

Meet on Intl. Trade, Natural Resources Protection in Ethiopia held in Berlin
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A meeting under the title "International Trade and Protection of Natural Resources in Ethiopia" was held in Berlin, Germany, as part of the celebration of the Centennial of Ethio-German Relations, and the 10th anniversary of the Germany-Ethiopia Association, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Addressing the meeting, held on 5 and 6 March 2005, Ethiopian Ambassador to Germany, Hiruy Amanuel said the bilateral relations between the two countries is in a better condition than ever before, the Ministry said.

Hiruy also said relations between the two countries should further be strengthened, particularly in the economic sector.

There are only two German companies which are engaged in the floriculture sector in Ethiopia so far, the ministry quoted Hiruy as saying.

General Manager of the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority, Dr. Tewolde-Berhan Gebre Egziabher, on the occasion, presented two papers dealing with the Impacts of Biodiversity and Biosafety Protocol on Small-Scale Farmers and the Impact of Ethiopia's joining the WTO, according to the ministry.

Sue Edwards, wife of Dr. Tewolde, on the occasion explained the various activities being carried out by the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD) to preserve biodiversity through improving soil fertility and forest development.

Some 11 papers dealing with various issues pertaining to Ethiopia and Africa have been presented at the meeting, the ministry said.

Photographs, research findings and scriptures provide various information about Ethiopia have been exhibited on the occasion.

The Germany-Ethiopia Association embraces members from the two countries.

The meeting was attended by several Ethiopians and Germans.

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