

**H.E. Ambassador Negash Kebret Batora  
presented his letters of credence to the Government of Switzerland**



His Excellency Ambassador Negash Kebret Batora, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Confederation of Switzerland, has presented his letters of credence to Her Excellency Incumbent Simonetta Sommaruga, President of the Swiss Confederation, today, 25 June 2015, at Bern.

After the official ceremony, Ambassador Negash Kebret Batora was received in audience and held bilateral discussions.

The Ambassador conveyed the warm greeting from H.E. Dr. Mulatu Teshome to the President of the Swiss Confederation and his good wishes for the continued good health and well being of the President. He also expressed his pleasure to serve as Ethiopia's Ambassador to Swiss Confederation and assured the President of the effort he would exert to further strengthen in bilateral ties and cooperation,

particularly economic and business cooperation of the two countries mutual benefit.

The Ambassador further informed the President of the recent 5<sup>th</sup> national election successful conduct and the large turnout of Ethiopian to elect the leaders in a democratic, fair and credible manner. He explained that Ethiopia is one of the top 10 fastest economies in the world, achieved millennium development goals of under age 5 child mortality, access to potable water and universal primary education. He informed about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Finance for Development Conference which will be held this month with participation of thousands of delegates, heads of states and governments from around the world. He briefed the President on peace and security regional development in our sub-region and Africa.

H.E. the President expressed her best wishes for the people and Government of Ethiopia and recalled the historical relations of the two countries. She expressed her wishes to further strengthen bilateral relations in scientific, technological, federalism and economic areas.

The President expressed the desire of the Government of Switzerland to further cement the bilateral relations and cooperation. The president appreciated Ethiopia's hospitality hosting refugees from its neighbouring countries and that Switzerland will collaborate with Ethiopia in addressing the challenges of refugees. In this connection, she indicated here interest to visit refugee camps in Ethiopia. The President also expressed interest to see Ethiopia's culture and traditions during the course of her visit, in addition to holding bilateral talks with High Government Officials.

The Ambassador also kindly requested the President to look into possibility of being accompanied by a Swiss business delegation with the view to further strengthen trade and investment activities for the common interest of the two countries.

The Ambassador on his part expressed the best wishes of the Government of Ethiopia to the people and Government of Switzerland. He briefed the President on the progress Ethiopia has achieved in socio-economic development, governance and other fields.

He also briefed the President on the progress made in the peace and security in the region. He assured to the President that he will work to enhance the ties between the two countries in the federalism, bilateral consultations, scientific, technological and economic fields.

Lastly, the President praised on the progress Ethiopia achieved in socio-economic development and her support to this endeavour. She also expressed her best wishes to Ethiopia.

The Ambassador also held bilateral discussions with State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and Head of the Sub-Saharan and Francophone African countries.