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Support to an Inclusive and Effective National Dialogue Process in Ethiopia

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Development Challenges

The House of People's Representatives in February 2022 passed Proclamation No. 1265/2021 that established the Ethiopian National Dialogue Commission (ENDC) to independently lead and coordinate an inclusive and participatory national dialogue.

To be successful in discharging its mandate, the ENDC requires support from stakeholders and partners. On this basis, UNDP has been requested by the Government of Ethiopia to provide substantive technical support as well as undertake resource mobilization and fund management services to the ENDC. Hence, a Project Document (ProDoc) was developed and signed between UNDP, the Ministry of Finance, and the ENDC as a response to that request. The ProDoc articulates a programmatic framework for support to the ENDC over the next three years (2022 – 2025), designed considering key conceptual considerations and success factors emphasizing that the national dialogue is a nationally-owned political process aimed at generating consensus about key national issues among a broad range of stakeholders with an emphasis on inclusivity, transparency, and independence. The Commission, therefore, will apply mechanisms to help find workable solutions to competing interests and needs, addressing contested issues that existing formal institutions are not able to resolve credibly and/or conclusively.

Project Objectives

The main objectives of the Project are two-fold:

Assist the ENDC in becoming a more capable, transparent, and ultimately, trusted, and credible /legitimate institution

Providing the required technical, operational, and financial assistance necessary for undertaking inclusive, transparent, and credible dialogues. As such, the project strategic approach aims at supporting the ENDC in ensuring inclusive participation of all groups including women, youth, internally displaced people, and other disadvantaged groups from all regions as a key feature for a credible and inclusive process.

Project Outputs

A National Dialogue Commission is established that is independent, trusted, empowered, and enabled to engage citizens and stakeholders.

An inclusive, transparent, gender-sensitive, and participatory National Dialogue is launched promptly that finds broad acceptance among the population and key stakeholders.

Potential solutions to several, if not all, of the most critical issues facing Ethiopia become a part of substantive discussions within the National Dialogue and its follow-up, attracting as well as focusing civic and political energies.

Partnership

Government of Japan,

Contribution to SDGs

