

**The Physical Laboratory of LIDI has got an Assurance of Continued Accreditation after Primary Six Month Operation Assessment Conducted by ENAO**



The physical laboratory of LIDI which has already received an accreditation in four parameters got an assurance of continual accreditation after its primary six month assessment conducted by Ethiopian National Accreditation Office (ENAO) in April 27, 2017. The team of assessment from ENAO confirmed that the physical laboratory has kept fulfilling many of the requirements and criteria set for laboratory standard operation except a few minor defects observed during the assessment.

The team leader of the assessment, Ato Wondosen indicated in the pre opening meeting in the presence of the Director General of the institute, Deputy General Director, directors of LIDI and experts of physical and instrumental testing laboratories, that the objective of the primary six month assessment is to ensure the sustainability and continuation of the quality management system and competency of the laboratory with the criteria of ISO/IEC 17025, laboratory's policies and procedures, ENAO policies, procedures and requirements as well as ILAC(International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) policy, procedure and requirement.

The assessment team after conducting a day long audit on the physical laboratory with the criteria set has announced their report summary of findings at the closing meeting in the presence of management team of the institute and laboratory experts.

The lead expert of the assessment team, Ato Wondosen, has presented a summary report of the findings of the assessment by noting that with respect to the system, the laboratory has many positive and strong sides such as documentation, handling of customers' satisfaction, contract review, non-conformity corrective action, compliance handling, record management, internal audit management and others except with some minor defects in organizing records for each document and deploying controlling system for electronic file, which need improvement in the future. In the technical aspect as he noted there are also many positive aspects in environmental facility, test report, samples/models, personnel competence, quality assurance, etc. The lead assessor also indicated that the minor defects will not affect the system despite they can be converted to major ones unless corrective measures are taken, and as a result of this, he noted that LIDI need to clear out them within the timeframe. At the end of his report, he announced their recommendation by assuring the continuation of the accreditation with the expectation of corrective measures and transmitted his congratulation message to the staff.

The Director of Research and Laboratory Directorate of the institute, Ato Berhanu Nigus on his part expressed that the necessary corrective measures will be taken for the stated minor defects within the given schedule and asked the reason for why the assessment has become within six months. The lead assessor in this regard responded that it is just because of the newness of the system with the purpose of ensuring the continuation of the system while the next assessment will be conducted within every year as the system comes to its maturity.

Finally the Deputy General Director, Ato Mohammed Husein acknowledged the assessors for their approval of the system and indication of defects for the physical laboratory for which corrective measures will be taken by the institute.