

Side Events at the Ethiopian Pavilion on COP28

1. Introduction and background

Apart from active engagement in the technical negotiations, Ethiopia will have a pavilion at COP28. The pavilion will showcase Ethiopia's climate policy and actions, and Ethiopians, as well as representatives of development partners, CSOs/NGOs, UN agencies, youth delegates, and others, are invited to speak and co-organize events there.

The events scheduled in Ethiopian Pavilion in Blue Zone designed in alignment with the thematic days the COP28 presidency. Development partners and all stakeholders are welcome to host or co-host events in the Ethiopian pavilion from December 3-12, 2023.

2. List of Side Events, their Schedule, Theme and Responsible Body(ies)

The following table lists the side events that will be organized by relevant sectoral representatives in collaboration with key partners at the Ethiopian Pavilion in the Blue Zone at COP28.

The Ministry of Planning and Development, as the lead and focal point institution for climate change, is responsible for overall organization and needed technical support of the events.

The following government institutions are proposed the side events in the Ethiopian Pavilion in the Blue Zone.

- ✓ Ministry of Planning and Development,
- ✓ Ministry of Finance,
- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture with the Ethiopian forestry Development,
- ✓ Ministry of Water and Energy,
- ✓ Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure,
- ✓ Ministry of Transport and Logistics, and
- ✓ Ethiopian Investment Holdings

While the following non-state actors are also proposed side events.

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- South South North (SSN)
- PHE Ethiopia Consortium
- UNICEF
- Perspectives
- Tufts University
- WRI

Their respective contact persons who are responsible for (co-)organizing the specific side events are indicated in the table below (fourth column).

Table: List of Side Events at the Ethiopia Pavilion at COP28 in Blue Zone (30 Nov to 12 Dec 2023)

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1.	Sunday, 03 Dec 2023	Time: 10:00 – 11:00 Ethiopia pavilion, Blue zone	Dr Michael Mehari/Tagay Hamza michaelmehari@gmail.com +251924148568/+251913906557 Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia UNICEF (TBC)	<p>Title: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Targets and Metrics for the Global Goal on Adaptation</p> <p>Description of the event</p> <p>Water scarcity and climate change pose significant threats to global water security, affecting 1.42 billion people, including 450 million children, living in areas of high or extremely high-water vulnerability. The impacts of climate change, such as disruptions in water availability and quality, disproportionately affect children's health, education, and well-being. Inadequate access to safe water and sanitation results in preventable diseases, school dropout rates, and gender inequalities.</p> <p>UNICEF, together with SWA, Governments of the UK, the Netherlands, GWP, WaterAid, AquaFed, JMP WHO-UNICEF, Toilet Board Coalition, WHO and Water for People submitted a contribution ahead of SB58 discussions in Bonn on the Global Goal on Adaptation. Considering the interest that several partners expressed in the effort made by the WASH sector to suggest potential targets and metrics that could orient not only the water sector but other social basic services, we would like to propose a follow up session during COP28 in which we further discuss our proposals.</p> <p>The main objective of the event is to incorporate some examples of monitoring resilience and adaptation, and how climate adaptation in the water sector is happening through government, private sector and external support agencies, highlighting the significance of sector-wide climate change adaptation based on what was presented in Bonn.</p> <p>Co-convenors: Government of Ethiopia, UNICEF, Other co-organizers including Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), CEO Water Mandate, and other partners (including private sector) (TBC).</p>		Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace	

