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FOREWORD



For some years many organizations have tried to connect with the communities of the South Omo Zone to bring lasting solutions to the prevailing cycle of conflicts. EPaRDA, since its inception ten years ago, believed that targeted interventions based on multilateral approach was the key towards bringing lasting peace among the communities in South Omo Zone. EPaRDA believes that peace is an integral part of any human activity; without peace there cannot be any progress let alone sustained livelihood. That is why EPaRDA has been intensively engaged in peace building

in the South Omo Zone for the past decade. What makes EPaRDA's intervention unique is its ability to bring different communities that have a history of feuds amongst each other to come together and come up with common solutions towards resolving the causes of conflict. Often the conflicts that arise are related to resources - resources that have been depleted because of extensive use.

Armed with the knowledge that the communities of South Omo Zone can only thrive if there is peace, EPaRDA initiated a series of interventions driven towards addressing the causes of conflict. Among them were to create dialogues, foster understanding among communities, introduce agricultural innovations and create resource sharing mechanisms. In addition, women and youth were included within the interventions to bring about a holistic approach towards mitigating the impact of conflict on communities. This Peace Week Magazine is published to reflect the work EPaRDA has done over the past decade in collaboration with the communities and other partners.

I would like to thank all EPaRDA staff, donors, and government officials that have contributed towards the success of EPaRDA's interventions in South Omo. Particularly it is important to note the contribution of wfd. and Cordaid who provided funding towards making the first Peace Week Festival in South Omo possible.

Dr. Hirut Terefe
Board Member

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Background

For a long period of time for the pastoralist ethnic groups in South Omo Zone of Ethiopia, the violent expression of conflict was taken as natural and necessary. It is deep-rooted and intertwined with the cultures, beliefs, and economic and social lives of the communities. It is only a while ago that gathering together for peaceful celebration of a festival seemed impossible and discussion about resolving conflicts was out of reach for most pastoralists in South Omo Zone and the neighbouring areas. Owing to this, for any organisation working for the rebuilding of peace in the area, the issues that confront it may seem so huge, complicated, and difficult to deal with that it's hard to believe that anything done will have a meaningful impact.

However, EPaRDA capitalising on and effectively utilising the traditional indigenous conflict resolution mechanisms, coordinating them with the formal government structure, worked relentlessly for the rebuilding of peace in South Omo Zone. Its activities are based on the principle of development for peace. Peace without complementary development interventions is not sustainable. Therefore, EPaRDA engaged in integrated development activities that benefit pastoralist communities and help to resolve vital resource constraints that have in the past been triggers of violent conflict.

EPaRDA believes that fruitful results in the pastoralist communities of South Omo require an integrated ap-

proach of development and peace building interventions. In this regard, EPaRDA has been engaged with peace building activities hand in hand with the development interventions since its establishment. EPaRDA conducts its peace building interventions through traditional mechanisms that have been practiced for years.

EPaRDA has been a pioneer in attempting to facilitate and organise in country as well as cross-border (Ethiopia and Kenyan border) conflict mitigation and peace building initiatives for the pastoralist communities in South Omo. It has conducted a series of peacemaking processes. To do this EPaRDA brought face-to-face various rival neighbouring pastoralist ethnic groups to discuss about the age-old rivalry among themselves through the traditional peace settlement and conflict mitigation mechanisms that resulted in unprecedented peaceful coexistence among pastoralists that were looking at each other as historical enemies. Currently, most of the ethnic groups in the area enjoy relative peace and have begun utilising pasture and water in buffer zones and penalising individual criminals jointly after the intervention.

EPaRDA implemented conflict mitigation and peace building interventions mainly through traditional and indigenous conflict resolution mechanisms. In this regard, it organised various all-inclusive (elders, women and youth) inter-community dialogues and established

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all-inclusive peace committees that regularly meet, assess conflict situations and implement peaceful conflict resolution mechanisms. Awareness creation and training programs for community elders, women and youth and other stockholders are given continuously.

In addition, EPaRDA organised all inclusive (elders, women and youth) inter-community peace week celebrations. This is an event that regularly gathers all pastoralist communities in South Omo Zone and the neighbouring areas for better understanding and rapprochement to each other for sustainable peace. This is expected to fill the information gap and alter the negative mindset the communities have to each other.

On the other hand, development for peace is the primary approach of EPaRDA for sustainable peace in the area. All the development endeavours of EPaRDA are in one way or the other related to the peace building and conflict resolution activities. The projects are in some ways targeted to respond to resource-related problems like the construction of water ponds, rangeland management, and so on. Some of the projects related to involving the people in conflict in development activities. Like the saying "an idle mind is the devil's workshop", the working group of the community being idle leads them to prepare themselves for challenges. Making people busy in their development endeavours

can divert their attention from sparkling conflicts. This is the case witnessed with the five irrigation farms already developed by EPaRDA that involve over 2,000 households in petty cash groups and other interventions. Generally, all development endeavours in food security, health, capacity building, women's empowerment, emergency and so on in many ways are already contributing to sustainable peace in the area.

EPaRDA works with government at all levels, especially with local government and other stockholders. It is this all inclusive approach that finally accomplishes constructive results.

After 10 years of extended effort, EPaRDA in collaboration with government and its donors has achieved success that gives hope for the rebuilding of durable peace in pastoralist area. It organised and undertook the first Pastoralist Peace Week Festival by bringing together the pastoralists of South Omo Zone, Borana Zone, Konso Special Woreda, and cross border with Turkana of North Kenya. It also included government officials, civil society organisation representatives, journalists and other invited guests. The festival that was held in Turmi, Hamer Woreda from 8-9 May 2009 was hosted by Hamer pastoralist ethnic group.

Over 500 participants of which most of them were pastoralists gathered in Turmi from every corner of the South Omo Zone and neighboring areas of Ethiopia representing several pastoralist ethnic groups, including: Hamer, Dassanech, Nyangatom, Tsemai, Ari, Birale, Dime, Arbore, Bena, Kara (Karo), Kwegu (Mogudji, Yidinit), Mursi, Bodi, Maale, Borana, Watta, Konso, and representatives of Turkana of Northern Kenya.

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This was one of the festival's most important messages. The underlying message of Pastoralist Peace Week Festival is one that resonates with people of all ages, gender, of all pastoralist ethnic backgrounds and from all walks of life. The entire two-day festival is a celebration and an acknowledgement of events that manifest pastoralist culture of peace. The festival constitutes the undertaking of eight different events that demonstrate and further strengthen culture of peace between and among pastoralist communities.

