

## **Brief Report on the National Conference on Employability of Graduates with Disabilities**

The National Conference on “Employability of Graduates with Disabilities” was success fully conducted on February 13, 2014 at the Eshetu Chole Hall in the Business and Economics College. We had over 56 participants from Governmental sector ministries, Non-governmental Organizations, National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Students with Disabilities as well as PhD students from the Department of Special Needs education at Addis Ababa University. In this National Conference, two presentations were made by the research team.

- a) The first presentation was on “The Research Result of the Employability Study “ . The research undertaking got several appreciations form the participants as it was the first attempt to map-out the situation of the employability of persons with disabilities in the country .
- b) The second presentation was made on the “Manual for Employability of Persons with Disabilities in Ethiopia”. Following this presentation there were productive discussions and several contributions from the participants of the study. One of the pertinent suggestions made by the participants was that the Manual needs to be enriched and up dated by involving other stakeholders who have a direct engagement on the ground.

Indeed, the National Conference gave us a lot of opportunities to indentify organizations with whom we would be able to collaborate in the future. This I thank ensures the not only to the continuity of the discussion but also the sustainability project.

Furthermore, among others the following sound suggestions have come –up in the Conference ; the use of media to disseminate the research output, the need for encompassing other disability groups such as persons with intellectual disability, making the document available in different local languages, including employment related local and international instruments, the importance of raising awareness for policy makers , study best practices which can be adapted to our situation and raising the awareness the policy makers and the general public .

Regards,

Tirussew Teferra

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Enclosed the conference program and the list of participants

## National Conference on Employability of Persons with Disabilities in Ethiopia

**Program Schedule/ Feb. 13, 2014/**

**Venue: FBE Campus Eshetu Chole Hall**

	Time	ACTIVITY	Responsible	Facilitator
1	8:30-9:00 Am	Registration of participants	Dr. Alemayehu Tekelemariam	Organizing Committee
2	9:00-9:10 am	Introducing the program	Dr.Yirgashewa Bekele	“
3	9:10-9-20 am	Opening Speech	Professor Tirussew Teferra	“
4.	9:20-10:00 am	Research finding presentation	Professor Tirussew Teferra	Dr. Daniel Desta
5	10:00-10-30 am	Discussion	Professor Tirussew Teferra	
6.	10:30-11:00 am	Tea break	Staff	Organizing Committee
7	11:00-11:11:30 am	Introducing the Manual on Employability of Persons with Disability	Dr. Sewalem Tesga & Dr Tilahun Achaw	Dr. Fanthun Admas
8	11:30- 12:00 Am	Discussion	Dr Sewalem & Dr Tilahun Achaw	
9	12:00- 12:30 Am	General discussion and closing	Professor Tirussew Teferra	Organizing Committee
10	12:30- 1:30 Am	Lunch	Main Campus, AAU Staff Lounge	

**Note:** Lunch and transport cost of participants will be covered by the Organizing Committee of the Conference

## List of Persons & Invited `Organizations

No.	Government and Non-Government Organizations
1.	AAU University President
2.	AAU University Vice Presidents
3.	Director of IER
4.	Dean of Students AAU
5.	Disability Support Center AAD
6.	Austrian Development Agency/Embassy
7.	Head, School of Psychology
8.	Addis Ababa Justice bureau
9.	Addis Ababa Education Bureau
10.	Addis Ababa Health Bureau
11.	Addis Ababa Civil Service Bureau
12.	Addis Ababa Labor and Social Affairs
13.	Addis Development Vision
14.	Arada Sub city Administration
15.	Association for Deaf and Blind
16.	Blind Teachers Association
17.	CBR Ethiopia Network
18.	CBM Ethiopia
19.	CCF Ethiopia
20.	Cheshire Foundation
21.	Cheshire Service Ethiopia
22.	Christopher Blinden Mission
23.	CRDA Ethiopia
24.	Disability Center AAU
25.	ECDD
26.	ESNEPA
27.	Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Center for ID
28.	Ethiopian National association for Blind
29.	Ethiopian National association for Intellectual disabilities
30.	Ethiopian National association for physical disabilities
31.	Ethiopian National association for the Deaf
32.	Ethiopian National Associations affected with Leprosy
33.	Ethiopian National Disability Action Network (ENDAN)
34.	Ethiopian Teachers Association
35.	Federal civil Service
36.	Federal Ministry of Justice
37.	Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
38.	Federation of Ethiopian National Associations of persons with disabilities
39.	German eye Clinic SIGMA
40.	Handicap International
41.	Inclusive education for the Deaf
42.	Kotebe College of Teacher Education
43.	Leprosy Association
44.	Light for the World

45.	Ministry of Education/Inclusive... directorate ?
46.	Ministry of Health
47.	National Handicap (This name has been changed)
48.	Nefas silk lafto Sub City Administration
49.	Pact Ethiopia
50.	Parliamentarian, Social Affairs Team
51.	Plan Ethiopia
52.	UNESCO –Ethiopia
53.	UNICEF –Ethiopia
54.	World Vision Ethiopia
55.	Yemesrach Eye Glass
56.	PhD students, Department of Special Needs Education
57.	Staff of Department of Special Needs Education
58.	Blind Students Association, AAU
59.	Deaf Students Association AAU
60.	Association of Students with Motor Disorder AAU