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Ethiopia and INBAR Discuss Benefits of Bamboo and Rattan

Beijing, China: A delegation of 12 government officials and researchers from Ethiopia, led by State Minister Alebel Dessie Moges, visited INBAR headquarters in Beijing on June 23 to learn more about the ecological benefits of bamboo and rattan.



The delegation from the Policy Study and Research Centre of Ethiopia came to China to develop a policy framework and institutional setup for the bamboo sector as well as other nonfood agro-processing industries.



The delegation noted bamboo's role as a driving force for development and asked about the benefits that INBAR has provided to Ethiopia as part of Ethiopia's membership. In response, INBAR Director General Dr. Hans Friederich noted the numerous trainings that Ethiopians have attended since 2002 with INBAR and China's Ministry of Commerce. He also highlighted the work INBAR has done

together with the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) and the European Commission to promote bamboo development and technology transfer, including the development of a number of Ethiopian bamboo charcoal companies for renewable energy.

DG Dr. Hans Friederich encouraged the delegation to integrate bamboo into Ethiopia's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) for climate change reduction. He noted the INBAR regional office's work in Addis Ababa to draft a bamboo strategy with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the development of the Sustainable Land Management Program 2 project, and the potential establishment of the Africa Bamboo Centre between Ethiopia and China. Both sides agreed to increase cooperation in the future.



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International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

INBAR is a multilateral development organisation of 41 Member States for the promotion of Bamboo and Rattan. INBAR plays a unique role in supporting its members to find and demonstrate innovative ways of using bamboo and rattan to protect environments and biodiversity, and alleviate poverty.

INBAR connects a global network of partners from the government, private, and not-for-profit sectors to define and implement a global agenda for sustainable development with bamboo and rattan. www.inbar.int