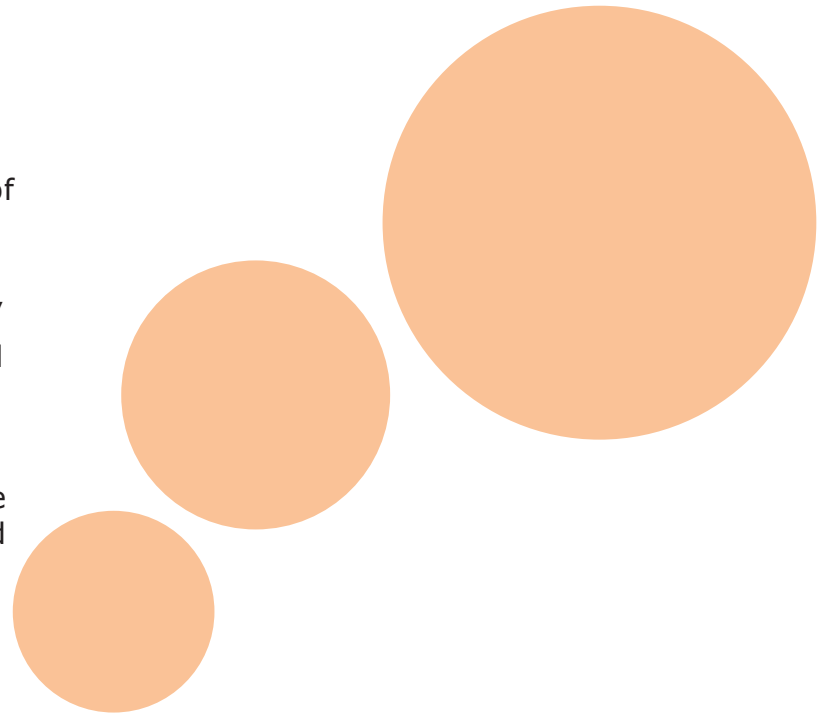
These are: traditional dancing and music, sport competition, panel discussion on peaceful coexistence, inauguration ceremony of EParDA's South Omo Zone co-ordination office, photo exhibition of EParDA programs and activities, field visit to pastoralist sites which demonstrates the effect of development for peace interventions of EParDA, award ceremonies and a reception composed of traditional dinner program.

In the celebration of culture of peace, the pastoralist way of life was manifested everywhere. Everything demonstrating the culture was represented in the festival. The colourful cultural aspects of pastoralists are in the sport competition,

in the exotic food they prepared, in the many art forms and pastimes. In addition to the dancing and music in the evening, the buying of goods and services at the temporary market set besides the meeting hall gave a special colour and meaning to the event. The evenings represented a time for an artistic and breathtaking performance of dancing and music by each of the pastoralist groups.

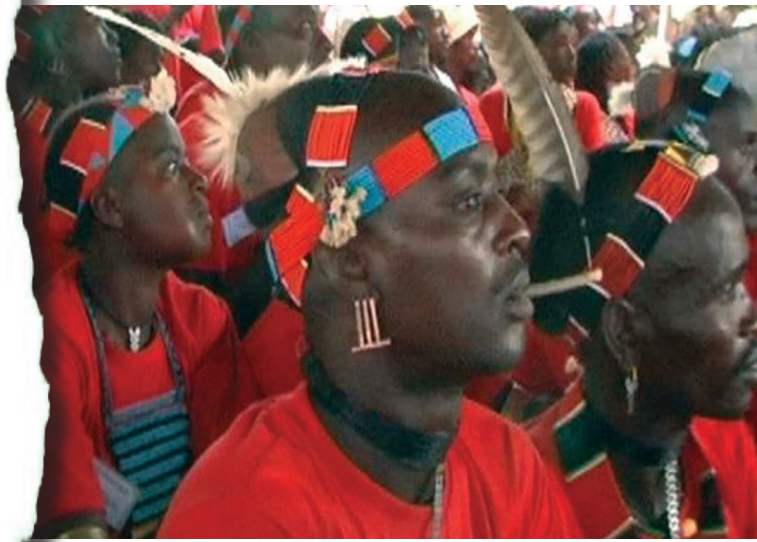
All of the events created a spirit of togetherness, friendship and harmony. There was a great solidarity evident in all of these events. Many were surprised to find they had so much in common, they can enjoy many things together and, when there were differences, a desire to understand and assist each other was uncovered. Each face at the gathering was singular.

The people shared a way of life, shared vision, common interests, a determination, and the smile of kindred spirits. Everyone who attended this remarkable event left with renewed hope and new friends.



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FACES FROM THE PEACE FESTIVAL



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The active participation of the pastoralist communities is sufficient testament of the commitment to the common and joint task they have in creating the conducive conditions for peace and development in South Omo Zone. It is a tribute to the pastoralist people of South Omo Zone that the relation of the communities has stood the test of time as being a shining example of peaceful co-existence, co-operation, good neighbourliness and mutual respect. It was a historic event, heralding the dawn of revitalised will and determination to the future.

EPaRDA in collaboration with government and partners seemed to achieve the impossible; it is not a miracle but a feat that demanded hard work and struggle. One pastoralist from

Maale ethnic group explained the change in the area on the lives of the people as: "I am rewriting my story". An elder from the Nyangatom pastoralist community expressed the unbelievable change from conflict to peace in his eyes as "we come out of darkness and are able to see the light."

One of the participants of the festival, Honorable Ato Awoke Ayke Member of House of Peoples Representatives of the FDRE and Deputy Chairman of the Pastoralist Standing Committee, was awestruck by the change in the age-old attitude that explains the impossibility of pastoralists to live peacefully together as expressed in the saying that "hyenas and cattle cannot live together". He said: "Today, elders from the pastoralist community, you are the testimony confirming that hyenas and cattle can go together if they are given the opportunity to know each other and help to cultivate a strong relationship."

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Music is used to express love, protest, mobilise and convey news. The opening ceremony had a strong cultural component, with pastoralist communities performing music and dancing one by one. The traditional music and dancing at the opening constitute a special source of enjoyment for everybody around.

The opening of the festival was very colourful combined with blessings, poem, statements, music and dancing, all the manifestations of pastoralists' culture of peace. On the morning of 8 May 2009, representatives of the pastoralist ethnic groups surrounded the temporary built hall for the opening of the festival, dancing and singing, full of excitement and expectation. The music wafting across the encampment was, if anything, even

more spellbinding out in the open beneath the clear Turmi sky.

Government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, and other invited guests took their seats in the temporary organised hall. The 16 pastoralist ethnic group representatives entered the hall singing, playing cultural instruments and dancing, introducing themselves to the gathering. After finishing they sat at the temporary hall.

Then came members of the peace committee of ten pastoralist ethnic groups, saluting and introducing themselves to the gathering.



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NAYANGATOM



DASSENECH



HAMER



MURCI



BORENA

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Elders from **Hamer**, **Dassanech**, **Nyangatom**, **Mursi** and **Borana** Pastoralist communities blessed the festival in their own language. Without exception, each elder spoke on the need of peace.



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Elders' blessings of Hamer, Dassanach and Nyangatom

Hamer

May our country be blessed with rain, overflow with good things, and this country of our forefathers be fruitful and filled with peace, which is the reason why we all have gathered here today.

Dear children of the government, may this assembly be peaceful.

EPaRDA has gathered us all here today and for the sake of us, may EPaRDA flourish and its path multiply.

To all of our relatives who have gathered here including; elders and community members from Dassanach, Nyangatom, Arbore and Karo; let this gathering be of peace and love.

May all the evil ones be away from us and peace and love spread among us.

Let us experience the sweetness of peace. And in the future, may god allow us to gather in the same land of our father the way we did today.

Today, EPaRDA has brought us together and may EPaRDA live and prosper forever.

Let the rain keeps raining.

Peace. Peace. Peace!

Dassanach

Is the country in peace?

Is Hamer in Peace? Is Gebra in peace? Is Borena in peace? Is Mursi in peace? Is Bodi in peace?

May god keep blessing us with good things.

May we live in peace and unity.

May we listen to EPaRDA.

May our country be in peace.

May we not hear of evil things and only peace be around us.

Nyangatom

Is everything in peace? Is Dassanach in peace? Is Nyangatom in peace? Is Hamer in peace? Is Gebra in peace? Is Borena in peace? Is Mursi in peace? Is Bodi in peace? Is Arbore in peace?

We have EPaRDA. Let there be peace and harmony among us.

May all evil things and conflict depart from us because we have gathered here for peace.

Let there be peace!

