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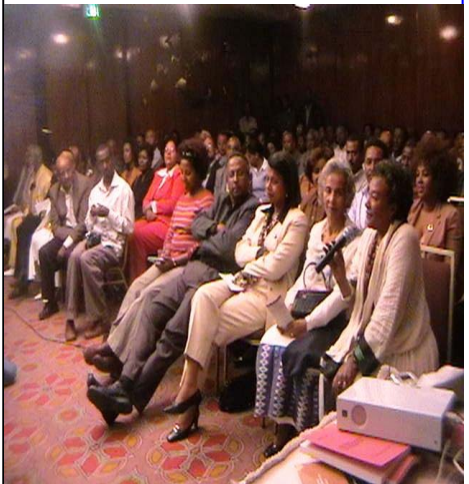
በማኅበራዊ ጥናት መድረክ “እውቀትን ለትውልድ ማስተላለፍ” በሚል መሪ ርዕስ ስር በተዘጋጀው በዚህ ውይይት ላይ በእንግድነት የቀረቡት በኢትዮጵያ የባሕላዊ ልብስ ዲዛይንና ስፌት በዘመናዊ መልክ በቀደምትነት ያስተዋወቁትንና በማኅበራዊ ጉዳይ ከልጅነታቸው አንስቶ በሴቶች በጎ አድራጎት ድርጅት እንዲሁም ቀይ መስቀል ሲቋቋም ተግትፎ የነበራቸውን ወ/ሮ ጽዮን ሚካኤል አንድም ነበሩ።

“ሴት በተፈጥሮ ያላት የእናትነትና የሴትነት ኃላፊነት ከወንድ የበለጠ በመሆኑ የቤቷ ዘውድ እንድትሆን ያደርጋታል። ይህን ዘር የማፍራትና መልካም ዜጋ እንዲኖርም የማድረግ ኃላፊነት ሴቶች ሊከሩበትና ትኩረት ሊሰጡት የሚገባ ነው።” ሲሉ ወ/ሮ ጽዮን ለታዳሚው ተናግረዋል።

በአሁኑ ወቅት ብዛት ያለው ወጣት ተስፋ

ቆርጦ በየጎዳናው ከሚንከራተትበት የተለያዩ ምክንያቶች ውስጥ የቤተሰብ ፍቅር መሸርሸርና ልጅን ከስሩ ኮትኩቶ ያለማሳደግ አንዱ ቁልፍ ጉዳይ እንደሆነ ወ/ሮ ጽዮን አበክረው አስረድተዋል። ይህንንም ለመግታት በአጠቃላይ ዜጎች ትኩረት ሊሰጡት እንደሚገባና በተለይ የቤተሰብ መሠረት የሆነችው እናት የቤት ውስጥ ኃላፊነትን ብቻዋን መሸከም እንደሌለባትና ባሏም ልጅን በመንከባከብና በማሳደግ ድጋፍ እንዲያደርግላት ጥሪ አቅርበዋል።

ሴት ከቤቷ ውጭ ወጥታ መማርና መስራት እንዳለባት የሚያምኑት ወ/ሮ ጽዮን ዋናው ትኩረቷ ግን ቤቷ ውስጥ ላለባት ኃላፊነት መሆን እንዳለበት ይናገራሉ። አንዲት በሥራ ላይ የምትገኝ እናት ግማሽ ቀን እንድትሠራ ነገር ግን ሙሉ ደመወዝና ጥቅማጥቅም እየተሰጣት ቀሪውን ጊዜ ለቤተሰቧ እንክብካቤ እንድታሳልፍ ቢደረግ ቤተሰብን ለማጠናከርና መልካም ዜጋን ለመፍጠር የተሻለ መንገድ እንደሚሆን አበክረው አሳስበዋል።



በ1960 ዓ.ም በኢትዮጵያ “ጽዮን ጥበብ” በሚል በተለይ የደገኛ ኢትዮጵያውያንን የአለባበስ ቅርስ በከተማ የማስተዋወቅ ሥራቸውን የጀመሩት ወ/ሮ ጽዮን

