



### **Addis Ababa City Launches 29 Bln Birr Project to Convert River Banks into Public Spaces**

Addis Ababa, February 21, 2019 – The Addis Ababa city administration today launched a project to convert river banks of the city into public spaces and green areas at a cost of 29 billion birr.

The project, which will be implemented by Varnero PLC, is expected to take three years for completion, it was noted.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Engineer Takele Uma, deputy mayor of Addis Ababa city, said the project, which was initiated by the Prime Minister, is for all Ethiopians and residents of Addis Ababa.

He further said “we will try to make Addis Ababa (meaning new flower in Amharic) live up to its name.