

## **A delegate from different Botswana Governmental offices visits the institute.**

Addis Ababa: July 22, 2014: A delegate from different Botswana governmental offices visits the Leather Industry Development Institute and held a discussion with Director General. The visit that organized by the Embassy of Botswana in Addis Ababa, aimed at benchmark the best practices and experiences of the leather sector development in Ethiopia according to the delegates.



These delegates came from different governmental offices (Agriculture, trade, environment and local enterprise authority) of the Botswana said that, before they come to here they went to Brazil, Argentina and India for the same visit.

After their visit to the institute's facility they said that, "we got the Institute well organized, it covers the all value chain of the leather industry starting from the leather processing to the leather products manufacturing. And it also consisting the design facilities and testing laboratory that makes it the complete leather sector research and development center."

They also describe their interest to work with LIDI to make their country beneficiary from its leather resource.

LIDI Director General Wondu Legese, on his behalf said that, the institute works with different international partners to secure the rapid development of the Ethiopian Leather

Industry. By benchmarking the best practices of those partners based on the directives of the country's industrial development policies.



He also stated that the government of Ethiopia is keen to work to gather with other African countries for a mutual development. “Based on this stand of the government we are ready to provide different technical and consultancy supports for the development of the Botswana Leather Industry” the Director said.

The two countries were conducted different high level and technical meetings to strengthen their bilateral cooperation in different sectors.