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PRESS RELEASE

Ethiopia-European Union partnership to reinforce non state actors

Launch of the first Call for Proposals of the Civil Society Fund II

The second phase of the Civil Society Fund is one of the flagship programmes of the Ethiopia-European Union cooperation.

The first Call for Proposals of the Civil Society Fund II (CSF II) will be launched by the EU delegation on December 19th, 2012, at Desalegn Hotel in Addis Ababa.

H.E. Ambassador Xavier Marchal, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia, will highlight the European Union's commitment for cooperation with the Ethiopian civil society sector with the support of the Government.

The event will be primarily used to provide information and clarifications for civil society organisations to take part in the 1st Call for Proposals of the programme. Additional information sessions are scheduled in Bahir Dar, Hawassa, Mekele, Assosa, Dire Dawa, Semera and Gambella for region based CSOs.

The CSF II programme is a joint initiative of the European Union and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF), with a total budget of 12 millions Euros in two phases. The purpose of the programme is to increase Non-State Actors' capacity to engage in governance and development activities. CSF II will provide grant and non-grant capacity supports for Non State Actors. The CSF II commenced its operation on October 1st, 2012.

The CSF II programme will build upon the predecessor programme CSF I with regard to coordination and cooperation arrangements with key stakeholders including governmental, non-governmental and donor partners.

All media are invited to the inauguration of the first Call for Proposals of the Civil Society Fund II on December 19th, 2012 at 9:00 am, Desalegn Hotel in Addis Ababa.

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