Borena'

Let this day be peaceful.

May Borena's elders be in peace.

May all elders be in peace.

May all of you be in peace.

Let the children, women, men and the elderly be in peace.

Let the cattle gathering and settlement be peaceful.

May children be obedient to their parents.

Let people and cattle reproduce and fill our land.

May the rivers flow in peace.

May the days, the nights and the seasons be blessed with peace and rain.

May EPaRDA be in peace.

May all of you go back home safely.

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SPEECHES



WELCOMING SPEECH BY ATO TSEGAYE MEKASHA,
EPARDA'S BOARD CHAIRMAN

Honorable Ato Lema Gedamu, Spokesperson of South
Nations and Nationalities Regional State Council

Honorable Ato Nigatu Densa, Administrator of South
Omo Zone

Our Kenyan colleagues,

Honorable representatives of Pastoral Communities,

Honorable Invited Guests,

I welcome you for coming to celebrate this peace week festival by taking your valuable time and withstanding the exhaustion.

Peace is the foundation for our security, growth and development. Because of this, there is no one who does not want the all time prevalence of peace. We hope that this festival will be accorded special focus and continue to be celebrated in the future.

The festival is organized to underline emphatically the importance of consultation and discussion of pastoralist communities among themselves to preserve and secure their own peace.

EPARDA's 10th year establishment anniversary will also be celebrated with the Peace Week festival. Even if these ten years might look short, they are long and many in view of the activities undertaken and the results achieved. We also believe that it was not EPARDA alone that accomplished the results, rather it was the concerted joint efforts of the community, government and donors. I would like to forward my greatest gratitude to everyone.

Thank you.

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OPENING SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE ATO LEMA GEMEDA,
SPOKESPERSON OF SOUTH NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES
REGIONAL STATE COUNCIL.

Honorable Ato Awoke Ayke, Member of Council of People
Representative and Deputy Chairman of Standing Committee for
Pastoralist,

Honorable Members of Council of People's Representatives,

Honorable Representatives of the 16 pastoral communities of South
Omo Zone,

Honorable Guests from Oromia Regional State attending this festival
representing Borena Zone,

Honorable participants from the Kenyan side,

Honorable Officials/Executives/Bureau Heads of South Omo Zone,

On behalf of SNNPRS council and my own, I want to express the
happiness I felt for the opportunity given to me to make an opening
statement on this Peace Week Festival organized by EParDA.

I fully believe that the Peace Week festival that is going to be
started today will provide a good opportunity for our regional state
to accelerate the development and good governance activities it
began on a regional basis as well as in different pastoralist areas.

As we all know, because of their unique existing situation and
context, pastoralist areas are not treated in a similar way with
other regions. In cognizance of this, the Regions State Government
by giving special attention to the development of pastoral areas
is presently getting positive results in different fields, such as
education, health, different good governance activities as well as
livestock health.



In order to strengthen these changes and
continue to further see positive results,
we are expected to lead, coordinate
and support peace building activities
undertaken by the pastoralist community,
government and other donors to be
transformed to peace. At the regional as
well as different level various activities
are being undertaken by giving special
attention to this issue. Besides, different
donors in collaboration with the government
are working in the same issue. However,

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the expected results do not seem to be achieved yet. Therefore, we should be able to ensure the attainment of better results by working giving special attention to this issue.

In this zone, around 16 nations and nationalities are found. This makes our Zzne different from other regions. It has a different type of organization from other regional states. These nations and nationalities have cultures, languages, clothing and living styles that make them unique. We should be able to create a favorable situation for this to contribute to the development of peace in the area.

Tolerance among nations should be strengthened . It is only when tolerance strengthened that love will develop. These love and tolerance will make the peace that we look forward to be laid upon a strong foundation. This has its own special contribution for development.

Therefore in this festival we should give huge focus to issues such as how much did we activities by giving special focus to the prevalence of peace? How much did we able to achieve results? What is expected of us in the future?

By thanking EPaRDA, on behalf of SNNRS council and my own, I would like to announce the official opening of the festival.

Thank you.



Among the activities of the Peace Week festival was the official inauguration of the new EPaRDA South Omo Zone Coordination Office building.

The office was officially inaugurated jointly by Honorable Ato Awoke Ayke, Member of the House of Peoples Representatives of the FDRE and Deputy Chairman of the Pastoralist Standing Committee and Honorable Ato Lema Gemedo, Spokesperson of SNNPRS Council of Nationalities. The event was held on May 8, 2009 in the presence of parliamentarians, zonal and woreda officials

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of South Omo and neighboring areas, representatives of pastoral communities, EPaRDA's board members, NGO representatives, and other invited guests.

The ribbon that signifies the inauguration of the building was cut by the cultural Hamer knife, symbolising the conviction that after now we would be using it for peaceful purposes rather than for killing each other.

The briefing was given by Sultan Abdurahman, EPaRDA's Area Program Coordinator regarding the camp site. He stated that EPaRDA for the effective provision of its developmental activities have built the South Omo Coordination Office.

EPaRDA evolved from a single office to the present building.

The building provides a conducive working environment for the implementation of EPaRDA's pastoralist development activities and facilitates the efficient and effective running of its day-to-day activities. This makes EPaRDA one of the few NGOs that have such facilities in South Omo Zone.

Participants of the inauguration ceremony have commended and applauded EPaRDA's efforts to physically develop its capacity for the strengthening and enhancement of its pastoral development activities. They also encouraged EPaRDA's leadership to further exert efforts and work towards similar pastoralist development centered building in other remote areas for the provision of timely and adequate services.

The building consists of:

- Office which has three rooms for running of day to day activities
- Meeting room and employee dining center consisting of four rooms
- 10 employee residence rooms
- Three guestrooms

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PHOTO EXHIBITION



A photo exhibition of EPaRDA's pastoral development programs and activities in the last 10 years was opened for the public on May 8, 2009.

Honourable Awoke Ayke, Honorable Lema Gemedo, parliamentarians, zonal and woreda officials of South Omo and neighboring areas, representatives of pastoral communities, EPaRDA board members, representatives from NGOs, and other invited guests attend the opening.

Culturally some sports are day-to-day activities of pastoralist communities. Therefore, sport competitions represented one of the most important events in the celebration as it signifies the expression of pastoralist culture of peace in an

entertaining way. Sport competitions among different woredas and pastoral communities were one of the main events that gave a special excitement and flamboyance to the festival.

Pastoralist ethnic groups of the South Omo and neighboring areas participated in the sport competitions.

The main events were:

- Korbo-the cultural throwing of spear
- Rope Pulling
- Running

The message of celebrating the culture of peace was still evident in all of the sports competitions.

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Different cultural sports competitions have created a spirit of brotherhood, cooperation and peace among the pastoralist groups. Its impact was quite visible in the large amount of viewers watching the competition with great curiosity. One participant from the Hamer community expressed his feeling and change of outlook as "It is so amazing to see that we can enjoy ourselves together so easily. Well, it is very interesting and delightful to see communities who had been fighting a while ago play together peacefully."

Panelists were members of the peace committee of 10 pastoralist ethnic groups namely, Mursi, Bena, Tsemay, Bodi, Borana, Maale, Nyangatom, Hamer and Dassanech pastoralist ethnic communities. Honourable Ato Awoke Ayke, Member of Council of Peoples Representatives of FDRE and Deputy Chairman of the Pastoralist Standing

Committee, Honourable Members of Council of Peoples Representatives of FDRE; Honourable Ato Lema Gameda, Spokesperson of SNNP Regional State in the presence of government officials, His Excellency Ato Nigatu Densa, Administrator of South Omo Zone, pastoral communities, EPaRDA board members, NGO representatives, government officials of South Omo Zone journalists and other invited guests were present and participated in the panel discussion.

