



President Frank-Walter Steinmeier Wraps-Up Official Ethiopia Visit

The visiting President of the Federal Republic of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier wraps-up official 4 days state visit comprising a delegation with several heads of German companies to Ethiopia. (January 31)

President Frank-Walter Steinmeier while striking constructive in-depth dialogue with PM Dr. Abiy Ahmed praised the courageous steps the Prime Minister undertook to shed light on the domestic politics triggering a sweeping political, economic reforms with a fast pace to rejuvenate a plethora of matters such as good governance, inclusive democracy, a wider political space stepping up Ethiopia's defining moment of democracy into a viable continental success championing the hearts and minds of Ethiopians. PM Dr. Abiy emphasized Ethiopia's firm grip to accelerate growth through a concerted effort redressing youth job creation and opportunities.

On grandeur scale President Frank-Walter Steinmeier admired the paramount Ethio-Eritrea peace accord which became historic an extraordinary jubilation for the people of the two countries that spurred a powerful wind of hope blowing steadily in Horn of Africa a model for peace, normalcy and growth through the wisdom and leadership of Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed.

President Frank-Walter Steinmeier also struck an interesting dialogue with President Sahle-Work Zewde expressing Germany's full-fledged support to Ethiopia's reform process at a critical time for strengthening mutual interests between Ethiopia and Germany. He said he is convinced that it was the right time to be in Ethiopia.

President Sahle-Work Zewde commended the myriad of multifaceted support from the government of Germany among others in vocational, technical, education, and health as well as development cooperation. President Sahle-Work accentuated the fact that Ethiopia has much to learn from Germany's historical development reform nexus to achieve an inclusive economic growth for the prosperity of Ethiopia.

During his 4 days stint in Ethiopia President Frank-Walter Steinmeir saw Volkswagen sign an agreement to launch its first car plant in Ethiopia which stipulates Ethiopia welcoming the decision of Volkswagen to resume manufacturing and assembly of cars in Ethiopia.

President Frank-Walter Steinmeir visited the historical sites of Lalibela and took the pleasure of tasting Ethiopia's brand coffee ceremony.

President Frank-Walter Steinmeir thanked PM Dr. Abiy Ahmed and President Sahle-Work Zewde for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him during his visit to Ethiopia.

Ethiopia and Germany began diplomatic relations in 1905.

Germany is a Western European country with a landscape of forests, rivers, mountain ranges and North Sea beaches.