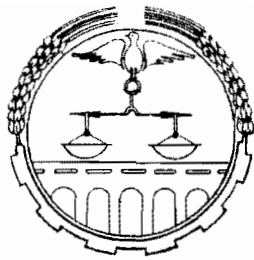


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PROCLAMATION No. 91/1994

A PROCLAMATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ETHIOPIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is necessary to support Ethiopia's all rounded effort with Science and Technology to increase productivity in social and economic sectors, particularly in agriculture, industry and service sectors to satisfy the basic needs of the people;

WHEREAS, it has been found indispensable to select, support and encourage those that contribute to the National Economic development from among Science and Technology activities that are undertaken through out the country and build science and technology infrastructure to minimize science and technology dependency;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to re-establish Science and Technology Commission to develop National Science and Technology capability in Scope and Quality and guide and coordinate systematically the efforts in science and Technology activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 9 (d) of the Transitional Period Charter, it is hereby proclaimed as follows.

1. Short Title

This proclamation may be cited as the "Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission establishment proclamation No. 91/1994."

2. Establishment

1. The Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission herein after referred to as the "Commission" is hereby established as an autonomous public institution of the Central Government.
2. The Commission shall be accountable to the Council of Ministers.

3. Head Office

The head office of the Commission shall be in Addis Ababa and may have branch offices elsewhere in the country as may be necessary.

4. Objectives

The objectives of the Commission are to:—

1. encourage, enhance and support Science and Technology activities that enable the realization of the country's socio-economic development objectives;
2. build-up national capability to enhance Science and Technology;
3. Improve and enrich the peoples awareness, knowledge and culture of science and technology and the tradition of utilizing the results of science and technology;
4. make the Science and Technology system more productive, efficient and development oriented.

5. Power and Duties

The Commission shall have the following power and duties.

1. to formulate the national Science and Technology policy which assist the country's development objectives and upon approval by the Central Government implement and see to it that their proper implementation in other sectors is realized;
2. to formulate widely applicable Science and Technology plans and issue directives for the formulation of Sectoral Science and Technology Policies, plans, programmes and projects, and assess and ensure that their preparation is made in accordance with the directives and submit for Government approval;
3. to ensure the allotment of budget up to 1.5% of the GDP based on Science and Technology Policy and follow-up the disbursement and utilization of the same and receive financial reports;
4. to create conducive condition, support and encourage establishment of centres and institutions that, undertake research and development activities and have contribution in the promotion of Science and Technology, in different economic and social sectors at central, regional or different localities of the country;

5. to carry out popularization of Research and Development results that are useful and practically applicable so that they are made known to the public and diffused into the social and economic sectors;

6. to create conducive condition to support the peasant and rural community with Science and Technology;

7. to encourage and assist women and the youth to increase their participation in Science and Technology activities;

8. to provide and require the popularization of Science and Technology in different languages of nationalities/nations through appropriate media to enhance the public awareness of Science and Technology;

9. to create relations; cooperate and sign developmental agreements with International and Regional organizations and foreign states and follow-up on the implementation of agreements;

10. to administer the financial, material and other supports obtained through different mechanisms and provided to the government in general from International and Regional Organizations and foreign states for undertaking Science and Technology activities and to disburse these to appropriate institutions and monitor their utilization;

11. to create conducive conditions for securing financial, material, human resources and various means of support in order to encourage Science and Technology activities that are being undertaken by private institutions;

12. to participate in the efforts to develop capable manpower and upgrade existing ones that are engaged in science and technology activities;

13. to create conducive conditions to ensure strong inter linkages among education, research, development and production activities.

14. to design and facilitate situations for improved working environments and introduction of incentives for science technology manpower that engage in science and technology activities;

15. to provide awards/incentives to individuals and institutions that have contributed to the development of science and technology;

16. to develop the capability and establish the system for searching, selecting, negotiating, procuring, and importing technologies that are appropriate to the Ethiopian socio-economic conditions;

17. to establish a patent system that encourages and supports technology transfer, enhances the practical application of inventions and encourages the development of inventions and innovation;

18. to assist and encourage the establishment of Associations that contribute to science and technology development and provide support for the publication and dissemination of science and technology papers prepared by professional Associations;
19. to encourage and ensure the application of research and development activities carried out to improve and develop indigenous technologies;
20. to establish a system for the collection of science and technology information and results, and for availing of copies of locally published science and technology accomplishments and research work in the Commission;
21. to register professionals and institutions that engage in research and development activities;
22. to participate and advice the government on matters related to science and technology;
23. to establish Science and Technology operational organs in areas which have not been given due attention;
24. to charge commensurate fees for the services it renders;
25. to enter into contract, sue and be sued; to delegate part of its power to other Bodies of the Central Government whenever deemed necessary;
27. to undertake necessary and related activities to the above power and duties and for the attainment of the objectives;

6. *Organization of the Commission*

The Commission shall have;

1. National Science and Technology Council (herein after referred as the "Council");
2. A Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner appointed by the Government, and
3. The necessary staff.