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2.	Sunday, 03 Dec 2023	Time: 11:15 – 12:15 Ethiopia pavilion, Blue zone	Endashaw Moges endumog78@yahoo.com ; +251911940930/+251922392 871; PHE Ethiopia Consortium)	Title: Impacts of Climate Change on Health			
3.	Monday, 04 Dec 2023	Time: 10:00-11:30 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Yonas Getahun ygetahun@mofed.gov.et +251930332715 Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia Ethiopia Mr. Mensur Dessie Nuri mensurdes2012@gmail.com +251 0 928974938 Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia Mr. Benti Firdissa bentifirdissamblb04@gmail.com +251912105438, Ethiopian EPA Sewagegnehu Dagne sewagegnehu.dagne@eih.et Tel: +251925913008 Ethiopian Investment Holdings	Title: From Durban to Dubai: Ethiopia’s journey in building a Low Emission and Climate Resilient Economy (Stocktake) Description of the side event Ethiopia's policy response for climate change has progressively evolved since the launching of the CRGE in 2011. The integration of building resilient green economy as one of the ten strategic pillars of Ethiopia’s development roadmap, known as Ten Years Development Plan for the period 2021 to 2030 is confirmation of its commitment to threatening climate variability and climate change as one of the major challenges to the present and future economic development and transformation of the country. Furthermore, submitting an updated Nationally Determined Contribution, which aims 68.8 percent emission reduction by 2030 to the UNFCCC is an indication of Ethiopia’s continued commitment to responding to global call to combat climate change. The side even under the Sub-Theme “Key Aspects of the updated NDC and LT-LEDS” shall highlight the key features of Ethiopia’s updated NDC and the Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy, which was submitted to the UNFCCC recently. Furthermore, the National MRV Framework and Article 6 related updates shall be covered under this theme. The side events shall bring together high-level representatives from Party delegations, development partners, international organizations, academia and civil society organizations. Speakers: MOF, MODP, EPA, FCDO, OPM, UNDP, Perspectives, WB, Ethiopian Investment Holdings	Technical	Finance/Trade/Gender Equality/Accountability	
			Mr. Stephan Hoch hoch@perspectives.cc +49 176 21637381 Perspectives Ms. Wubua Mekonnen				

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4.	Monday, 04 Dec 2023	Time: 11:45-13:00 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Mr. Abas Mohammed abas.mohammed5@gmail.com +251 911544526 Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia Yonas Getahun ygetahun@mofed.gov.et +251930332715 Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia	Unlocking Investment for Development in the context of climate change in Ethiopia: A Lesson for other African Countries and LDCs Description of the side event Ethiopia's Long Term Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) is developed and submitted to UNFCCC in 2023 Ethiopia's LT-LEDS clearly outlined the development & climate policy directions for the next 30 years (2021-2050) with a climate finance development scenarios and investment requirements for translating Ethiopia's LT-LEDS into action. The event will explore opportunities for enhanced GDP growth; food system transformation and food sovereignty and security; clean energy production and access; land as well as investment profits; the planned mechanism on how non-traditional sources of climate finance will be mobilized. Speakers: MoPD, MoF, Dev't partners (UNDP, GGGI, AFD, Norway), etc (TBD)	High level	Finance/Trade/Gender Equality/Accountability	
5.	Monday, 04 Dec 2023	Time: 11:45-13:00 Ethiopian Pavilion, Blue zone	Mr. Wondwossen Sintayehu wondwossen@southsouthnorth.org +251911604358	Title: Ethiopia's cooling initiative: challenges and prospects Description of the event The South South North (SSN), in collaboration with Perspectives of the Ministry of Planning and Development, the Environmental Protection Authority (Ethiopia Climate Research (PCR), and Climate Works Foundation (CWF) aims to showcase the results of the project implementation activity to date, including the baseline study, the high relevance sectors and the potentials for viable energy efficiency standards across the RAC sector. Preceded by welcoming and opening remarks by the Ethiopian government, the side-event will be a mix of a presentation and a panel discussion according to the following tentative schedules:	Technical	Finance/Trade/Gender Equality/Accountability	
6.	Tuesday,	9:00-10:00	Mr. Agimasie Demewoz	Title: Community-Led Adaptation for Climate Resilience and Green Income Opportunities in Ethiopia		Energy and Industry/Just	