ባሕላዊ አለባበስ እየጠፋና በምትኩ በጣም ቅጥ የጎደለው ምዕራባዊ አለባበስ እየተለመደ መምጣቱ አሳሳቢ እንደሆነም ተናግረዋል።

በአገራችን ያለው የሽማግሌዎች የጥበብ ችሎታ እጅግ የሚደነቅ በመሆኑ ሊበረታታና ድጋፍ ሊደረግለት እንደሚገባ የተናገሩት የ85 ዓመቷ አዛውንት አሁንም በልብስ ስፊትና ዲዛይን ሥራቸው ላይ እየሠሩ እንደሚገኙ ተናግረዋል። ወ/ሮ ጽዮን የኢትዮጵያ ጥንታዊ አለባበስና ባሕልን በአገር ውስጥና በውጭ ሀገር በማስተዋወቅ አድናቆትን አትርፈዋል።

በደርግ ዘመን የተገደሉት ሌተናንት ጀነራል አማን ሚካኤል አምዶም እህት የሆኑት ወ/ሮ ጽዮን በጊዜው አሳቸውም ለሰባት ዓመታት በወህኒ ታስረው እንደነበር ተናግረዋል። ምንም እንኳን የወህኒ ቤት ቆይታቸው ብዙ ወጣ ወረድ የነበረበት ቢሆንም በወህኒ እያሉ የእስረኛ ጤንነትና ሞራል በመገንባት ከፍተኛ አስተዋጽኦ ያደረጉ ከመሆናቸው በላይ በወህኒ በነበሩበት ወቅት 20 ልጆችን አሳድገዋል ሲሉ አብረዋቸው በወቅቱ በወህኒ የነበሩት አንድ የስብሰባው ተሳታፊ ተናግረዋል። ወ/ሮ ጽዮን እነዚህ ልጆች እስከዛሬ እንደሚጠይቋቸውና ይህም እጅግ እንደሚያስደስታቸው ተናግረዋል።

ከስብሰባው ተሳታፊዎች መካከል አንዱ ፊታውራሪ አመዴ ለማ ወይይቱ የኢትዮጵያዊነት መሠረታችንን እየለቀቅን ባለንበት ሰዓት ባሕላችንና ማንነታችንን ከልብ እንድናስተውል አስተምረውናል ብለዋል። የስብሰባው ተሳታፊዎች በወ/ሮ ጽዮን የቀረበውን የእናትና የሚስትነት ቦታ ወንዶች በመቀበል ከስራ ውጭ ያላቸውን ጊዜ ለቤታቸውና ለልጆቻቸው በመስጠት ፍቅርን በማጎልበት መልካም ዜጋ እንዲፈጠር ትምህርቱን ተግባራዊ እንዲያደርጉ አስተያይታቸውን ገልጸዋል።



በማኅበራዊ ጥናት መድረክ ሕውቀትን ለትውልድ ማስተላለፍ በሚል መሪ ርዕስ ስር የተዘጋጀው ይህ ወይይት በየሁለት ወሩ የሚካሄድ ሲሆን በዓጼ ኃይለ ሥላሴ ዘመን በኃላፊነት ወይም በባለሙያነት ያገለገሉ አንጋፋ ዜጎችን በመጋበዝ እውቀታቸውን ለትውልድ እንዲያስተላልፉ ያደርጋል።

Meeting Endorses Proposal for Formation of Higher Education Network in Africa

A group of higher education experts drawn from Africa, the USA and Europe held a two-day consultative meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to discuss a proposal for the establishment of a higher education advocacy, research and information dissemination network in Africa. Attending the meeting were also representatives of higher education organizations, such as the Association of African Universities and donors such as NORAD and Ford Foundation, which have been supporting higher education in Africa. From Ethiopia, Dr Taye Assefa, Research and Publications Director of FSS, attended the meeting.

The Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET) was commissioned by the US Foundation Partnership for Higher Education in Africa (PHEA) to produce a report exploring an approach for establishing a structure that would conduct policy-oriented research on selected issues on a continent-wide basis and disseminate research information to policy makers, institutional leaders and funders. The meeting, which was held on 22nd and 23rd January 2007, discussed this report which came up with specific proposals for establishing a structure and operational plan for a network that would catalyze the contributions of higher education to African development. The report identified the global and continental frameworks of higher education and development, the existing gaps in research, advocacy, institutional transformation and information dissemination in Africa.

The structure proposed consisted of a Secretariat; a continental Research Coordinating Group consisting of research group representatives and funders; Thematic Research Groups consisting of researchers; higher education advocacy agencies disseminating research data and electronic as well as print publications. After discussing the proposal in detail and suggesting improvements, the meeting endorsed the proposal for the formation of a higher education network in Africa. A number of donors from PHEA attending the meeting expressed interest in the formation of the proposed Network.

The task of refining the proposal and submitting a report to funders, especially PHEA, was assigned to an Interim Group that prepared the initial report. The Interim Group is expected to report back the progress to participants of the meeting within a month's time.

