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The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Program in chemicals, Wastes and Environmental Governance
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Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: **Expression of Interest**

This is to express to you the interest and commitment of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to participate in the pilot project in support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). The Government of Ethiopia has always been in favor of the integrated approach of chemicals management such as that of SAICM rather than the piece meal approach as it had been in the past. This Project will focus on strengthening governance, stakeholder's participation and public private partnership to support national SAICM implementation.

There are a lot of unique opportunities that favors Ethiopia to be chosen as a pilot country to implement SAICM. We would like to indicate to you some of these opportunities as follows:

1. It is a country, which is party to the Stockholm, the Rotterdam and to the Basel Conventions
2. It has designated focal institution and lead institutions to implement SAICM. Moreover, it has put in place National Committee composed of relevant government institutions, business and the industry to coordinate the implementation of SAICM.
3. It has long experience of managing obsolete stockpiles. Ethiopia has already disposed 1000 metric ton of obsolete chemicals in the first phase and it is currently engaged to dispose about the same quantity in the second phase.
4. It is a country with a conducive environment and appropriate environmental policy to implement SAICM. It is probably the first country in Africa that integrated the issue of chemicals management in its Plan for Accelerated and Sustainable Development to End Poverty (PASDEP).
5. It is a peaceful country that has already put in place good governance system.
6. Ethiopia is the third populous country in Africa with a population of 70 million people.
7. It is one of the nations of Africa that initiated the creation of the Organization of African Union and a homeland of the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).
8. It is a country, which has actively participated during the evolution and negotiation of SAICM. During the previous discussions and negotiations of SAICM, Ethiopia was voicing to safeguard the interest of the African and the developing nations.

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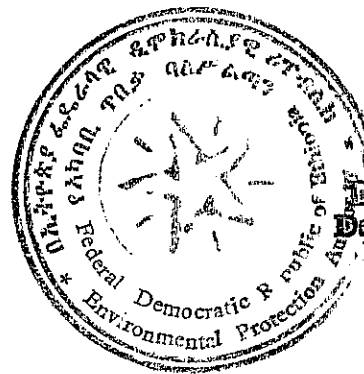
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9. It is a country, which has already prepared its own Chemical Management Profile, and it is currently finalizing the National Implementation Plan (NIP) to implement the Stockholm Convention.
10. Information dissemination from Ethiopia to the rest of the African countries in relation to the outputs of the proposed pilot Project will be much easier due to the presence of the offices of African union and ECA and the number of African embassies that we have in the country.

Taking in to consideration the favorable conditions that we have it is our sincere hope that you will chose Ethiopia to implement the pilot project in support of SAICM.



Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Dessalegne Mesfin
Deputy Director General

Attachments: Expression of Interests from

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Lab our and Social Affairs
- Addis Ababa City Administration, Environmental Protection Authority
- Ethiopian Cleaner Production Center
- Ethiopian chamber of Commerce
- Chemical Society of Ethiopia
- Safe Environment Association
- Confederation of the Ethiopian Trade Union
- Institute for Sustainable Development

**Pilot Project in Support of National SAICM Implementation:
2006-2009**

**Strengthening Governance, Civil Society Participation and Public-Private
Partnerships within an Integrated National Chemicals and Waste Management Programme**

Application Form

Country: Ethiopia

Contact Information for Lead Government Agency:

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Statement of Interest included: Yes

List of Ministries endorsing Application included: Yes

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Statement of Interest included: Yes

List of Organizations endorsing application included: Yes

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Statement of Interest included:

Yes



List of Organizations endorsing application included:

Yes



List of Stakeholders and their proposed role in the Implementation of SAICM in Ethiopia

1- Lead Government Agency: Federal Environmental Protection Authority

List of Ministries and other Government Organizations that Endorsed the Application

- Ministry of agriculture and Rural Development (will involve in the disposal of agricultural pesticides)
- Ministry of Health (will involve in the risk assessment of chemicals)
- Ministry of Labour and social Affairs (will involve in health and safety of workers)
- Addis Ababa City Administration, Environmental Protection Authority (will involve in the enforcement of chemical legislations)

2- Lead Business and Industry Organization: Ethiopian Manufacturing Industries Association

List of Business and Industry Organizations that Endorsed the Application

- Ethiopian Cleaner Production (will involve in the minimization of the use of chemicals)
- Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce (will involve in coordinating chemical industries)
- Chemical Society of Ethiopia (will involve in the research of chemical alternatives)

3- Lead Public Interest and Labour Organization: Ethiopian Wildlife and natural History Society

List of Public interest and Labour Organization that Endorsed the Application

- Safe Environmental Association (will involve in the advocacy of public interest in relation to risk associated with chemicals)
- Confederation of the Ethiopian Trade Union (Will involve in relation with workers safety)
- Institute for Sustainable development (will involve in developing non- chemical alternatives for use in the agricultural sector)



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Date: March 20, 2006
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**Programs in Chemicals, Wastes and
Environmental Governance UNITAR,
Geneva**

Subject:- Expression of Interest

This is to express our interest and commitment of our participation in the project in support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICAM) Implementation.

The project is intended to strengthen environmental governance, civil society participation and public-private partnerships within the integrated national chemicals and waste management program.

To this effect we have made some consultations with the Federal Environmental protection Authority (FEPA) on the rationale of the project and we have agreed that this project is very important for Ethiopia to discharge its obligations under the chemical conventions such as the Basel, the Stockholm and the Rotterdam Conventions. During the consultation we have also bilaterally agreed for the FEPA to the lead Government Agency.

Our organization is in one way or another engaged in the management of chemicals and we believe our participation in this project will give it additional impetus to effectively deliver the project outputs.

Please also note that we have designated Mr. Bekele Tsegaye to be your contact person and you may reach him through the following address:-

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Best Regards

Asrat Abebe
Secretary General

**CC: Federal Environmental Protection Authority
Addis Ababa**

**Ato Bekele Tsegaye
Addis Ababa**



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EWNHS/023/2006

Date 17 March 2006

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Best regards,

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