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	05 Dec 2023	Ethiopian Pavilion (Blue zone)	Agimasie.Demewoz@wri.org +251901001110 World Resource Institute/WRI	Description of the event High-level dialogue on the lesson learned challenges, and scalable locally led adaptation (best) practices in Ethiopia case study identifying successful adaptation practices; understanding the factors contributing to their success; and documenting any innovative approaches households use. The event will consist of a brief presentation of the study main findings, where the panellist common reflect on study report and to share their experience on local led adaptation practices, and opportunities in climate change adaptation, identifying joint solutions and replicable practices.		transition/Local People	
7.	Tuesday, 05 Dec 2023	Time: 10:00-11:30 Ethiopian Pavilion (Blue zone)	Mr. Tagay Hamza +251913906557 tagayhamza21@gmail.com Dr. Mikael Mehari michaelmehari@gmail.com +251924148568 Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia Dr. Abay Yimere Ezra +1 (617) 863-7613 Abay.yimere@tufts.edu Tufts University	Title: Clean cooking: Lesson, Experience and Opportunities in Ethiopia Description of the event Ethiopia's government has implemented a number of policies and strategies to replace traditional stoves with improved, lower-emitting, fuel-efficient stoves and other clean energy cooking technologies. These initiatives also aim to improve population health and indoor air quality, reduce the clearing of forest resources, and increase agricultural productivity by assisting households in reducing their reliance on crop residues and dung as energy sources that could have been used as organic fertility inputs. As part of its energy compact, Ethiopia committed to accelerating the availability of clean cooking technologies through 2030 and beyond, in keeping with the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement. As part of Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategy (CRGE) The National Improved Cookstove Program – (NICP) was launched in 2013 with a target to support 9 million improved cook stove dissemination in 5 years period and has been able to disseminate more than 8.7 million improved cook stoves (ICS) until the end of 2018. In the last 12 years period (2010/11 – 2021/22) more than 17 million fuel saving biomass stoves were disseminated throughout the country. The key technologies under promotion include: Mirt Stove, mostly used for injera making and has a section for cooking; Tikikil and Rocket cookstoves, improved charcoal Stoves, etc Speakers: MoWE, IWMI	Technical	Energy and Industry/Just transition/Local People	

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8.	Tuesday 05 Dec 2023	Time: 11:45-12:45 Ethiopian Pavilion, Blue zone	Sewagegnehu Dagne sewagegnehu.dagne@eih.et Tel: +251925913008 Ethiopian Investment Holdings	Title: Utilizing the immense Geothermal potential of Ethiopia for Energy diversification and better access – Harmokale Geothermal Power Plant Speaker: Wondossen Zeleke – wondwossen.zeleke@4thresource.ca		Energy and Industry/Just Transition/Local People	
9.	Tuesday 05 Dec 2023	Time: 14:00 – 15:00 Ethiopian Pavilion, Blue zone	Mr. Yizengaw Yitayih yizbrt@gmail.com +251912371898 Ministry of Transport and Logistics, Ethiopia Dr. Abay Yimere Ezra +1 (617) 863-7613 Abay.yimere@tufts.edu Tufts University	Title: Charting a green path: Ethiopia’s Journey to a Net-Zero Transport system Description of the event The heavy reliance on personal vehicle usage has had a detrimental impact on the transportation sector in Addis Ababa and other major cities of Ethiopia, leading to its significant contribution to air pollution and other adverse impacts. These issues not only harm the environment but also pose severe health and economic challenges for the people. To address this critical problem, it is imperative to modernize the transportation sector, enhance accessibility, and promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). Doing so is essential for realizing both economic prosperity and social well-being for the county, the region, and the global communities. To ensure the success of this electrification initiative and materialize the country's ambitions for a cleaner transport system, Ethiopia is actively seeking partnerships with various stakeholders. Collaboration with development partners, private sectors, and research institutes is essential for obtaining the necessary technical and financial support, as well as sharing knowledge and best practices. The aim is to build a robust network of partnerships that collectively work towards a NetZero transport system, aligning with global efforts to combat climate change and reduce air pollution.			

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				Speakers: MOTL , MoWE, ITDP, Tufts University, Ethiopia Investment Holdings Title: Energize, connect: Powering progress, and diversified and distributed energy Description of the side event The government of Ethiopia has been working aggressively towards renewable energy development through government and private sector investment. Ethiopia has huge untapped clean power generation potential including from geothermal and green hydrogen. The country generates almost all of its current electricity from clean sources (hydro, wind, and solar). and has planned to continue scaling up of dissemination of improved fuel-saving and biofuel stoves, solar energy technologies for households and institutions, generation of electric power from small rivers, construction of medium and large dams both for power generation and irrigation etc. Access to reliable and affordable energy is critical for Ethiopia’s economic development, with a direct relationship to promoting economic growth and eradicating poverty. To bring this, the government has set goals electrifying rural households and has developed off-grid technologies for institutions and agriculture production and productivity. In the last five years in Ethiopia thousands of schools and health facilities have been benefited from installed solar technologies and access to clean water and sanitation service and irrigation through solar water pumping. This significantly improving the livelihoods, support food security and mitigating impacts of climate change. Speakers: MoWE, IWMI, Tufts University			
10.	Tuesday, 05 Dec 2023	Time: 15:00-16:30 Ethiopian Pavilion (Blue zone)	Mr. Tagay Hamza +251913906557 tagayhamza21@gmail.com Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia Mr. Yizengaw Yitayih yizbrt@gmail.com +251912371898 Ministry of transport and Logistics, Ethiopia Mr. Sewagegnehu Dagne sewagegnehu.dagne@eih.et Tel: +251925913008 Ethiopian Investment Holdings Dr. Abay Yimere Ezra +1 (617) 863-7613 Abay.yimere@tufts.edu Tufts University		Technical	Energy and Industry/Just transition/Local People	

