

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

National Human Rights Action Plan
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DRAFT TRANSLATION

The Document was first drafted in Amharic and translated into English. Thus, the Amharic Version is the Official Document.

- The Commission will further take all necessary measures to prepare for the following successive Action Plan.

6.1.4.2. *The Institution of the Ombudsman*

The Institution of the ombudsman's main objective is to see to it about good governance that is of high quality, efficient and transparent, and are based on the rule of law, by way of insuring that citizens' rights and benefits provided for by law are respected by organs of the executive. Furthermore, the institution is expected to identify and select from among the fundamental rights and freedoms in the Action Plan directly connected with executive power. Furthermore the institution, will within its legal mandate: review and monitor administrative directives to be issued based on the Action Plan, ensure that the administrative decisions of the executive organs conform to the Constitutional rights, receive and investigate complaints in respect of maladministration; seek remedies in cases where it believes that maladministration has occurred. In performing the above duties, the Institution will have attended to the imperatives of the Action Plan.

In addition, and as far as the Right of access to information is considered, the institution will check on the activities defined in the Action Plan, and which fall within the portfolio of its mandate and monitor their performance and provide all support needed.

6.1.5. Expansion of Human Rights Education

Regarding the work of educating the public be aware of human rights and, in particular, the rights around which the Action Plan specified build up of public awareness, will be appropriately integrated into the programmes of the implementing agencies Beyond awareness creation, extensive activities will take place to enable the implementing agencies and the citizens internalize knowledge about and familiarity with human rights and the content of the action plan. These essential activities will be implemented in integration with the national human rights institutions.

A special section of deep study of the fundamental rights and freedoms specified in the FDRE constitution and in the international agreements and instruments adopted by Ethiopia, will be incorporated in civic education curriculum of the schools at all levels, i.e. from the lowest levels to the highest and research studies on human rights will be encouraged.

In the course of training judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement officers, human rights education will be given to a satisfactory level. Prosecutors and other law enforcement officers will be given consecutive series of training to enrich their knowledge and respect for citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms.

6.2. Monitoring and Evaluation Procedure

Beyond closely monitoring and assessing the performance of the "actions and measures to be taken and assigned agencies" items in the action plan, the main objectives of the procedure are: the implementation of the programmes arising from the Action plan; monitoring and assessing whether or not the overall objectives and goals of the Action plan are being achieved and attained; check and follow-up issues requiring special attention and/or correction and take appropriate actions promptly and competently.

At the federal level a "monitoring and Evaluation Section" will be instituted in the ministry of justice to perform the monitoring and evaluation responsibilities in the action plan, at the highest level. Similar sections will be established in all the regional and city administration bureaus of justice. In order to lead, supervise and manage these operations at the national level, a "national Human rights Action plan Affairs coordinating committee" under the chairmanship of the Ministry of justice will be established.

In the regions and city administrations level, regional "Human Rights Action plan affairs coordinating committee" will be established under the chairmanship of the Deputy president and consisting of the relevant, Bureaus, performing similar duties as the national coordinating committee

Reporting procedure will be established for the reporting of the "Sections of the Human Rights Action Plan Affairs" to be established in regional and city bureaus of justice to the "Regional Action plan coordinating committee" to be established in the Regions/city administrations. Furthermore, Reporting procedures will be structured between these regional/city sections and the National Human Rights Action Plan affairs to be established in the ministry of justice; the schedule of their joint meetings and submission of reports; and between the National co-ordinating sections and the National coordinating committee.