

**Press Release** 

Saturday July 13, 2013

**NACC – 2ND IN PERSON MEETING** 

Washington, DC

YPFDJ North America Coordinating Committee (NACC) which includes heads of National Committees and Regional Coordinating Committees (RCC), held an all day workshop in Washington, DC on Saturday July 13, 2013. The National Committees are Niqhat, Home Focused Project, Community Service, Media, Networking, Fundraising, Skills Development, Culture Identity and Hidri.

During the meeting, the committee deliberated on various issues regarding the movement. Present at the meeting was Btsai Berhane Gebrehiwet, Charge d'Affaires and Head of Public and Community Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy, who presented on the political and symbolic significance of NACC. He reminded participants of the opportunity and responsibilities NACC carries and called on the body to collectively shoulder these responsibilities.

Btsai Dawit Haile, Head of Organizational and Youth Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy, on his part presented on Organizational Structure, Policies and Procedures. Btsai Dawit emphasized that NACC is the body responsible for coordinating all YPFDJ NA activities but Chapters have the ultimate responsibility of implementing all programs.

Btsai Mekonnen G-mariam, NACC Chair, along with heads of each committee as well as RCC heads presented Progress Reports of NACC. Following these presentations, the committee assessed the state of the organization and identified areas of opportunities for improvement. NACC also made necessary structural adjustments.

Participants discussed the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual YPFDJ-NA conference and related items such as registration, fundraising and programming. Additionally, NACC agreed to finalize work plans for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and get it approved at the conference.

The workshop concluded with a general questions and answers session, and with everyone attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual YPFDJ DC Benefit Dinner at ECCC.

Awet N'Hafash!

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