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## **Workshop held on “Mobilizing the private sector for peace building in Ethiopia.”**

As part of the Business for Peace and development project funded by Embassy of Sweden, on December 2, 2021 Initiative Africa in collaboration with Institute for security studies and ministry of peace Ethiopia organized a workshop on mobilizing the private sector for peace building in Ethiopia.

Chambers, Business people, civil society organizations and government officials were presented as a relevant stakeholder. The workshop aimed to clarify and enhance the role of private sector in peace building through dialogue and active engagement, to identify and discuss the challenges and opportunities that exist for business sector to engage in peace building process and to assess the level of interest of the private sector to engage in the process. Number of ideas and discussions were proposed by key speakers and participants as recommendation for the next actions.

As a result of the discussion, ideas were proposed to create a sustained network that would enable stakeholders to integrate their efforts so as to focus on structural problems and build corporate social responsibilities.



# Ethiopian Gender Network: Networking and Partnership Building Workshop

On December 23 Initiative Africa organized a reconvening program for member organizations of Ethiopian Gender Network. The main objective of the meeting was to reconvene members and to welcome new participants so as to discuss on the next steps of the Network. Participants came from different organizations that work on gender related issues. Ideas were proposed regarding the overall gender related work in Ethiopia. And the meeting was concluded by participants' suggestion about the future fate of Ethiopian Gender Network.

Gender network Ethiopia is a consortium of organizations that launched by the Sweden Embassy since 2000 and Initiative Africa took the lead. The network works towards change in the gender issue to create collaboration and resource mobilization within the members and other joining for better and sustainable change for women. Considering engagement and programming as the core strategy Gender network has 11 members so far.

We are pleased to announce that Initiative Africa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of peace Ethiopia to strengthen our partnership on mobilizing the private sector for peace building in Ethiopia. Initiative Africa will cooperate with Ministry of Peace Ethiopia to implement the Business for peace objectives.

**A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**



Since Gender equality is a matter of development, participants expressed their desire to involve, support and lead Gender related works in different areas of spheres. As a responsible organization, Initiative Africa will also take the discussion for further works.



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As part of the Business for peace and development project, we desire to mobilize the Business community to engage in peace building process and conflict resolution activities. We strongly believe that the process of peace building requires a collective investment of all stakeholders. This partnership also helps us to reach in to our Goals.



## **Business for peace and sustainable development of Ethiopia**

The forum entitled “Business for peace and sustainable development of Ethiopia” Was organized by Initiative Africa in collaboration with Ministry of peace Ethiopia. On December 29, 2021 representatives from chambers and different private owned companies were present. Participants gave their feedbacks on the raised issues

A new Ethiopian peace policy was presented by ministry of peace Ethiopia to build a business community that is responsible for Advising on challenges and prospects for the future. The forum is also designed to strengthen the relationship between the business community and the government on peace building and to resolve disputes amicably.

The workshop created a platform for the business community to discuss on issues with relevant government officials and representative of civil society.

