

CALL FOR STRENGTHENED PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



Ambassador Abdella Musa, Minister of Local Government, called for coordinated efforts by the public and government institutions to advance development programs, particularly those related to infrastructure and agriculture. Ambassador Abdella made the call at a meeting held in Mendefera on 4 August to assess activities conducted during the first half of 2026.

Minister Abdella also urged all government institutions, particularly administrations, to play their due part in encouraging the public to strengthen its organization and awareness and to contribute to the implementation

of the outlined development programs.

According to reports presented by department heads and sub-zonal administrators, extensive activities were carried out during the first half of the year, including water and soil conservation, the renovation of dirt roads, the installation of electrical lines, and support for families of martyrs. Potable-water projects were also implemented in seven villages.

The reports also indicated that 2.2 million tree seedlings were distributed for planting and that encouraging results are being registered in honey production and

poultry farming.

Mr. Habteab Tesfatsion, Governor of the Southern Region, indicated that extensive water and soil conservation activities are being carried out across the region, particularly along the eastern escarpment.

Mr. Habteab also said that the construction of micro-dams and preschools, the expansion of potable-water supplies, and the enhancement of agricultural activities are among the programs planned for the second half of the year.

SEMINAR FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN THE US



Mr. Yosuf Saiq, Head of Organizational Affairs of the PFDJ, conducted a seminar for participants at the 52nd Eritrean Community Festival in the United States.

Noting that the unity and values nurtured by the Eritrean people during the long years of struggle for independence have enabled Eritrea to reach a stable stage despite various external hostilities, Mr. Yosuf said that Eritrea has become a force for peace, capable of playing a significant role in promoting peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea region.

Referring to the global

uncertainty and instability prevailing in the Horn of Africa, Mr. Yosuf said that the challenges should not be taken lightly. He stated that, by safeguarding the victories already achieved, taking advantage of existing opportunities, and ensuring the active participation of its citizens at home and abroad, Eritrea has reached a reliable stage. Mr. Yosuf also emphasized the importance of nationals, particularly those in the Diaspora, strengthening their professional and economic contributions to reinforce national unity and improve the country's economic standing.

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ERITREAN AIR FORCE SPORTS COMPETITIONS COMMENCE

The internal sports competitions of the Eritrean Air Force, which will be underway for over a month, commenced on 5 August.

Noting that the internal sports competitions of the Eritrean Air Force are developing from time to time, Maj. Gen. Teklay Habteselasie, Commander of the Eritrean Air Force, said that the program attests to the growth of sports activities at the national level. He also commended those who coordinated the successful sports competitions.

Maj. Amanuel Tesfageris,

Promotional and Information Staff Officer of the Air Force, noted that the internal sports competitions are held every two years and include football, volleyball, basketball, athletics, target shooting, and other sports. Eight clubs comprising participants of both genders are taking part in the competitions.

Maj. Amanuel went on to say that the objective of the sports competitions is to provide the Air Force's 'Kinfi' Club, which participates in the sports competitions of the Eritrean Defense Forces, with competent athletes.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONDUCTS ANNUAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Ministry of Justice conducted its annual activity assessment meeting and discussed future programs on 3 and 4 August.

Speaking at the meeting, Ms. Fauzia Hashim, Minister of Justice, said that ensuring social supremacy, which is the core mission of the Ministry, is not a recent initiative; rather, it is rooted in the way of life of the Eritrean people and the social supremacy nurtured during the armed struggle for independence.

Minister Fauzia went on to say that the community-based legal system, built on the principle of social sovereignty, reflects the history, culture, and identity of the Eritrean people and plays a significant role in ensuring legal supremacy, social harmony, the implementation of overall development programs, and

public confidence.

Noting that the community-based legal system stems from the family and is designed to be community-centered, Minister Fauzia said that it makes a significant contribution to preserving social harmony and stability. She added that the Ministry of Justice has been working relentlessly to develop a community-centered legal system, and that the plan already in place is based on this principle.

Minister Fauzia said that an organizational structure consistent with the history, traditions, and societal values of the Eritrean people will be announced after a thorough review of public participation in the organizational process currently underway at the area-administration level.

Minister Fauzia further said that the necessary efforts will be exerted to ensure that laws reflect the traditions and values of Eritrean society and to nurture capable human resources equipped with the necessary knowledge and professional ethics. She called on all Ministry staff members to play their part in achieving these objectives.

At the meeting, reports were presented focusing on the courts and prosecution offices, the five-year strategic plan, and the development of the Ministry's information technology system.

The participants held extensive discussions on establishing a community-based legal system, improving laws, developing human resources and institutions, and enhancing public awareness.



SEMINAR FOR PARTICIPANTS.....

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The annual Eritrean Community Festival in the United States was colorfully conducted from 31 July to 2 August in Dallas, Texas, under the theme "Our Resilience: Our Guarantee."

The festival featured programs organized by Eritrean communities reflecting Eritrea's culture and history, as well as the Eritrean people's enduring resilience and perseverance.

The festival also included cultural and artistic performances; displays and presentations focusing on Eritrea's ancient and historical heritage; educational seminars; products from Eritrean enterprises; a book fair; innovation and creativity displays; a Revolution School village; and sports activities.