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11.	Tuesday, 05 Dec 2023	Time: 16:45-17:45 Ethiopian Pavilion, Blue Zone	Dr. Abdulkerim Said +251911227413 A.seid@cgiar.org International Water Management Institute Dr Michael Mehari Email: michaelmehari@gmail.com Tele: +251924148568/+251913906557 Ministry of Water and Energy	TITLE: Addressing water data gaps in Africa: Remote Sensing-based Water Accounting for Africa The increase in water scarcity calls for immediate actions leading to integrated water management and sustainable use of resources. Despite the importance, the lack of hydro-monitoring networks poses a threat to managing water resources. Many nations formulate water resources management policies without a comprehensive grasp of the diverse cross-sectoral water utilization, requirements, and shortfalls. Moreover, decisions taken by river basin organizations rely on flow data collected from a limited number of discharge stations. Water security is the centrepiece of food security, national security, economic health, and societal well-being. The number of stations on the hydro-monitoring networks has decreased in recent years. In Africa, water data scarcity is exacerbated by the already low density of active monitoring networks and the lack of funds to maintain the hydrological services and train the technical staff. The International Water Management Institute’s Digital Innovations for Water Secure Africa (DIWASA) initiative is generating reliable and systematic analysis-ready water data products on water use, demand, water availability, and scarcity using a new multi-scale continental water accounting plus (CWA+) framework. The CWA+ is built on the water accounting plus (WA+) approach that derives basin scale water availability and scarcity indicators using earth observation data products and limited in situ observations. Objectives of the event: The primary objective of the side event is to enhance awareness among policy/decision makers, planners, and practitioners on Earth Observation based water accounting datasets and its applications to address key water data gaps in Africa. The digital innovation in water data science that will be presented at the side event is directly relevant to the Strategic Intervention Axis 2 of the Africa		Energy and Industry/Just transition/Local People	

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				<p>Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022 – 2023)¹, specifically to the ‘Enhancing Resilient Water Systems’ intervention area.</p> <p>Further, the side event is aimed at serving as experience/knowledge exchange forum among stakeholders to cross-fertilize ideas, understand needs for further data needs and applications.</p> <p>Moderator: McDonnel, Rachael (PhD)</p> <p>Deputy Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Abdulkarim Seid/Dr Michael Mehari</p>			
12.	Wednesday, 06 Dec 2023	Time: 11:00-12:30 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Mr. Estifanos Fesseha, estifanosfesseha@gmail.com +251 911822469, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, Ethiopia	<p>Title: Climate smart capital investment planning in Ethiopian cities (Addis Ababa, Hossaena, Jimma, Shashemane)</p> <p>Description of the side event</p> <p>River side, integrated soil and water conservation and recreational park development.</p> <p>Speakers: MoUI, WB, UNDP/ GCF/GEF/AfDB /BILLGATES/ UN habitat, the Netherlands</p>	Ministerial	Multilevel Urbanization and Environment.	Action, and Built Environment.

