

## DESCRIPTION OF PASTORALIST FORUM ETHIOPIA (PFE)

### 1. General

Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia (PFE) is a local umbrella NGO working with the pastoralists and partners to advance the right of Ethiopian pastoralists, and represents collective voice of its member CSOs/NGOs. The Forum envisions that concerns of the pastoralists would receive the proper attention of policy-makers and addressed. The priority focus areas are *I) Policy Research, Advocacy and Lobby; II) Networking and Coordination; III) Promotion of Good Governance and Practices; IV) Partnership and Coalition Building; and, V) Capacity Building.* The advocacy scope of PFE ranges from local to international levels. The Forum is a legally registered organization at the Ministry of Justice with Certificate No. 1125. The Forum has 27 member NGOs working on pastoralism and related issues.

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## **Year of establishment**

It was founded in 1998 as loose network and start working in the same year even though it was legally registered in August 2004.

## **2. What are the main activities at present and achievements of PFE?**

- *Advocate and lobby for adoption of pastoral friendly development legislations at local, national, and regional/international levels.*
- *Strengthen the capacity of its members and stakeholders to articulate and advance policy agendas in favor of the pastoral communities.*
- *Bridge the awareness, information and knowledge gap on pastoral issues through engaging in research endeavors and consolidation of the database on pastoralism.*
- *Promote and forge networking and collaboration with local, national and international stakeholders to advance the cause of the pastoral communities.*
- *Raise awareness and support among all federal and regional legislature, policy and decision makers to augment their perseverance for the rights of pastoral communities and pastoral development policies.*
- *Reduce the distrust and eliminate negative attitudes towards pastoral mode of life.*

### **The following actions can be cited as example of PFE's achievements.**

- *Organizing/co-organizing Ethiopian Pastoralist Day (EPD) traced at the federal and at the regional levels. This is a multi faced advocacy instrument and a platform where all pastoral groups are represented from the whole country and meet decision makers/all pastoral actors to debate their concerns, strengthening their solidarity, and promote their rights. The EPD has been celebrated for the last nine years.*
- *Facilitation and supporting the establishment of Pastoral Council in Oromiya region (one of the federal states in Ethiopia).*
- *Various capacity building activities to empower the pastoralists and local experts at federal and pastoral regions.*
- *Coordination and management of the Japanese Social Development Fund to support pastoral development project in pastoral regions. 11 NGOs having thirteen projects are selected and sub-granted to undertake community capacity building.*
- *Participation in national PRSP/Plan for Accelerated and Sustainable Development to End Poverty (PASDEP) consultation and submission of a Chapter on Pastoralism for the inclusion in the final PRSP documents.*
- *Conducting National Conferences on selected Themes aiming at narrowing the pastoral knowledge gap; and documentation of indigenous knowledge on disaster management in Afar and Borena (Oromiya) regional states.*
- *Engaging private sector in pastoral development, gender mainstreaming manual for pastoral actors, etc*
- *Establishment of Horn of African Elders Council in partnership with Minority Rights Group (MRG)*
- *Establishment of Pastoralists' Friends Journalist Club...etc*

## **The results of the action**

- *Contributed for change in Governments policy towards pastoralism and pastoral development, which include recognition of Ethiopian Pastoralist Day (EPD) as a national day; Establishments of Pastoral Affairs Standing Committee (PASC) in the Federal Parliament, which oversight pastoral issues in the Federal parliament;, and establishments and/or formulation of pastoral institutions at the federal and regional levels (Pastoral Commission, etc)*
- *Through Pastoralist Day, pastoralism and pastoral development have become national agenda, Ethiopian Pastoralist Day has been recognized as a national day and entering into the national calendar; pastoral solidarity enhanced, various actors has given more attention for pastoral development, etc*
- *The first independent Pastoral Council exclusively led by the pastoralists established and has started functioning. The Council is actively working to advance the rights of pastoralist at regional level (Oromia regional state). The process in the rest regions is under pipeline*
- *Various trainings in the area of advocacy, conflict management, civic and voters' education have contributed to empower the pastoralists and local experts*
- *Pastoralist interest is included in the national plan/PASDEP for the second time in the country*
- *Eleven pastoral NGOs having thirteen capacity building projects have been funded from the Japanese Social Development Fund and start functioning in four pastoral regions*
- *Five National conferences on pastoral issues organized and more than 4,500 copies have already reached the needy*

### **3. Partnership and Networking**

- *PFE works in partnership with Parliamentary Pastoral Affairs Standing Committee (PASC) and Ministry of Federal Affairs (MoFA), and has established good working relationship with the regional governments and most of their offices. This is witnessed with the fact that PFE, Pastoral Affairs Standing Committee (PASC) in the Federal Parliament, and MoFA in collaboration with the pastoralists and regional governments celebrated the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Ethiopian Pastoralist Days (EPD). PFE works in partnership with PANE (a local umbrella NGO on PRSP and MDGs issues), Cotonou Task Force (CSOs in Cotonou Agreement), PROFIEET, Norwegian Peoples Aid and Development Fund/DF (land matters), MRGI (issues of minority rights), IWGIA (indigenous peoples rights), etc need to be mentioned*
- *The Forum is implementing Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) with fund US \$ 1.86 million in collaboration with MoFA and the World Bank. In addition, PFE is becoming a focal organization advancing pastoral issues*
- *Pastoral Organizations' Directory published: just to boost communication among pastoral actors a standard directory has been published and circulated*
- *Resource center established with networked computers*

- *PFE Website ( www.pfe-ethiopia.org) is functional although it is still under construction*
- *The Forum has been actively working to strengthen partnership with both Government and Non-Government bodies. The PFE's active partnership with PASC (on issues of pastoralism as a whole) and MoFA can be mentioned*

**4. List of the management board / committee of your organization**

Name	Profession	Position
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Mr. Abdi Abdulahi	BA in Geography	V/chairman
Mr. Sora Adi	MSc in Animal Sciences	Member
Mr. Beruk Yemane	MSc in Animal Sciences	“
Mr. Ismael Ali Gardo	Navy	“
Dr. Tafesse Mesfin	Veterinarian	“
Dr. Zerihun Ambaye	PhD in Business Administration	“