Likewise, the Eritrean Professionals Association organized a discussion forum to encourage Eritrean professionals' participation in the nation-building process.

At the festival's concluding event, awards were presented to the winners of various competitions. In contrast, certificates of recognition were presented to those who contributed to and participated in the successful organization of the colorful festival.

LOCAL NEWS

ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN QATAR HOLDS CONGRESS



The Eritrean community in Qatar held its 10th congress in Doha on 31 July under the theme

WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK OBSERVED AT NATIONAL LEVEL

World Breastfeeding Week has been observed at the national level today, 4 August, in Asmara under the theme "Breastfeeding Is a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works."

Sister Amleset Hagos, Head of Gastronomy at the Ministry of Health, said that breast milk requires no preparation or supplementary feeding, is naturally available and clean, contributes significantly to infants' development, and contains all the essential nutrients they need.

Noting that there is a tendency to undervalue breastfeeding and replace breast milk with manufactured formula, Sister Amleset called on mothers to give priority to this essential and natural source of nutrition for their infants.

Noting that the observance serves as a reminder to promote breastfeeding and invest in children, Mr. Amanuel Girmatsion, Head of Communication and Training at the Ministry of Health, said that responsibility for children's development should not be left to mothers alone and called for stronger community participation.

At the event, the Eritrean Medical Association conducted a conference focusing on the importance of breastfeeding for children's development, the consequences of stopping breastfeeding prematurely, and the role of fathers in these efforts.

The participants held extensive discussions on the issues raised at the conference and adopted various recommendations. Awards were also presented to the winners of a general knowledge competition.

World Breastfeeding Week is being observed for the 34th time internationally and the 24th time nationally.

"Together for a Bright Future."

At the congress, which several nationals attended, Mr. Ali Ibrahim, Eritrea's Ambassador

to Qatar, commended the community's participation in and contribution to national development programs. He also called on the community

to strengthen its organizational capacity and mutual support.

The participants held extensive discussions on the presented activity report and adopted various recommendations. They also adopted future programs and elected a new executive committee.

Commending the active participation demonstrated at the meeting, Ambassador Ali Ibrahim called on the participants to support the newly elected executive committee in all its activities. He also called on the committee to encourage nationals to strengthen their participation in national affairs.

From Social Media



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In these tumultuous times, charting out synergetic and complementary architecture of collective regional security, and more broadly, modalities and mechanisms of wider cooperation has become more vital and urgent than ever before.

The overarching political considerations and operational calculus behind this conviction are the imperatives of ownership and agency; the need to avoid a polarized climate of global rivalry; and the rationale for enhancing local capacity building and mutual cooperation between the main stakeholders to secure and enhance enduring regional peace and stability.

In the Red Sea, this broad framework translates and is better summed up in the following 12 points that Eritrea submitted to the Council of Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Littoral States few years ago.

Eritrea maintains that these parameters can indeed serve as substantive inputs that can be enriched through continuous and rigorous consultation against the backdrop of fluid and changing realities.

1. Comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the current realities of the Red Sea and associated matters, in all their dimensions and perspectives in a realistic manner;
2. Full clarity on the desired objectives and goals;
3. Detailed mapping of the threats to the peace and security of the Red Sea; and, categorization and specification of these parameters;
4. Formulation of a viable strategy that will ensure achievement of constructive objectives and goals;
5. Formulation of strategies to contain and eliminate the threats in tandem with the positive policies of cooperation;
6. Mapping out detailed schemes and plans that will ensure holistic implementation of the twin strategies;
7. Stipulation of the implementation mechanisms, associated structures and mobilization of the requisite resources;
8. Ensuring that all the organizational configurations and frameworks that are developed are anchored on respect of sovereignty and international law;
9. Ensuring that all littoral States build and possess their own effective defense capabilities and naval forces (without delegation to others);
10. Supplementing, through collective efforts and synergy, those specific tasks that cannot be met through individual domestic capabilities and resources;
11. All relevant States will create appropriate modalities of cooperation with "external forces" for tasks or missions that are beyond their collective capability on the basis of a consensual framework;
12. Creation of competent committees to address all these issues in a comprehensive and professional manner.

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Inclusive Global Engagement: Reflecting on Eritrea's Appointment to the Social Forum

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A few days ago, an Eritrean delegation, led by Habtom Zerai, Chargé d'affaires at the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations in Geneva, was appointed Chair-Rapporteur of the 2026 Social Forum, convened by the United Nations Human Rights Council. The 2026 Social Forum, scheduled to take place in Geneva in late October 2026, will focus on the contribution of international cooperation and solidarity, including South-South cooperation, to the realization of everyone's right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. In addition to being a positive bit of news for Eritrea, the appointment provides an opportunity to examine the broader institutional context in which it was made and the significance of inclusive participation within the multilateral system.

The Social Forum is an annual meeting convened by the United Nations Human Rights Council. It provides a unique platform for open and interactive dialogue among Member States, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, national human rights institutions, and other stakeholders on a theme selected each year by the Council. Through these discussions, the Forum promotes dialogue on the social dimensions of human rights and the importance of cooperation in addressing contemporary global challenges.