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13.	Wednesday 06 Dec 2023	Time: 14:00 – 15:00 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Mr. Yizengaw Yitayih yizbrt@gmail.com +251912371898 Ministry of transport and Logistics, Ethiopia Dr. Abay Yimere Ezra +1 (617) 863-7613 Abay.yimere@tufts.edu Tufts University	Title: Riding the future: Advancing Non-Motorized Transport in Ethiopia's Urban Landscapes Description of the event Ethiopia has launched its National Non-Motorized Transport Strategy and Addis Ababa has its own Non-Motorized Transport Strategy, which set ambitious targets to implement 1000km of pedestrian infrastructure and 500km of cycling lanes by 2030. All the policies and strategies and promotions done by the government to increase the awareness provide an enabling environment for investors and (NOGs, GO and private sectors) to engage on non-motorized transport in rural and urban cities of Ethiopia. The local bike sharing project "Bisiklet Megarat", initiated by the Addis Ababa Road and Transport Bureau (AARTB), is an opportunity to facilitate and encourage cycling for a broader public. The bike sharing system shall start with 500 cycles serving areas in the city centre, aiming to expand in future phases to 10,000 cycles across Addis Ababa. Speaker - MOTL, ITDP	Technical	Multilevel Urbanization Environment/transport	Action, and Built
14.	Wednesday, 06 Dec 2023	Time: 15:15-16:15 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Mr. Birhanu Sisay birhanub35@gmail.com +251 912073058, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure	Title: Integration of solid waste management and UGI development in cities to reduce GHG Description of the event Urban systems integrating ISWM and UGI to operationalize with quantified GHG emission reductions and job creation for women and youth.(Bishoftu, Adama, Hawasa, Bahir dar, Diredawa) Speaker: MOUI, UNDP/GEF/GIZ/C40/JICA/UN habitat	Technical	Multilevel Urbanization Environment.	Action, and Built

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15.	Friday, 08 Dec 2023	10:00 -12:00 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Andrew Ocama a.Ocama@institute.global WhatsApp: +256772532326 Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH)	<p>Title: Private Sector Engagement in Ethiopia, Opportunities for investment partnerships to accelerate Ethiopia’s Climate Action and Sustainability Agenda</p> <p>Description of the event</p> <p>Ethiopia has responded as a leader in streamlining sustainability into the national development agenda. Guided by the LTLEDs, the next 3 decades of development in Ethiopia will be guided by an agenda that will enable positive economic benefits for posterity.</p> <p>Business and the private sector engagement plays an important role in driving sustainability and comes with three main advantages: capital access and accumulation, innovation, and business optimization.</p> <p>This event will create an opportunity of a 2- hour platform to communicate the role business can and will play in driving Ethiopia’s sustainability agenda within the context of the emergent macro -economic realities of Ethiopia.</p> <p>Speaker: Ethiopian Investment Holdings</p>	Technical, private sector showcases	Youth, Education and Skills	Children,
16.	Saturday, 09 Dec 2023	10:00 -11:30am Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Dr Adefires Worku adefiresworku2012@gmail.com +2519968597784 Ethiopia Forest Development	<p>Title: Ethiopia’s Green Legacy Initiative: Citizens’ response to multi-environmental crises</p> <p>Description of the event</p> <p>The first phase of the GLI has designed to plant 20 billion seedlings in four years, and thereby, increase the forest cover of the country, restore the forgone ecosystem services, while also enhancing the conservation of existing biodiversity heritage of the country. The initiative also aims to improve soil fertility, increase trees on farm and hence improve access to food, nutrition, and fodder. The first in its kind, the GLI is also looked as mechanism to</p>	Ministerial	Nature, Land Use, and Oceans	

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				<p>enhance cooperation with the neighbouring countries and beyond through promoting seedling exchange, now known as “Tree Diplomacy”. By the end of the fourth year, Ethiopia not only achieved the targets, but planted 25 billion seedlings of different species of trees, shrubs, fruits, fodder, and ornamentals in rural and urban landscapes.</p> <p>Motivated by the achievements during the first phase GLI, the government of Ethiopia launched the second round GLI, which aims at planting 25 billion more seedlings in the years to come, and in total to plant 50 billion seedlings in two rounds.</p> <p>To this effect the Government of Ethiopia has planned to prepare a side-event on COP28, Dubai on the 9th of December 2023. The venue is Ethiopian Pavilion. The government of Ethiopia cordially invite all development partners, government and non-state actors, environmental activists, professional, community representatives, private sector and concerned agencies to participate in the side-event and the follow up exhibition of the Green Legacy Initiative of Ethiopia</p> <p>The government of Ethiopia acknowledges your participation and support to scale up and scale out best practices of the GLI to significantly contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, food security and peace building.</p>			
17.	Saturday, 09 Dec 2023	11:30:12:30am Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Dr Adefires Worku adefiresworku2012@gmail.com +2519968597784 Ethiopia Forest Development, Ethiopia	<p>Sustainable management of Ethiopia's carbon and biodiversity rich forest resources: Lessons learnt from REDD+ Investment Program</p> <p>Description of the event</p> <p>The REDD+ Investment Program/RIP Framework Agreement was signed in July 2017 between the government of Norway and the government of Ethiopia. The RIP has been implemented in eight regional states, in 137 districts,</p>	Ministerial	Nature, Land Use, and Oceans	