Opening and program introduction was made at the beginning of the panel. This was followed by brief remarks and statements by the members of peace committee from each of the pastoralist ethnic groups. Then, the panel ended with discussions, and a question and answer session was undertaken on the issues raised by the participants and panelists.

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THE PEOPLE SPEAK



One important component of the festival was a panel discussion. Panelists were members of the Peace Committee of 10 pastoralist ethnic groups namely, Mursi, Bena, Tsemay, Bodi, Borena, Maale, Nyangatom, Arbore, Hamer and Dassanech pastoralist ethnic communities.



ATO TURKO OLIKOLOGN:
REPRESENTATIVE OF MURSI
PASTORAL COMMUNITY

First and foremost, I would like to present my greatest appreciation and gratitude for EPaRDA which in cooperation with the government organised the festival and brought us together here.

It is well known that we were communities that were immersed in a lot of problems, not knowing that we belong to the same tribe and share the same blood. In particular, it is well known that Mursi pastoralist community was in conflict with Nyangatom, Hamer, Karo as well as Ari pastoral communities in the past. The reason for our fighting was lack of understanding. Even if we fight and kill each other, we didn't get any benefit out of it since a human being does not eat the flesh of another human being.

Therefore, we met and discussed the issue of what is expected of us in the resolution of conflicts at different forums organised by the government and EPaRDA. We got a lot of alternative directions and points. We agreed that we want peace to prevail in our area. I believe that as long as there is peace, further development and good governance will be strengthened. Above all of the things, what I

need now is the development of my area. I come from a backward area which does not have basic development infrastructures. If these basic development infrastructures expand, our awareness about the importance of peace will continue to improve as well.

As I put it earlier, it is well known that we had been in conflict with Nyangatom pastoralist communities, Hamer as well as other pastoralist communities. However, at the present moment we should rise up for development by wiping out these conflicts through the development of positive attitudes and right thinking. When we rise up for development, we all know that priority should be given to peace.

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We should get out from this meeting by understanding and getting answer to questions like how can we bring about development and how can we become forces of change in our area. We should not get into another problem. We should not forget what we have exchanged here after getting out of this meeting. Instead we should set the time and place to further discuss about ways and means to bring about a durable peace and the expansion of development in our area.

Most importantly to bring about stronger peace, there should be inter-ethnic marriage among the different pastoralist communities. In order to show our unity and bring about a durable peace, the pastoralist communities, Nyangatom with Mursi, Hamar with Mursi as well as other pastoralist communities should get married, bear children, establish blood ties and live together.

Previously, there are a number of times with the facilitation of the government as well as different NGOs we have come together to discuss peace through reconciliation. We come together and discussed with government representatives about peace building issues. Similarly, we also held meetings, made a lot of discussions and passed decisions to bring about peace and reconciliation in our area through traditional and indigenous peace settlement mechanisms. We underlined that pastoralist communities should live by establishing peaceful relationship with each other. For the creation of peaceful relationship, one of the decisions we passed was pastoralist communities should live cordially by establishing marriage ties with each other, mixing and living together.

Therefore, in order to bring about durable peace among the different pastoralist communities, the issues we discussed and the decisions passed at these meetings should not be forgotten rather should be strictly followed and their implementation should be strengthened.



ATO NANGAKANI
ACHAI: REPRESENTATIVE
OF BODI PASTORAL
COMMUNITY



During the reign of previous governments, we were people who live in the forest by following the footsteps of our cattle. But now when we look at the way we led our lives we came to realise that bringing about a durable peace in pastoralist areas is an important issue that we should discuss and talk about. It is well known that the prevalence of peace is an issue that should be given special focus. As normal human beings who live together, fighting and killing each other is not expected of us. Rather, after this the peace starts to develop it should further be strengthened and expanded.

In this regard, in our areas there is high development needs, such as education, water, roads that government and NGOs should focus on and support.

I say now and then that we should bring about peace in our area. It is only we and only we that can bring about peace, no one else. Therefore, we should solve our problems by coming together discussing day and night. We should come out of this discussion by making decisions on how we can bring about durable peace. We should go beyond this and show our children how we stand for peace and teach

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them about peace. Our children and everybody in our community, therefore, should live by making himself ready for peace. Leaving aside fighting with each other, we should create a situation that would enable us to live peacefully together. When a pastoralist travel from one area to another, he should be peacefully welcomed and be provided shelter and a bed to sleep on. We should discuss to bring about a situation by which pastoralist communities can peacefully move from one area to another.

Therefore, this is not an issue that we forget and leave aside after we go out of this meeting, rather should listen with our ears raised.

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First I would like to thank EPaRDA on behalf of the Tsemai pastoralist community. I would like to thank the opening of this forum that enable us to come together and think about peace. EPaRDA in the past ten years has done two major things in our area. The first is that it helped pastoralist communities to discuss about the necessity and importance of living together peacefully. With respect to development, it has undertaken many activities in Tsemai area, one of which is in health. I believe that this will continue in the future.

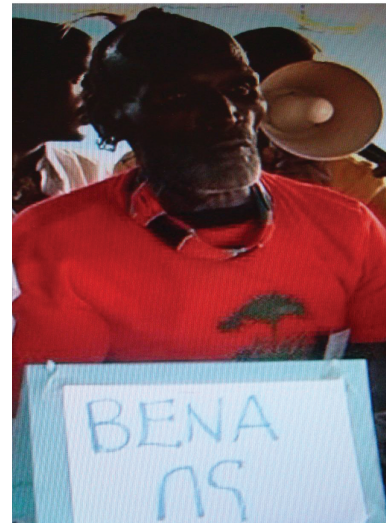
REPRESENTATIVE OF TSEMAY PASTORALIST COMMUNITY

of things for our community. Other NGOs in cooperation with the

government has also done a lot of things for us.

Tsemai is a cattle rearing community. This community has great development concerns which I want to raise. In particular, there is a river that flows around Tsemai area that has not been used for anything till now. Taking the potential of the river to be used for various purposes in to consideration, I would like to present my request to EPaRDA to create a situation by which the community can use it for development purposes.

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ATO DARE SEGO:
REPRESENTATIVE OF BENA PASTORALIST COMMUNITY

I will be speaking representing Bena community. First I would like to say that I am very happy that we are gathered in this place because of the prevalence and expansion of peace. In addition, it is a great opportunity for all of us to gather in this place with peace as an agenda. I said this because of the fact that I am able to come to this place because of the prevalence of peace.

In the past, we were communities who crave for conflict and fight with other communities. We used to fight with Mursi pastoralist community. But after the coming to power of this government, fighting has stopped and we are able to come to this place now. I would like to present my heartfelt thanks to EPaRDA for inviting us to discuss the agenda of peace.

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ABASHARE JIROLO:
REPRESENTATIVE OF
BORENA PASTORALIST
COMMUNITY



I don't want to say much. What I need is peace. We are able to come together in this place because the prevalence of peace is a great opportunity for us. I believe that we will have more opportuni-

ties in the future. Since I want peace, I wish for the prevalence of peace.

