



Ethiopian FM Receives Norwegian Minister of International Development

Addis Ababa, February 4, 2019 – Foreign Minister Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu held talks with Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein, Norwegian Minister of International Development earlier today.

Minister Dr. Workneh appreciated Ethiopia, Norway partnership nexus in multiple areas of common interests ranging from peace and security, climate change and migration, education and increasingly in sustainable development.

Minister Dr. Workneh said, “Welcome to Ethiopia at a time of tremendous reform program we’re undertaking in all spheres of national development, in fact for the first time in the political history of Ethiopia.

“We’ve created a viable platform of consensus with all diasporas, former armed groups, and many opposition parties, despite the challenges there is a total shift in the political dynamism of Ethiopia.

He added, “The path may not be smooth but we’re on the right track achieving continental model of peace and development.”

Minister Dr. Workneh expressed gratitude for the long history Ethiopia and Norway enjoyed in strengthening the wider bilateral ties between the two countries especially Norway’s interest to support Ethiopia in youth job creation, education and health.

Minister Dr. Workneh said, "The role of the Norwegian Government for security and stability of the Horn is to be appreciated, it is pertinent to the success of our development endeavors."

Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein commended Ethiopia for its role towards ensuring peace and stability in the region and its diplomatic moves to craft Ethio-Eritrea historical peace deal that has ushered as a wind of hope for peace in the Horn region.

He said, "Norway stands together with Ethiopia. We support your reform agenda and we want to work closely in the spheres of job creation for the youth, education, health and migration. I hope that the reform will succeed for sustainable economic development in Ethiopia."

Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein appreciated the significance of normalization of relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea to the stability of the Horn of Africa, which he says, is the bedrock for Horn of Africa towards better prospect for collective peace and prosperity.

Diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and Norway started in 1947.