Job Opportunities at Association of African Universities

The Association of African Universities (AAU), an international non-governmental organization (INGO), with headquarters in Accra, Ghana, was set up in November 1967 by univer-

sities in Africa to promote cooperation among themselves and between them and the international academic community. The AAU wishes to announce the following vacancies at its Secretariat in Accra, Ghana.

Position 1:

Job Title: Coordinator, Regional Capacity Mobilisation Initiative

Grade: P3-P4

Purpose of Post: As a member of the AAU senior management team, the Coordinator, Regional Capacity Mobilisation Initiative (RCMI), will report to the Secretary-General and be responsible for the development and leadership of a new project for the mobilisation and coordination of regional capacity in support of African higher education revival and its contribution to social and economic development.

Profile:

- At least Masters' Degree or equivalent academic qualification
- Having held senior academic position (Dean of Faculty, Head of Department or equivalent), with experience in project management, project appraisal and policy brief writing
- Familiar with African higher education environment
- Ability to prepare and manage project budgets and produce project reports
- Ability to supervise programme staff and undertake special assignments
- Proficiency in one official AAU language (Arabic, English, French) with working knowledge of at least one other.

Duration of Appointment: The contract will be for a period of four (4) years, subject to a probationary period of one (1) year . The position requires travel outside Ghana.

Closing Date: 28 February 2007.

Position 2:

Job Title: Project Officer

Grade: P1-P3

Purpose of Post: The holder of the post will work under the direct supervision of the Director of Research and Programmes and ultimately to the Secretary-General, and will be required to discharge the following tasks.

Profile:

- A Master's Degree or equivalent academic qualification

- A senior academic or management position (Dean of Faculty, Director of Institute or Centre, Head of Department, or similar position) in a recognised university or in a recognised national, regional or international higher education institution.
- Demonstrable experience and strength in project administration, project monitoring, project proposal writing and project evaluation
- Proficiency in one of the official languages of the AAU (French, English or Arabic), with a working knowledge of one other. Good oral and communication skills in two languages will be an advantage.

Closing Date: 09 March 2007.

For Both Positions:

Duration of Position: The contract will be for a period of four (4) years, subject to a probationary period of one (1) year . The position requires travel outside Ghana.

Conditions of Employment: The AAU offers an attractive remuneration package calculated and paid in USD .

How to Apply: Applications should comprise:

- A statement of interest and fitness for the position
- An indication of the date of availability to assume duty
- A detailed *curriculum vitae* describing applicant's professional experience and qualification for the position
- Three (3) reference letters

The application letters and other supporting documents of candidates should be sent in a sealed envelope marked "**Application Documents**".

Each of the three reference letters must be sent under separate cover *direct from the referee*, sealed and marked "**Confidential Reference**".

Both sets of documents must be sent to:

The Secretary General
Association of African Universities,
African Universities House,
Aviation Road Extension,
P.O. Box AN 5744,
Accra-North, GHANA
Tel: (233) 21 774495/761588
Fax: (233) 21 774821

Email: secgen@auu.org

For more details, visit: Website: www.aau.org

New Acquisitions of FSS Documentation Centre

Publications on Ethiopia

Edilegnaw Wale *et al.* 2006. *Commercialization of Ethiopian Agriculture*. Addis Ababa : Agricultural Economic Society.

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Stolten, Hans Erik. 2007. *History Making and Present Day Politics: The Meaning of Collective Memory in South Africa*. Uppsala : The Nordic Africa Institute.

Workneh Negatu *et al.* 2005. *Revisiting Vulnerability of Rural Livelihoods in Ethiopia: Options for Sustainable Development*. Addis Ababa: Agricultural Economic Society.

Forthcoming Publication

Africa Review of Books

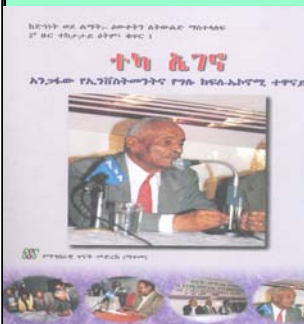
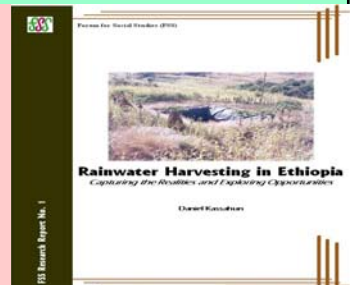
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