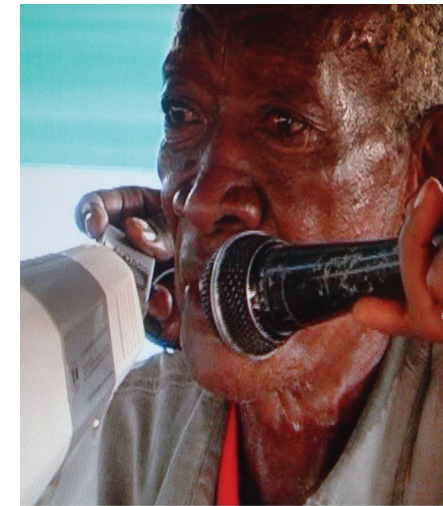
I would like to make a short statement. If there is no peace, there will be no learning, no bearing of child, no bearing of fruit and no growth. However when there is peace, there will be learning, growth and living.

In the past, we were communities who used to live in the forest without peaceful relations with each other. However, partners such as EPaRDA help in educating and bringing us face to face with other communities to wipe out negative attitudes from our mind and abstain from conflicts and vengeance and to rise up and divert our attention towards development lead our own lives by converting our pastoralist work for personal benefit. I would like to ask invited guests who come from parliament and federal government office to convey my thanks on behalf the government for EPaRDA which helped us to come together at this place by creating this peace.

There is a folklore that is told in Borana. There are two small animals. One is bee, which thought it is very small the honey it produces is a great thing. The other chicken. Nobody tells chicken it is late and to go home, it goes into its home by itself. Similarly, nobody wake up a chicken to rise up in the morning, it wakes and rises by itself. By taking the lesson of the bee and chicken, we get starting point and direction from the government and other NGOs through education; let us rise up for development by ourselves. We have seen killing. Killing each other doesn't have a meaning. Looting doesn't have any meaning. No one has gone to heaven because of it. God doesn't like it. We can't escape from the judgment of God.

Most of the time there is one guilty person responsible for an offense that leads to ethnic conflict. If we handover this criminal to the government and the right justice is given, nobody will rise for ethnic conflict and vengeance for the life of the deceased.

Let the right justice prevail. Let us rise up for development by changing our mind-set and attitude.



ATO ZUGA SHERDO:
REPRESENTATIVE OF MAALE
PASTORALIST COMMUNITY

We are all related. While I am his nephew, I go and fight with my uncle. We used to fight with Bena pastoralist community. In the previous governments, we used to fight with each other. There was a cultural practice called Belantom. But during the reign of EPRDF government, peace has prevailed. We started to get married and establish relations with each other. We exchange cattle peacefully.

We undertake similar discussion in Turmi, Nyangatom and Dassanech regarding the prevalence of peace. In this meeting I am prepared to hear about the progress and current status of the discussion of those meetings and I am hearing right now.

After this meeting, we need the prevalence of peace.

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First, I would like to express my happiness to EPaRDA for organizing this peace week conference and making us meet with other pastoralist communities.

Peace is good. If there is no peace, we cannot get anything. After the coming into power of EPRDF, we are moving towards better future. In contrast from previous governments, EPRDF government taught me many things like women's rights and many other intervention areas. I have seen a lot of things. All of these things happened because of the prevalence of peace. First the government and now NGOs in cooperation with the government are educating us about the importance of peace. It thought the impossibility of undertaking development activities without the prevalence of peace?

Nyangatom pastoralist community is found around Kibish area in the border between Ethiopia and Kenya. In our area, we need development and we are making efforts to meet these goals. However, at the present moment the area we use for farming is invaded by a tree called LOKOMSO/PROSOPIS. Before of the coming of this tree in the area, we were able to grow seeds and feed our children. We even able to sell to neighboring communities in Kenya. However, at the moment the tree is invading the area. This is an issue that is repeatedly raised many times and well known by EPaRDA and the government. Therefore, I request EPaRDA to take this issue as an agenda and and try to provide solutions about it.



ATO LOPIDING LOKWA:
REPRESENTATIVE OF
NAYNGATOM PASTORALIST
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ATO ADEMA AREGARE:
REPRESENTATIVE OF ARBORE
PASTORALIST COMMUNITY

In the past, we used to fight with Hamar pastoralist community. But now we created peace between us by ourselves. Today we have witnessed on this stage that the children of Arbore and Hamar are singing and dancing together. When first EPaRDA come to us with the peace agenda, we responded that we want peace as Arbore. There is peace in the area. We said that Arbore is a shop of peace, and you can come and buy peace.

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However, till now there were some bad things being done in our community. In spite of that, we still are saying come to us in peace, don't provoke us, buy peace, and take peace from us.

We want peace. We peacefully welcome and want everyone to live with us, whether it is Konso, Hamer, Borana and all of Dassanech community. But recently members of Dassanech pastoralist community encroached into our area and killed members of the Borana pastoralist community. As the result of this, the Borana pastoralist community took grievance and made a stand against the Arbore community not Dassanech community alone, since the criminal committed the crime by getting his food and shelter from our area. Why does this happen? I want an answer from the government representatives right now as they are following the situation closely.



ATO WORKNEH WOITA:
REPRESENTATIVE OF HAMER
PASTORALIST COMMUNITY



I thank EPaRDA very much for helping us reach this stage in co-corporation with the government.

As a community we want peace, we have cattle grazing in the forest. We also have children living in the Dassanech and Nyangatom areas. There are sometimes conflicts that arise unexpectedly in these areas. We should clearly explain and understand the situation and discuss about it honestly. We sometimes try to cheat the government when we come to the stage. Government wants us to live peacefully; it doesn't at any time advice us to get in to conflict with each other. Therefore, it would be very good if go back to where we come from with commitments for settlement of conflicts and prevalence of durable peace.

We sang earlier by saying "let us be one". Everybody should let go of grievances. Let us walk towards peace hand-in-hand.

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ATO LOTOKORE YAREGAL:
REPRESENTATIVE OF
DASSENCH PASTORALIST
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I would like to thank pastoral community members found here for their contribution to the prevalence of peace.

Our Woreda has lost a lot of development opportunities due to the lack of peace. However, in the last four years, we have done a lot of things with EPaRDA. EPaRDA started its development activities in our area by focusing on peace and agriculture. When EPaRDA enter in to our, we first establish Peace Committee. A lot of things are done around the peace committee. It is after a lot of debates that we are able to reach this stage. After that, we did a lot of things regarding peace with partner Government Justice and Security Bureaus. We are exposing and handing over criminals that are making offences. We are able to gather here because of the prevalence of peace.

All of the woreda leaders and officials of this area are our children. Why are we making their names raised negatively by involving ourselves in conflict? It is us who is burying them

alive. If we create peace, their names will not be raised in association with conflict.

When EPaRDA undertook development activities in our area, it organized committees. For example, it established committees for arbitrating sharing of resources. These committees have done a lot of things by meeting and exchanging information. Besides, EPaRDA introduced agriculture in order to stop us from fighting with each other by being engaged and become busy in the farm work.

Before the coming of EPaRDA to our area, there was wide spread conflict and war around our area. We used to have fierce conflict with Turkana, Nyangatom, and Hamer communities. We lost our children. We also lost cattle. We suffered a lot. However, we were able to see changes in the past four years after the entering of EPaRDA to our area.

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HONOURABLE ATO LEMA GEMEDA: SPOKESPERSON OF SNNPRS, COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES

All of the elders representing pastoralist communities expressed that peace is important for their communities and tried to identify their roles and responsibilities in the prevalence of peace. This provides great opportunity for the government. Because the government will be able to implement its development plans; when peace prevails in every area, a favorable situation is created for the community to make contribution in development plans.

