

Preface

Due to the fact that Ethiopia has its own unique colander and traditions, which has been treasured and preserved throughout history, it celebrated its own millennium eight years after the rest of the world and this makes this great country one of its kind and historic. The Ethiopian millennium has become a point of reference and an epoch of pride and indeed a mark of grace and dignity to Africans in general and to Ethiopians in particular.

The Ethiopian millennium festival has among others as its main objective enabling the public at large to have a shared vision vis-à-vis development endeavors and democratization process with hope of seeing a better and prosperous Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian Millennium festival celebration offices have initiated a number of projects which are currently being implemented at the Regional and National level. Amongst these projects top priority was given to environmental protection, measures to arrest deforestation and to achieve afforestation .

The Two-Trees for Two-Thousand project designed to plant 70 million trees surpassed the original plan and the public at large planted

over 700 million endemic trees throughout the country under the project.

Out of these 700 million, 52 million were planted in Tigray Regional State. Soon after, another project entitled Three-Trees-For-the3rd MILLINIUM was initiated and 62 million trees were planted in Tigray Regional State as a gift to the new generation. We hope that all those trees will grow and become a living example of our commitment to better environmental protection and to enhancing a good culture or tradition of planting trees in this country.

Accordingly, committed to make a difference on the environmental issue, an association entitled Mahber Kinkin Heyaw Haweltitat Millennium/ [Millennium living monuments care] was established in Tigray National Regional State.

Establishment of the Association

"Mahber Kinkin Heyaw Haweltitat Millennium" was established under the Ethiopian civil code proclamation number 404 and registration number 321/1959 on Hamle 2000 Ethiopian Calendar in Mekelle in Tigray National Regional State.

❖ Vision:

To see forest covered green Tigray cherished by all through an enhanced tree planting and caring culture and action of the population.

❖Mission.

Create a green Tigray by establishing a sustainable tree planting and management system and maintaining the initiatives, momentum, and spirit of tree planting created by the Ethiopian Millennium interventions.

❖Objective

Ensure increased forest coverage creating an aspiring green and fertile Tigray, through building a common understanding on environmental protection inculcating the promotion of the tree planting and management culture in the population.

❖Key activities

To conduct a variety of activities related to an enhanced culture of tree planting, preserving, safeguarding and building of the capacity of the public at large in that regard. For example: members will be encouraged to adopt a tree, area or hill to plant a care for. Contributions for these activities can be made to the association in kind, in cash and/or in time.

Membership Requirement

- ❖ Those who agree with the Vision, Mission and Objective of the association.
- ❖ Those who are willing to provide all round services to the association
- ❖ There will be no distinction and/or discrimination on the bases of age, gender, religion, or nationality.

Membership Responsibilities

Members must be able and willing to do an exemplary job with regard to planting endemic trees and develop a culture of voluntarism and commitment. They must convince their family, friends and the community at large in that regard. Furthermore they can introduce communal and personal culture to commemorate events such as

- ❖ Family gusts
- ❖ Marriage
- ❖ Child birth
- ❖ Birthday
- ❖ Graduation
- ❖ etc

Source of income

- Membership fee
- Donations
- Fund rising programs



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