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				<p>covering large areas, diverse agro-ecologies and socio-economic settings.</p> <p>The first REDD+ Investment program was completed successfully, and recently RIP-phase-II Partnership Agreement is signed between the government of Ethiopia and the government of Norway. In summary, while RIP Phase-I aimed to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation by implementing targeted interventions in carbon and biodiversity rich forest areas in the southwest Ethiopia and landscape restoration interventions in areas where degradation is more intense, RIP phase-II is mainly aims to support Ethiopia to enter Result based Payment scheme.</p> <p>On COP28 in Dubai, on the afternoon of 9th of December, Ethiopia will communicate to the global community the comprehensive results achieved and lesson learnt due to implementing REDD+ in the country. On the side-vent key lessons related to institutional arrangement and coordinating, community mobilization, technical support and the how about of the continued support of the developed nation and the commitment of developing will help to achieve tangible results that massively contributing to restoring back lost ecosystem services, mitigating off climate change and its impacts, building community resilience, poverty reduction, minimizing inequalities, building peace and stability will be shared.</p> <p>Development partners, UN Agencies, Non-State Actors, Private Sector, Community Representatives, Environmental Professionals and Activists, Media community and all interested are kindly invited to the REDD+</p>			
18.	Saturday, 09 Dec 2023	Time: 12:45-13:45 Ethiopia pavilion, Blue zone	Endashaw Moges endumog78@yahoo.com ; +251911940930/+251922392 871; PHE Ethiopia Consortium)	Title: Nature-based solutions for adaptation, and combating Biodiversity Loss and Damage: Grass root level experiences and scientific evidence		Nature, Land Use, and Oceans	
19.	Saturday,	14:00-15:00	Mr. Addisu Negash	Climate Action through Landscape Management: New Approach for Integrated Watershed Management	Ministerial	Nature, Land Use, and	

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	09 Dec 2023	Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	negash.addis@gmail.com +251911023263 Ministry of Agriculture	Description of the side event This side event will explore how landscape is being managed with full participation to increase adoption of sustainable land management practices to improve climate resilience, sustain Agricultural food production system and carbon storage, and increase access to diversified livelihood activities in selected rural watersheds. Speakers: MoA and development partners (WB)		Oceans	
20.	Saturday, 09 Dec 2023	15:1-16:15 Ethiopian Pavilion, (Blue zone)	Dr Kibruyesfa Sissay kibruyesfa.sisay@undp.org ; Te l: +251912430419 UNDP Ethiopia Country Office/SIDA/ Ethiopian Development Forestry	Title: SIDA's support of the Ethiopian Forest Sector Description of the event Over the years Ethiopia has implemented policies and strategies that recognize the crucial role that forests play in promoting environmental resilience and sustainable socio-economic development. These include the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) strategy, the National Forest Sector Development Programme (NFSDP), the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), the REDD+ strategy, and the Ten-Year Forest Sector Development Programme. These strategies prioritize the need to reduce deforestation and forest degradation in Ethiopia while simultaneously increasing forest cover through afforestation, reforestation, and forest landscape restoration. To support Ethiopia's ambitions, the Government of Ethiopia and development partners such as the Government of Sweden have been actively involved in the		Nature, Land Use, and Oceans	