As elders expressed with resentment that they lagged very much behind in development since they were involved in conflicts because of different reasons. This shows that pastoralist communities had not been actively engaging in development activities because they had been immersed in a lot of problems for a long period of time. But now, they demonstrated not only their interest and motivation but also the conviction they have for bringing about development. As I noted earlier, we take this as a great support for the government.

The prevalence of peace cannot be ensured by the work of government alone. In fact, it is the government's primary duty as well it has a responsibility. It should be able to create a situation by which the people would be able to live and work peacefully. For this, there are structures established by the government up to the level of kebeles. However, it cannot be fully covered by these structures alone. The people should fulfill their role and responsibilities. Besides, different social structures, for



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instance, elders, religious leaders should also have to play their roles.

Even if there are some conflicts that might occur, you should be able to set-up and strengthen appropriate conflict resolution mechanisms by which you would be able to closely observe, discuss and give solutions. We have the hope that the peace committees already organized or people that would be joining them starting from today after receiving the appropriate training will make good contribution to the prevalence of peace.

These efforts made by the community to resolve conflict in different areas are related to growth and development. Since the idea presented by elders from the stage about peace and development in

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their area goes with our interest to move and go forward from our present backward development position, it gives great hope for the government. As it also express the willingness of the community to work in the side of government in its future development activities, it should further be strengthened and continued.

HONOURABLE ATO AWOKE AYKE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PASTORALIST AFFAIRS

The ideas forwarded by elders in relation to peace are very good. It is known that ensuring the prevalence of peace, especially in pastoral areas, is an issue that required a long period of struggle. However, I observed that today's meeting is very much better than previous meetings as everybody was able to clearly put his idea about the meaning of peace. If we understand and are aware of the meaning of peace to this level, I would say that our communities truly have a strong interest for the prevalence of peace.

Among the three major target areas that are being implemented by the government, such as peace, democracy and development, peace is the key for the building of democratic system and development. Therefore, I would like to express my appreciation for elders for demonstrating this level of understanding about peace. We should further continue by strengthening this. If we fail



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to continue by further strengthening this and return backward, similar problem like the previous will occur again. Therefore, if the results achieved today are continued by further strengthening them, we would make mucch progress.

Community elders under diffrent peace committees from different areas work in tandem with local government structures.

There were attitudes that used to be reflected 10 year ago about pastoralists. One of which I recall is the impossibility of pastoralist communities to live together. It is said that “hyenas and cattle can not go together”. And it is also said that “we can not separate blood mixed with milk”. However, today you have raised ideas that break these attitudes. You give a testimony confirming that hyenas and cattle can go together if they are given the opportunity to know each other and help to

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cultivate a strong relationship. Similarly, you expressed your belief that if we work hard, we can filter mixed blood and milk. I think, today, we reach a level of understanding where we are able to classify that these attitudes are harmful.

In fact, we should understand that the prevalence of peace is not a permanent all time phenomenon, we will sometimes encounter problems and conflicts. For ensuring the prevalence of durable peace, strong belief and deep understanding should exist in the mind of elders. Then the community should acquire the proper understanding and awareness through elders. This is important for development and democracy. Therefore, we should give priority to further continue strengthen this above all other things.

ATO NIGATU DENSA, ADMINSTRATOR OF SOUTH OMO ZONE



Elders underlined that ensuring the prevalence of peace is a matter that should be given priority above all other things. They also noted that, in the past, unknowingly brothers, sisters, found each other enemies, like hyena and tiger, and did not have a good relationship among each other. But after this government starts to work taking responsibility, its main strategy is ensuring the prevalence of peace.

From the time the present government to over office, its main strategy has been towards ensuring the prevalence of peace. Even if the government is making great efforts to make the people work for peace. It took a much longer time for the people to accept and implement the strategy. However, at the present moment, these efforts are yielding fruits. For this positive condition to continue further strengthened, elders noted the importance of development of basic infrastructure, such as education and supply of clear water to humans and livestock. This is an appropriate comment that we accept. It is known that government is working giving emphasis to the development of these infrastructures. Similarly NGOs are also contributing to these development endeavors by developing areas where the government has limitations.

In today's discussion, which is different from the usual trend by which the Government or NGOs take the responsibility to chair discussions of this type,

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pastoralists themselves started to take the responsibility to chair the discussion. Since this positive attitudes would give great contribution to the development of our zone, region and country.

There is a question raised from Arbore elder regarding what should be done about the killing of the members of the Borena community member by the Dassanech community in Arbore territory. I would say that there is no other better time and opportunity than this festival to discuss and give solution to the problem. As you know, the government does not condone the killing of people. You held larger discussions previously; you should continue this culture by strengthening it to solve similar problems. Since this is a problem existing within yourselves, you have this podium today, you will spent two days here, if it is necessary we are also around, you have to give lasting solution preventing similar problems to happen again. The government responsibility here is to give permission and facilitate the creation of conducive atmosphere for the communities to discuss about the matter.

What should happen after this meeting is an issue that should be given emphasis. I say this kind of discussion and meeting should continue further

strengthened. Government and NGOs in the past have tried to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts arising within pastoral communities by arranging and undertaking different forums. But from now onwards the peace committee should take the lead in arranging and undertaking similar kind of forums. Arranging this kind of big forum might not be necessary, you can do it in small groups.

There is another point raised regarding to get married with each other, bearing children and establishing ties to further continue strengthen the unity among the pastoralist communities. This is a good comment that should further be promoted and strengthened.

You witnessed that there is not a single country or individual that has developed either through conflict or tension. As you noted, relative peace is ensured in our zone in the past three years. The number of inter-community conflicts have substantially decreased. The handing over criminals has not been a usual practice around here. However, now a lot of criminals are being handed over by the communities to law enforcement bodies. This is a positive trend.

There are places where schools are none existent. As conflict stops, we will be able to focus our attention towards development. As we are working towards building schools in different areas, this efforts should continue being strengthened.

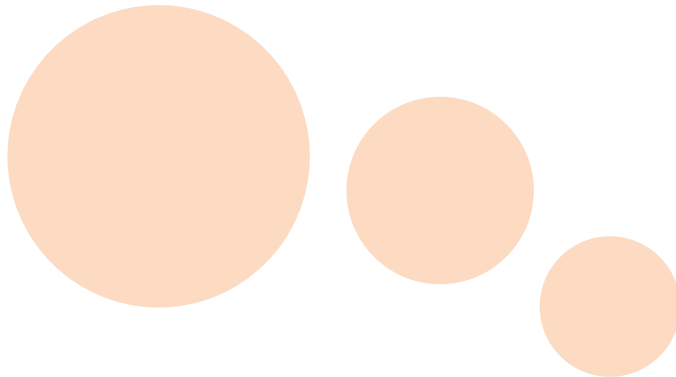
No one has raised a different opinion about the importance of the prevalence of peace. This should continue. The peace

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committees should discuss about it now, they should discuss about it tomorrow too, and they should pass after giving solution to any misunderstanding now and here.

Government and other NGOs need the unity and prosperity of the people. There are some questions raised about the development needs of some areas which demand intervention through large projects. Even if it is not possible to respond to these questions at this particular meeting, they will gradually be answered through the development projects the government is currently undertaking.



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DR. ZERIHUN AMBAYE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EPaRDA

I want to compare the situation existing before 10 years with the present one. I don't want to talk much about how we started. However, the people you see here don't consider each other as equals. Today, they even go beyond that and start to discuss about their problems. The biggest achievement is that they are able to state their problem to the government. We know what used to happen each day in pastoralist areas. But today we have reached a level where we are able to know how a single problem happens.

