Ato Esayas Bahre, General Manager, Development Bank of Ethiopia and Ato Zemedeneh Negatu, Managing Partner of Ernst & Young, Ethiopia Office



(l-r) Ato Yohannes Ayalew, Vice Governor, National Bank of Ethiopia, Ato Abi Woldemeskel, Director General, Ethiopian Investment Agency, and Ato Zemedeneh Negatu, Managing Partner of Ernst & Young, Ethiopia Office give their presentations.

## SESSION 2: INVESTING IN MINING, ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE



(left) Session 2 was chaired by Myles Wickstead CBE, former British Ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti and H.E. W/ro Sinkenesh Ejigu (right) gives her presentation.



(clockwise l-r) H.E. Ato Diriba Kuma, Minister of Transport, H.E. Ato Alemayehu Tegenu, Minister of Water & Energy, Ato Tewodros Ashenafi, Chairman and CEO, Southwest Energy and Richard Chase, CEO of Nyota Minerals.

## SESSION 3: INVESTING IN AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING



(left picture – r-l) Speakers in Session 3 included, Reginald Hankey, CEO of Pittards Plc, Baroness Lynda Chalker, Chairperson of Africa Matters Ltd, who was the chair of the session, H.E. Ato Tefera Derebew, Minister of Agriculture, John Small, CEO of the Eastern African Association and Ato Demissie Assefa, CEO of Goh Capital Partners.

## SESSION 4: TRADE, TOURISM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



(clockwise l-r) H.E. Ato Aburahman Sheikh Mohammed, Minister of Trade, H.E. Ato Amin Abdulkadir, Minister of Culture and Tourism, Dr Eleni Gebremedhin, Head, Ethiopian Commodity Exchange, Tony Hickey, CEO, Ethiopian Quadrants and Keith Bowers, Advisor, Ethiopian Film Initiative (DVD)