7. *The Council*

The Council shall have the following members;

1. The Prime Minister Chairman
2. The Commissioner of Science and Technology Commission Member and Secretary
3. The Minister of Planning and Economic Development Member
4. The Minister of Health "
5. The Minister of Natural Resources Development and Environmental Protection ... "
6. The Minister of Industry "
7. The Minister of Mines and Energy "
8. The Minister of Agriculture "
9. The Minister of External Economic Cooperation "
10. The Minister of National and Regional Administration Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office "
11. Minister of Women Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office "

12. Three prominent professionals appointed by the Prime Minister based on the recommendations of the Commissioner Member

8. *Power and Duties of the Council*

The Council shall have the following power and duties:

1. draft Science and Technology Policy;
2. evaluate and approve plans organized and presented by the Commissioner;
3. evaluate and present for government approval the budget required for Science and Technology;
4. issue different guidelines and work programmes;
5. issue own internal rules of procedure;
6. designate technical advisory committees and Sectoral Science and Technology Councils.

9. *Meeting of the Council*

1. The council shall have one regular meeting every three months and extraordinary meetings when necessary.
2. The presence of more than half of the council members shall constitute a quorum.
3. A decision supported by more than half of the members present in the meeting shall be taken as the decision of the council. In case of a tie the chairman shall have a casting vote.

10. *Power and Duties of the Commissioner*

1. Undertake the Commission's day to day activities as the chief executive officer of the Commission based on the directives and work programme approved by the National Science and Technology Council;
2. Without prejudice to the generality stated under sub Article I of this article the commissioner shall have the following power and duties:
 - a) Submit a report to the council on Science and technology activities that are supported by the Government and on the Commission's annual budget and work programme three months before the end of the budget year;
 - b) attend International and regional organizational meetings representing the Central Government on matters related to science and technology;
 - c) administer finance based on the budget allotted to the Commission and work programme;
 - d) employ, administer and dismiss the commission's employees in accordance with the public service law;
 - e) delegate part of his power to the commission employees when found necessary to facilitate the activities of the Commission;
 - f) represent the Commission with third parties;
 - g) carry out activities assigned by the council for the attainment of the Commission objectives.

11. Power and Duties of the Deputy Commissioner

The Deputy Commissioner shall:

1. act as the chief executive of the Commission in the absence of the Commissioner and
2. Undertake any other activities assigned by the Commissioner;

12. Sectoral Science and Technology Advisory Councils

1. The Councils constituting sectoral department heads of the Commission as Secretaries, representatives of different institutions within the sector and individual professionals, shall have the following power and duties;
 - a) evaluate sectoral science and technology activities
 - b) suggest, and advise regarding the sectoral plan and priority projects;
 - c) cause to prepare, advise and present decision proposals regarding the policy of sectoral development activities; and upon approval follow-up on their practical implementation;
 - d) establish an appropriate system for a coordinated linkage between the sector, research, development and users;
 - e) set priorities of projects presented by the sector on the basis of policy prerogatives; and
 - f) present projects that need support for decision.

13. Finance and Budget

1. The Commission's financial resources shall be drawn from the following sources:
 - a) budget allotted by the Government;
 - b) support and assistances provided to the Commission, and
 - c) any other source
2. Incomes obtained from the above sources shall be kept in the Ethiopian National Bank or in a Bank designated by the National Bank and the money shall be utilized for the accomplishment of the Commission's objectives.

14. Book of Accounts

1. The Commission shall keep a complete and an accurate book of accounts.
2. The Commission's book of accounts shall be audited at least once a year by the Auditor General or by an other Auditor designated by him.

15. Registration

In accordance with directives issued by National Science and Technology Council every natural person or institution or organization engaged in research and development and other science and technology activities or research and development related activities shall be registered by the Commission.

16. Duty to Cooperate

Natural person or institution or organization shall have duty to cooperate in the implementation of this proclamation;

17. Repealed and Inapplicable Laws

1. The Ethiopian Science and Technology establishment proclamation No. 62/1965 as amended/ is hereby repealed.
2. Any other laws which are in contradiction with this proclamation shall not be applicable with respect to matters provided for in this proclamation;

18. Transfer of Rights and Obligations

The rights and obligations of the Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission established under proclamation No. 62/1975 are hereby transferred to the Commission established under this proclamation;

19. Effective Date

This proclamation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa this 14th day of March 1994

MELES ZENAWI

PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA