

NGO DAY 2007

Based on the expressed need of the Membership, The Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA), in collaboration with PACT Ethiopia, Dan Church Aid Ethiopia, Irish Aid Ethiopia, ActionAid Ethiopia and CORDAID is planning to organize the Year 2007 NGO Day from December 14 to 16, 2007, upholding the theme of **Vibrant NGOs/CSOs the Millennium's Development Partners**. The occasion is an opportunity for NGOs/CSOs and faith-based agencies operating in Ethiopia to, once again, demonstrate their contribution to sustainable development in Ethiopia and interact with development partners and the general public.

The organizers wish to dedicate this occasion to promote the development of vibrant civil society and the culture of volunteerism for development. The occasion will give the NGO/CSO sector an opportunity to, once again;

1. Exhibit the contribution of the NGO/CSO sector to various development sectors in the country so as to:
 - Increase awareness of the general public and all other stakeholders on the contribution of NGOs/CSOs to development, promote the role and image of the sector in the new millennium and contribute to the betterment of policy and operational environments for NGOs/CSOs;
 - Exchange information and experience; and
 - Interact with the general public and development partners to further strengthen inter-NGO/CSO cooperation, external relations and networking;
2. Collectively reflect on the development journey of NGO/CSO sector in the country (achievements, opportunities, challenges and future directions) and stimulate public debate on its development and transformation into a vibrant sector that can better contribute to the development of the country; and
3. Deliberate on selected major national development issues of concern to civil society and strategize to support the national advocacy efforts.

To this end, it is planned, among others, to organize an Exhibition where NGOs/CSOs can present their contribution to the development of the country. Each participating organization will have a stand and be responsible for the organization and explanation of displayed materials. Each participating organization will avail the following minimum information preferably on roll-up stands in its booth:

- The vision, mission, strategic objectives and programme focus of the organization,
- Its stakeholders and working relations including its constituencies, Government, etc.
- Information on achievements and impacts,
- Opportunities and constraints, and
- Future strategic directions and plans.

In addition, photographic and three-dimensional graphic presentations and models of projects, research materials, samples of selected products, live demonstration of various development activities, films and publications illustrating the humanitarian and development works of NGOs/CSOs and faith-based agencies operating in Ethiopia will be staged.