



Premier appreciates German's consistent technical, vocational support to Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, January 28, 2019 – Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed today received the President of Germany, Frank Walter Steinmer and his delegation, who are currently visiting Ethiopia.

The Prime Minister appreciated the German Government's long-term and consistent technical and vocational support to Ethiopia, according to Office of the Prime Minister

He shared the three pillars of the current reforms as being grounded in individuals, ideas and institutions.

President Steinmer on his part acknowledged the elevation of Ethiopia-German relations to reforms cooperation and confirmed the strengthening of these relations.

Early this morning, the German President Frank also held bilateral talks with President Sahle-Work Zewde.

President Steinmer will attend a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between Volkswagen AG and the Ethiopian Investment Commission a roundtable discussion with the economic adviser to the PM and members of the German and Ethiopian business communities later today.

The President will be meeting with civil society representatives and prominent Ethiopians advocating political change, from whom he will be hearing about current developments in the country, which is undergoing reforms and a social opening.

He will also visit a vocational training institute and meet with members of the business community. In the north of the country, he will visit the rock-hewn churches at Lalibela, which are a UNESCO world heritage site.

The last day of the visit will be devoted to the African Union. The President Steinmeier will meet with, among others, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat.