

## **Leather Industry Development Institute held discussion with stakeholders on 2017/18 performance review and 2018/19 fiscal year planning.**

Bruk Tilahun Addis Ababa, leather industry development institute held a one-day discussion with the stakeholders on 2017/18 about performance review of 2017/18 and 2018/19 fiscal year plan.



Tesfaye Berhanu Director of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate presented the institutes 2017/18 fiscal year performance on Investment, product and export support activities, Project monitoring and support, diversification of product and Productivity, input supply and marketing activities, Product

development, capacity utilization, employment creation and export performance reports of the sub-sector.

According to Tesfaye , during the last twelve months, the sector has earned 134.77 million USD from the export of leather and leather products.

He noted Some major issues identified for the shortfall as national unrest and problems of peace, work ethic / discipline deficits, limited liabilities in public services, lack of foreign currency supply, shortage of power supply, limited manpower and technological limitations, lack of export discipline problems, limited and low quality input supply are mentioned .According to the data gathered from the private companies and producers 16,949 jobs were created during the 2017/18 fiscal year. This is only 33% of the performance target set for this fiscal year.

In 2018/19 fiscal year, the major areas of attention will be on ensuring fast, continuous and credible growth in the scale of production, composition and quality, increasing the national output by 2.06 billion doing so the leather and leather products industry has planned to reach US \$ 280.54 million export income from the sector, which is 55.5% of the target of USD 505 million under GTP 2.



According to the Institution Director General Mr. Wondwu Leggese , the expansion will be carried out in the coming year through expansion of continental and international market access by giving special attention for increasing production capacity by 85% to create new jobs for 91,527 employees, to

reduce 0.154 million metric tons of thermal gas, to coordinate all development forces in the areas of attitudinal, skill and management, yielding 95% of the output, increasing the number of staffed staff, Improve employee satisfaction, apply information technology support, increase production potential for tanneries , footwear factories, gloves, leather goods manufacturers and producers. School improvement plan are a big part.

It is planned to increase job opportunity transfer to moderate level knowledge and increase the number of women, including areas requiring higher knowledge.



Finally, State minister of industry for Textile and leather Industry sector ,Mr. Bogale Feleke, gave directions for all stakeholders to work cooperatively to achieve the expected targets set for the 2018/19 fiscal year by fulfilling their obligation and responsibilities.

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