

GTZ reaffirms readiness to further promote sustainable dev't

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ADDIS ABABA - The newly appointed GTZ Country Director Ulrich Mohr said that sustainable development in Ethiopia can be achieved only when the poor become beneficiary of economic growth. Accordingly, the GTZ would further strengthen its assistance, he added.

Briefing journalists yesterday in relation to the handing over of all technicalities between GTZ country directors Ulrich Mohr, the successor of Axel Momber, said that GTZ in Ethiopia has been working for over 30 years and is dedicated to improve the standard of the people on a sustainable basis.

He also said that based on the bilateral cooperation between Ethiopia and Germany. GTZ focuses its activities in three programs: urban governance and decentralization, sustainable utilization of natural resources for improved food security and engineering capacity building programs.

GTZ is closely working with concerned ministries and partners and assists them to effectively implement programs to meet the set target, he added. Axel Momber, who will be leaving to Namibia at the end of this year, on his part said that in bilateral cooperation, the annual project volume gradually increased since 2003 from 10 million euros to about 14 million in 2007. GTZ's project volume in Ethiopia rose from close to 4 million euro in 2003 to approximately 60 million this year, he added.

The Ethiopian government has registered impressive achievements in he ambitious program set to reduce poverty, boost the economy, raise education coverage and also improve the standard of living the people, he said. He also pledged continued GTZ backing for the governments efforts to achieve the desired goal.

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