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### Ethiopia hosts third International conference of the Micronutrient Forum

Ethiopia has developed and implemented several nationwide programs and interventions in order to achieve virtual elimination of micronutrient deficiencies by 2015. The development of National Nutrition Strategy and a National Nutrition Program (NNP) are witnesses of efforts that are geared towards the improvement of the micronutrient status of the Ethiopian population. This effort, which is also acknowledged by the World Food program and other similar international organizations made Ethiopia to be selected as a host of the third Micronutrient Forum global conference that will be held in the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2 to 6 June 2014.

The focus of this year's forum is the convergence of interests and shared responsibility among stakeholders from various sectors and the main theme assigned is "Bridging discovery and delivery". The conference is intended to cover four thematic topics and 1000 delegates from more than 70 countries are expected to be part of the conference including featuring global experts, recognized speaker, scientists, researcher, private sector and government representative working in nutrition related activities.

The conference, that is going to be conducted for the first time in Africa presents more than 45 global updates on current status of micronutrient programs and 186 oral and 529 poster presentations by several experts originated from different countries. Ethiopian experts will also present their over 70 researches finding including Ethiopian national food consumption survey and cost of hunger. In addition to that the conference will also have special events including concurrent and ---- satellite sessions that allow participants to engage in discussions on the latest findings of micronutrient interventions, program implementation strategies and partnerships. Moreover, the conference will officially be opened by Her Excellency, the First Lady, Roman Tesfay, who is expected to confirm the political commitments from the Ethiopian Government side.

Hosting this international conference is believed to provide the opportunity for Ethiopian Experts of the field to share experience and gain knowledge on global updates. Not only that, it also help to strengthen collaboration between different concerned organizations across the world and bring an economic benefits to the country as several spending of foreign currency is involved.

**Note to the Editors:** The Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute which is recently renamed as the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, through its nutrition and food science directorate plays critical role in conducting relevant food and nutrition researches. These researches are one of the priority areas of the institute as the role of nutrition in infectious and chronic diseases needs to be seriously researched. In addition to that, we are also involved in the promotion of preventive dietary habit; facilitate patient management through proper nutritional care and improving health service efficiency as well as in creation of the necessary public awareness.

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