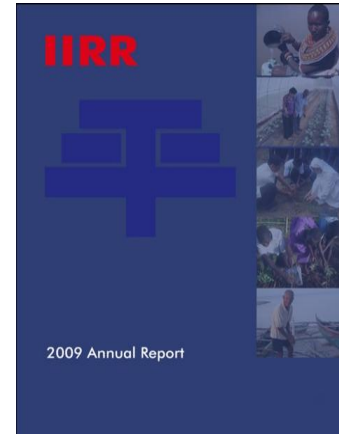


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IIRR – Ethiopia Conducts Training of Facilitators

(ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia) - IIRR conducted a specialized Training of Facilitators from May 17-21 at IIRR's Ethiopia Country Office in Addis Ababa. The 23 trainees included 10 women and represented officials from various Ethiopian federal ministries, government organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and Addis Ababa University.



The training aimed to equip the participants from IIRR partner organizations with facilitation skills in order to effectively design, implement, and evaluate training activities in their own context. During the training, the trainees planned, executed, and evaluated their own sample facilitation sessions, also submitting practical action plans in order to share the knowledge and skills learned with their colleagues and organizations.

In response to IIRR's national call for course participants, the Community Development Service Association (CDSA), a local NGO, sponsored three staff members. Certificates were awarded as evidence of participants' successful completion of the training.

Lara Crampe, Development Officer, Joins IIRR's US Office



(NEW YORK, NY, USA) - IIRR announces the appointment of Lara Crampe, Development Officer for the US Office.

Lara has over 10 years of experience in nonprofit management and operations ranging from environmental justice advocacy with low-income neighborhoods in Washington, DC, to overseeing the US branch of an international peace organization. She joins IIRR after five years at the Taproot Foundation, the largest nonprofit consulting firm in the United States. Prior to that, she worked with the International Rescue

Committee and served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for US Servas. She has a master's degree in Geography concentrating on Community Development and a bachelor's degree in International Development concentrating in International Agricultural Development. She hails from West Virginia.

New Program Specialist Joins the Asia Team at IIRR

(SILANG, Cavite, Philippines) - IIRR announces the appointment of a new program specialist, Ben-Hur R. Vilorio, at the Regional Center for Asia. Ben-Hur R. Vilorio comes on board the Regional Center for Asia Team as a Program Specialist in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management effective May 15, 2010.

Prior to IIRR, Ben-Hur was a consultant with People Collaborating for Environmental and Economic Management Inc. (PCEEM), and the Sustainable Ecosystems Intl. Corp. (SUSTEC). From 2000 to 2007, Ben-Hur worked as Sustainable Agriculture Development Component Coordinator with Upland Development Programme in Southern Mindanao, a DA-European Union Special Project, where he facilitated the operation of the Sustainable Agriculture Development Component in the following areas: Upland Agriculture Extension, Farming Systems Development, Land Capability Classification, Sloping Land Management, Soil and Water Conservation, and Farm Enterprise Development. He also worked as Fisheries and Livestock Advisor/Senior Agriculturist through the same project.

Ben-Hur completed his bachelor's degree in Inland Fisheries/Aquaculture from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. He also has master's degree on professional studies in Rural Extension Development from the University of Southern Mindanao in Kabacan, Cotabato. Ben-Hur is Filipino by nationality.

His Holiness Abune Paulos Urges NGOs to Share Their Best Practices with Youth



Mintesenot Kassa (right), with His Holiness Abune Paulos (left).

(ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia) - His Holiness Abune Paulos, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and the current president of the World Council of Churches, asked 15 NGOs, including IIRR, to share their best practices with youth in Ethiopia. Sheik Elias Redwan, former president of the Ethiopia Islamic Affairs Council, emphasized the need to support youth in their effort to bring about peace and development in the country.

“I have the information that you have won the best practice competition your network organization [that the Canadian Christian

Relief and Development Association] organized and you have shared the best practices with the NGO community,” said the Patriarch. “I’m happy with that, but you should also share them with the wider public, especially youth. I know Peace for Ethiopian Messenger of Peace is one such association that deserves your support.”

The head of the Charities and Societies Agency also encouraged the NGO community to share their development experiences with the public.