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				<p>Institutional Strengthening Forest Sector Development Project (2015-2022) and the Catalyzing Forest Sector Development Programme (CFSDP Phase II, 2019-2022). The objective of these programs is to promote sustainable and competitive tree-based production systems in both rural and urban areas in Ethiopia, ultimately contributing to improved community and ecosystem resilience, including the reduction of recurrent floods.</p> <p>During the projects' period, the projects have managed to deliver 100% of its planned target in various areas, including land coverage.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation, short documentary, and publications are prepared to showcase these remarkable achievements in COP28 will be presented.</p>			
21.	Sunday 10 Dec 2023	9:30-10:30am Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Mr. Addisu Negash Email: negash.addis@gmail.com Tele: +251911023263 Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia	<p>Climate Resilient Wheat Production: Moving from deficit to surplus</p> <p>Description of the side event</p> <p>Climate change impacts are triggering a significant threat to Agricultural production and productivity. As one of responsive mechanism, government is actively executing wheat production tasks to contribute the enhancement of the livelihood of vulnerable farmers. In order to boost the production expanding wheat cultivation areas in the lowlands and intensification in the mid & highland areas in climate smart manner is highly required to ensure the resilience capacity of smallholder farmers. Whereas improving production and productivity in the lowlands need cultivated area expansion using irrigation, effectively managing existing rain fed and utilization of environmentally sound improved technologies.</p> <p>Speakers: MoA and development partners (WB, FAO,AfDB...)</p>	Ministerial	Food, Agriculture and Water	

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22.	Sunday 10 Dec 2023	10:45 – 12:00 Ethiopian Pavilion	Mr. Addisu Negash Email: negash.addis@gmail.com Tele: +251911023263 Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia	Food system transformation: The case of Ethiopia's Yelemat Tirufat for amplification of adaptive capacity of small holder farmers Description of the side event Yelemat Tirufat is a four-year development program that aims to boost productivity and production of dairy, eggs, chicken meat, and honey and related hive products. The main developmental objectives of Yelemat Tirufat are to accelerate efforts to achieve food self-sufficiency and ensure nutritional opulence at the family and national levels. The program has also the added objective of creating job opportunities, increasing export, and hastening import substitution (i.e., replacing imported animal products with those processed domestically). Moreover it plays highly significant role for the reduction of GHG emission in the livestock sector through introduction of climate smart improved technologies which in enhance the production and productivity of the smallholder farmers. Speakers: MoA and development partners (WB, FAO ...	Technical	Food, Agriculture and Water	
23.	Sunday 10 Dec 2023	Time: 10 – 11 Ethiopian Pavilion (Blue Zone)	Andrew Ocama a.ocama@institute.global WhatsApp: +256772532326 Ethiopian Investment Holdings	Introducing sustainable seed farming under EIH portfolio company by leveraging climate finance Speaker: Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH)		Food, Agriculture and Water	
24.	Sunday 10 Dec 2023	14:00-15:30 Ethiopian Pavilion Blue zone	Dr Michael Mehari Email: michaelmehari@gmail.com Tele: +251924148568/+251913906 557	National Integrated Water Resources Management Program for Climate Resilience and Water Security Description of the side event The main drivers of the National Integrated Water Resources Management Program include the fast degradation of water resources, inadequate coordination and collaborations, the need for bringing more resources for	Technical	Food, Agriculture and Water	

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			Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia	<p>implementation of IWRM and enhancement of the enabling conditions with ultimate objective of nationally harmonized and enhanced water resource management interventions.</p> <p>The following are key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Integrated Water Resource Management Capacity; • Basin and hydro-Met Information System; • Water resources development, use and management; • Water Pollution Prevention and Control; • Water use efficiency and productivity; • Integrated catchment management; • Water resource management regulatory framework and • Stakeholder Engagement, communication and knowledge management. <p>The ultimate goal of the program is attaining economically efficient, socially equitable, ecologically sustainable and ensuring participatory approach at all levels through proper planning, organizing, leading and controlling water resources of the country and ultimately creating a water secure Ethiopia.</p> <p>Speakers: MoWE, EMI, IWMI, MOA (Green Legacy), Dr Abdulkerim Seid; Country Representative, Ethiopia Regional Representative, East Africa</p>			
25.	Sunday10 Dec 2023	Time: 12:45-13:45 Ethiopia pavilion, Blue zone	Endashaw Moges endumog78@yahoo.com ; +251911940930; PHE Ethiopia Consortium	Title: Food, Agriculture, water and Climate change nexus on smallholder farmers		Food, Agriculture and Water	