

Press Release

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New ENTRO Executive Director begins Tenure

Following his endorsement by the Eastern Nile Council of Ministers (ENCOM) at its 27th Meeting held in Khartoum on July 18-19, 2014, Mr. Fekahmed Negash of Ethiopia officially assumed his position as ENTRO ED today.



In a handover ceremony, Dr Yosif Ibrahim who served as Officer-In-Charge (OIC) in the interim for the last two and half years, briefly outlined the challenges the institution faced for the last four years, due to governance vacuum that arose from the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement process. Dr Yosif also stated that ENTRO, despite the challenges, has proven its resiliency thanks to its committed regional and national staff. Mr. Fekahmed on his part expressed his thanks to the outgoing OIC for his stewardship of ENTRO. He also said that the greatest asset of any institution is its staff. He thus hopes to score significant results with ENTRO staff. Mr. Fekahmed said that his management philosophy emphasizes participation and inclusion and that he is open to all innovative proposals that staff brings forth.

The handover was accompanied by staff tree planting in ENTRO premises and coffee ceremony.



Mr. Fekahmed Negash brings along over twenty five years of work experience in the water sector, serving in various capacities including: Director, Basin Administration Directorate; Program coordinator - Tana-Beles Integrated Water Resources Development Project; Project Coordinator, Studies of the Ethiopian Nile Basin (Abbay Basin) Project; the latest, Director, Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Affairs Directorate, all in the Ministry of Water, Irrigation & Energy of Ethiopia. Mr Fekahmed has also served as a member of Eastern Nile Subsidiary Action Program Team (ENSAPT), the advisory group to ENCOM.

Mr. Fekahmed holds M.Sc in Land and Water Resources Management from Silsoe College, Cranfield University, UK (1995) and a B.Sc. in Animal Sciences from Alemaya University of Agriculture (1988). He also has undertaken several water related trainings and short courses, among which are: Training of Trainers Course on River Basin Organizations, Cap-Net/ UNDP Pretoria, South Africa; Appreciation Seminar in IWRM for Policy and Decision Makers, ATP (NBI) /IHE of Delft, Ismailia, Egypt; Water Diplomacy, Managing, the Science, Policy and Politics of Water Networks through Negotiation, Swinsnex, Boston, USA.