



Embassy of Ethiopia

Press Release

A high level Ethiopian delegation from the Somali Regional State, led by H.E. the Honorable Abdifatah Shek Abdullahi, Chairman of the Ethiopian Somali People's Democratic party (ESPDP) conducted fruitful and historic meetings with members of the diaspora from the Somali Regional State residing in San Diego, Minnesota and Seattle. The delegation briefed the community on the state of development, good governance, democracy and peace in the region in particular and the entire country in general.

These unprecedented and historic meetings have created a conducive climate of understanding and consensus by opening up new opportunities for the active engagement of the diaspora in the overall development currently underway in Ethiopia in general and the Somali Regional State in particular.

The participants of these meetings expressed strong support for the recent accord reached between the Ethiopian Government and the United Western Somali Liberation Front (UWSLF) and appreciated the latter's decision to cease armed insurgency against the constitutional order and its readiness to play its role in the democratization and development efforts in the country.

Finally the participants of the meetings, in all the three cities, issued communiqué expressing their readiness to play their part to help realize the development agenda of the region and to bolster their all rounded support for the further enhancement of peace, good governance and democracy as well as economic development in their homeland, Ethiopia.

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