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When we talk, about peace, I don't think that we should forget about development. Since underdevelopment is one of the major causes for the existence of peace. As stated from the podium, there are a lot of development needs that are yet to be met and some areas remain marginalized. But this will be done in gradual steps.

However, the biggest inspiration for me today is that we all have come together including all the communities found in and around the zone and discussed common problems. I want this festival to be exemplary for others since peace is the primary and greatest issue for the government and the people.

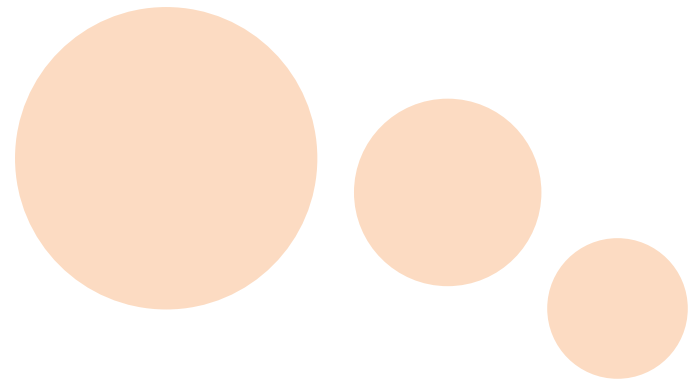
I want all of us work together to create a favorable situation by which we can celebrate this day annually as Peace Week or Peace Day. Today we started with the first. There is no reason that we should not continue next year. I have no doubt that having considered its benefits, the government will continue to celebrate this festival annually. However, it is everyone's responsibility that we should build on today's success.

Nonetheless, when we talk about prevalence of peace, the people and government come to the

frontline taking the primary responsibility. NGOs, like ours, have only the role of facilitation. We started at the beginning with this in mind.

Therefore, we should create a situation by which we can further continue to celebrate this festival annually. What I give my word that EPaRDA will be on your side in the annual celebration of the event. If we continue celebrating with the same level and extent as the present one, it will grow to a much higher level one day.

The other thing I want to add is that we have started a lot of good things; we have done a lot of good things. As noted repeatedly by previous speakers, for these good beginning not to go back, all of us should work together to further strengthen them.



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WOTELE: TRADITIONAL DINER FEAST



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‘Wotele’

In the pastoralist areas hospitality and dinning together is one aspect of peaceful sharing and living together. The custom in South Omo area among the pastoralists is to slaughter cattle and serve it to guests. Therefore, as one component of celebration of the culture of peace, the host of the festival, Hamer Woreda, has slaughtered oxen and goats as gifts to the gathering and prepared the cultural feast of roasted meat by the name ‘WOTELE’.

All of the participating pastoral communities, government officials, NGO representatives and other invited guests feasted at the Wetele.

The occasion represented one aspect of pastoral culture of peace, warm welcome and hospitality of guests. A ges-

ture of friendship and amity. Celebrating one of pastoralist culture of peace dinning together.

WOTELE is prepared after the slaughtering of the cattle; the meat will be cut in larger pieces and will put in a fire hanging it in a stick. No species is used to roast the meat. After it is roasted, it will be put in a land covered will clear green leaves of trees; the pieces will be cut and presented to guests hanging in a stick with a knife.

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FIELD VISIT



A field visit was undertaken to two kebeles, namely Kola-Kaja and the Gola, of Hamer Worda to observe EPaRDA's activities and results in food security at the morning of 9 May 2009. Government officials, NGO representatives and other invited guests participated in the visit. The field visit was organized to show the nature and impacts of EPaRDA food security activities and witness their impacts in bringing about the prevalence of peace in the areas. In the visit, the sense of celebration of the culture of peace was in everyone. Everybody was able to witness the contribution of development efforts in rebuilding peace. The pastoral communities were able to experience, live and witness the importance of development for peace.

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CLOSING CEREMONY



The “Peace Week” festival closing ceremony was colorfully celebrated on May 9, 2009. The closing ceremony constitutes the undertaking of different activities that manifest the culture of peace. These include the awarding of participating pastoral communities, institutions and individuals who have made significant contributions in peace building efforts of EPaRDA. In addition winners of the sports competitions were also awarded. The award includes motorcycles, trophies of different sizes, utensils, medals and certificates.

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EPaRDA presented awards and letter of appreciations for individuals and organizations that have been working actively towards establishing a peaceful interaction with in the communities of South Omo and also the surrounding areas.

Honorable Ato Lema Gemedu, Ato Nigatu Densa, and EPaRDA board chairman presented the awards and certificates of appreciations.

The first award goes to Arbore Peace Committee.

The reason for awarding is that the committee was active from the very beginning when EPaRDA started the peace building activities and has continued to work closely with the organization. It is a strong Peace Committee conducting a monthly regular meeting to discuss about peace and has remarkable achievements in their localities that can be taken as example to other committees.

The committee has incorporated in its structure pastoralist from Arbore, Borena and Hamer communities, worked jointly with these committees and was able to ensure peaceful movement of people in the aforementioned areas.

EPaRDA awarded a motor cycle to facilitate their work and a certificate of appreciation to honor the achievement of the committee.

The second award goes to Dassanech Peace Committee. This Committee has been making significant contribution working with EPaRDA starting from the beginning of its peace building activities up to present time. The award is motor cycle and a certificate of appreciation.

The third award goes to Dassanech Woreda Police for their relentless work in peace building activity with EPaRDA, especially in cross-border conflicts. Similarly the Woreda Police was also awarded a motor cycle and a certificate of appreciation.

The fourth award goes to the Administrator of South Omo Zone, Ato Nigatu Densa, who has provided EPaRDA with an opportunity to undertake its activities in favorable situations. Ato Nigatu has shared the challenges and problems with EPaRDA. He has provided frequent consultations to the organization in order to reach its significant level of achievements. For this, Ato Nigatu is awarded a trophy and a certificate of appreciation.

Next, award and certificates of appreciation were presented to the South Omo Police Commission, Borena Zone Administration, Bena-Tsemai Woreda Administration, Teltele Woreda Justice and Security Bureau, Teltele Woreda police, the South Omo Zone Justice Bureau, Dassanech Woreda Justice and Security Bureau, Hamer Woreda Justice and Security Bureau and Nyangatom Woreda Administration that have worked with the organization starting from the beginning. These offices have contributed a lot for the success of peace building projects of EPaRDA in the area.

EParDA also awarded Honorable Ato Lemma Gemedo, Honorable Ato Awoke Ayke and Commander Petros Gebre medals and certificates of appreciation for their long lasting contribution to EParDA from commencing work in the area to the present level. Their contribution both as government officials and individuals have been valuable for EParDA's achievements.

Awards and certificates of appreciations were also presented to the Kenyan local administration Police Commission and Turkana Community Representatives for their support and contribution on their side of the border.

An award and a certificate of appreciation has been presented to Hamer Woreda which hosts this event.

Finally an award and a certificate of appreciation was presented to all the participating pastoral communities.

Large cooking pots, 50 plates and 50 cups that can serve during the monthly meeting of the peace committees were awarded for the Arbore, Hamer and Borena peace committees.



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SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Winners of Sports Competitions were given prizes.

CLOSING REMARKS BY DR ZERIHUN AMBAYE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EPaRDA

We spent the last two days here to know what peace is and how much the prevalence of peace is beneficial. The festival was undertaken to create knowledge and raise awareness of the benefits of peace. It is also organized to create a forum by which all of us sharing the same idea and objectives work for peace and development in the future. I don't think that the undertaking

of this festival should stop today. Rather, it should continue to expand. All of us agree with this. Therefore, I have a hope that, if it is God will, we will celebrate the festival next year in a better way than this year.

This is the first time. Since it is our first time, we only included few participants. We were not able to include bodies that should have been included. However, in the forthcoming festival, we will celebrate the festival by including pastoralist from other areas and even cross border to include pastoralist having similar problems. Standing from here, we can predict that we will be able to do that. There is nothing that will hinder us from doing that.

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Therefore, as to me, if there is a day I am very much happy, it is today. In the future, we will do everything in our capacity in cooperation with the government for the undertaking of a successful festival. I can give my word for that today.

Let everybody of us become people of peace, fathers of peace.

Let God bless what we hear in our heart.

CLOSING REMARKS BY HONOURABLE ATO AWOKE AYKE, MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE

First of all, I would like to thank for the opportunity given to me. I don't think I need to talk much since we said a lot of things at yesterday panel discussion.

Starting from yesterday we have been raising and talking about the issue of peace. We understand that peace is the foundation for everything. In order to lay a foundation for peace, I think we need to pay sacrifices.

I will raise again an issue that I raised yesterday, how can nations and nationalities live in peace and resolve conflict by themselves.

However, I would like to say congratulations to the awarded for their contribution to the achievement of relative peace in the zone in a short time. Award is a starting point for one thing. In order to motivate for

further work, as long as a person achieve good results, giving award is important. Why? Because, it is a reward for his achievements. When we award a person it will motivate him to do better and get better results. I believe that as we continue to award good work we will be able to reach a level where everybody will be able to achieve good results.

However, the main issue here, the expected key result that should be evaluated is the benefits gained from the prevalence of this peace.

Knowingly or unknowingly, conflicts take place between pastoralist communities at different occasions. These conflicts not only are resulting in the loss of human life but also in the damage of livestock which is the major resource pastoralist livelihood depends upon. In our discussion yesterday at the panel everybody without exception was saying peace, peace and peace. Therefore, we can say that we reach a level where we confirmed the decisiveness of prevalence of peace.

Therefore, we should continue further strengthening this. It is not in vain that we continue further strengthening the prevalence of peace; it is because it has results and we will be benefited from the results. We are just starting to benefit from this peace. After this, all of us by accepting with conviction that we should work hard with dedication for the prevalence of this peace. I want you to give me your word for this.

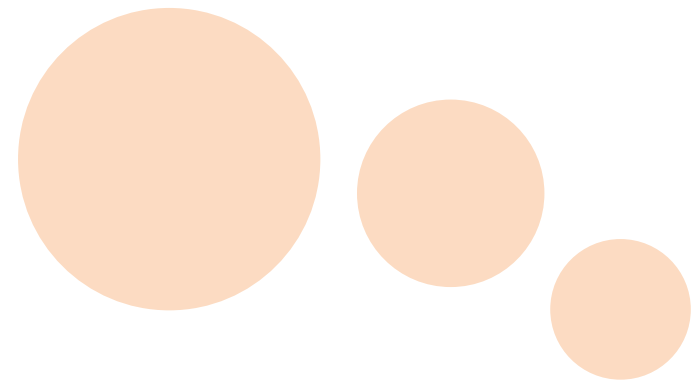
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As long as the community works for the prevalence of peace, the role of the government is facilitation. However, the decisive factor is the role of the community. As long as the community participate and government facilitate, we will be able and should be able to get better results. Therefore, I encourage you and plead you to continue by further strengthening what you have been doing now.

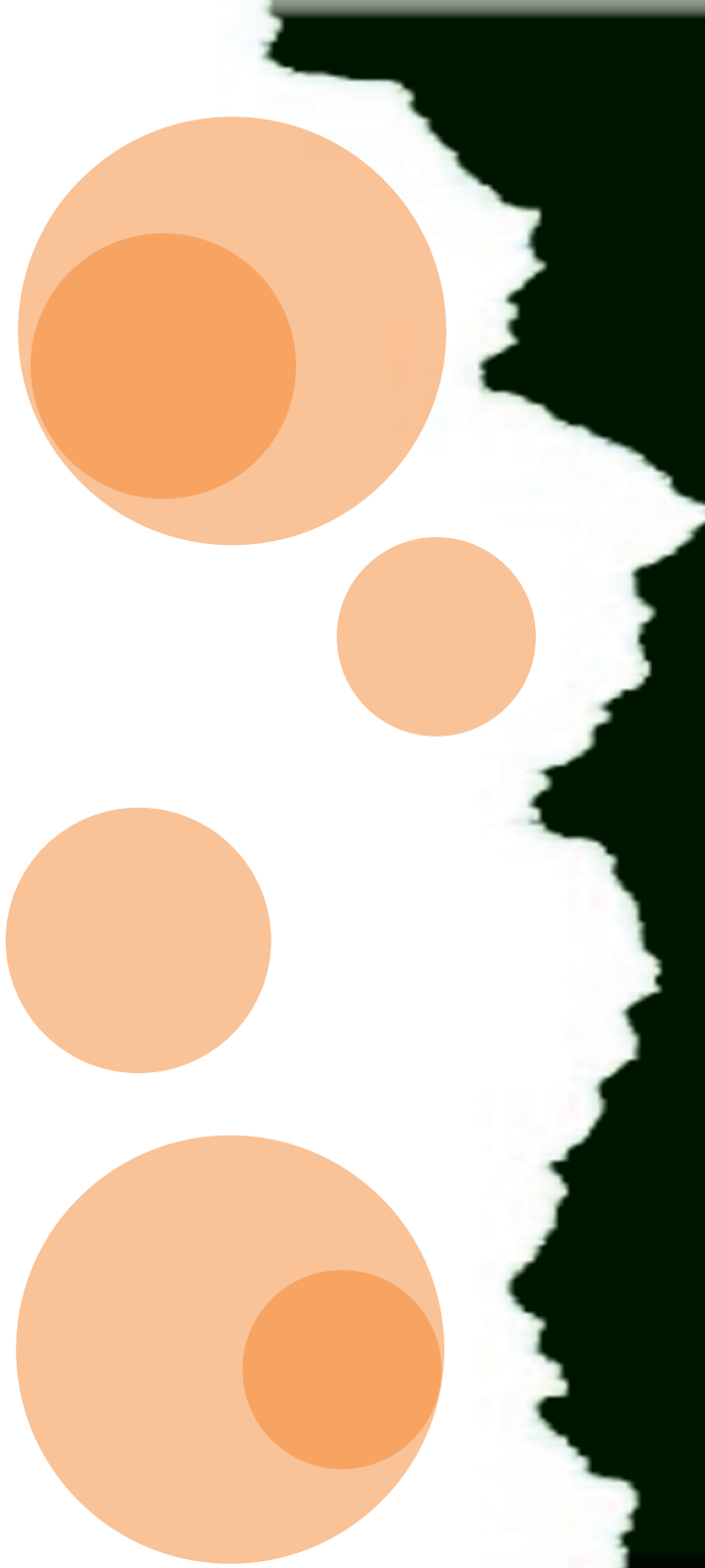
Finally, EPaDA should be thanked for organizing this festival by spending a large amount of resource, by gathering these communities from different areas and paying a whole lot of sacrifices. Allow me to present my thanks. All of us work with the government to make the community get benefit from development. Our satisfaction is when we see the community

benefit from development. When the community stops killing each other, looting of cattle, and when it start to get benefit from development that results from it. It is only after reaching that moment that we should get full satisfaction. We should not stop by getting satisfaction from our present result. Therefore, I say that we will further continue strengthening our work.



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