Each annual session is guided by a Chair-Rapporteur, appointed by the Human Rights Council from candidates nominated by the United Nations' regional groups, who is responsible for steering the deliberations and preparing

the Forum's report. Over the years, the Social Forum has examined a wide range of issues, including poverty, education, youth, public health, disability, development, and climate change, reflecting its broad mandate to foster dialogue on key social and human rights issues. (Note that Eritrea previously served two consecutive terms on the Human Rights Council [2019–2021 and 2022–2024], the maximum consecutive service permitted under the Council's rules, before being appointed Chair-Rapporteur of the 2026 Social Forum)

Notably, Eritrea's appointment reflects the country's longstanding commitment to international cooperation and solidarity. Since independence, Eritrea's foreign policy has been anchored in promoting a peaceful and cooperative regional environment, guided by the principles of sovereign equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of states, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and respect for international law. These principles are reflected in the country's longstanding objective of becoming "a respected member of the international community, by coexisting in harmony and cooperation with its neighbors; and by contributing, to the extent of its capability, to regional and global peace, security, and development."

Consistent with this approach, Eritrea has promoted cooperation at the bilateral, regional, and multilateral levels while emphasizing the importance of South-South cooperation and international solidarity. Eritrea has long maintained that differences in size, wealth, history, or levels of development should not determine



which countries can contribute to international dialogue and decision-making. Rather, every nation has valuable experiences and perspectives to share, and inclusive participation strengthens multilateral institutions, enriches international discussions, and contributes to more effective and sustainable solutions to shared global challenges.

For example, Eritrea's self-reliant approach to development offers insights that may be particularly relevant to low-income developing countries, especially as the international development landscape rapidly evolves and traditional forms of aid and assistance face significant challenges. Similarly, the country's community-based approach to development initiatives provides lessons on the importance of local participation, ownership, and collective action in building resilience and addressing challenges such as climate change. Its prevention-based and holistic approach to health and wellness, grounded in principles of equality and social justice, has likewise contributed to a range of positive health and development outcomes, demonstrating the value of approaches that prioritize

accessibility, inclusion, and long-term sustainability.

More broadly, the participation of countries with diverse experiences and development contexts is essential to meaningful international cooperation. Global challenges are complex and require perspectives beyond those of the most economically or politically influential states. The theme of the 2026 Social Forum is particularly relevant in this regard, as advancing international cooperation and solidarity requires the active engagement of all countries, including developing nations that have pursued distinct approaches to addressing social, economic, and developmental challenges. Ensuring that these perspectives are represented strengthens multilateral dialogue and reinforces the principle that every country has a role to play in contributing to global progress.

It is also worth noting that Eritrea's recent appointment is another illustration of the country's continued constructive engagement with the international system. Although certain actors sought for years to isolate Eritrea, often driven by geopolitical considerations and other interests, the country has remained resilient and committed to forging partnerships and cooperation based on mutual respect, trust, and shared interests. Thus, this latest appointment serves as another positive step in Eritrea's continued engagement at the global level.

Another noteworthy aspect of the appointment has been the reaction of some voices to what is, at its core, a standard organizational development within the United Nations system. Specifically, certain actors, driven by politicized interpretations and longstanding opposition to Eritrea, have sought to criticize both the organization and Eritrea's appointment. Such reactions are

revealing, particularly because the participation and engagement of Eritrea – as well as other small, young, and developing countries – in international forums should be encouraged rather than discouraged. Inclusive engagement allows a wider range of experiences, perspectives, and approaches to contribute to global discussions and ultimately strengthens international cooperation.

Ultimately, Eritrea's appointment as Chair-Rapporteur of the 2026 Social Forum highlights the importance of inclusive participation in addressing shared global challenges. Meaningful international cooperation requires the contributions of all countries, regardless of size, history, or level of development. By ensuring that diverse experiences and perspectives are represented in global forums, the international community is better positioned to develop balanced, sustainable, and effective solutions.

Returning Home . . .

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Returning to contribute not only strengthens local initiatives, but it also provides a clear model for the younger generation to follow.

Looking ahead to your ongoing initiatives in Eritrea and beyond, what legacy do you hope to build for the next generation of Eritrean women, scholars, and advocates?

To young women, I encourage you not merely to model for outside brands, but to become ambassadors for your own values, identity, and country. Stand firmly in who you are so you can look back years from now with complete pride in the path you walked. To our scholars and professionals, keep striving for excellence and setting high standards, while always finding ways to share your expertise back home. And to our advocates: if you have been given a voice or a platform, use it courageously to stand up for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Thank you, Sinit. We wish you the absolute best in your upcoming international competition!





Obier and Homi: Eritrea's Romeo and Juliet

By: Kidane Shimendi

Growing up watching Hollywood films profoundly shaped my imagination and understanding of the world. While national cinema and television were integral to my upbringing, Western media held a distinct fascination for me. However, it was during my college years, while delving into Eritrean history and oral traditions, that I realized something profound: our own heritage contains stories that can captivate a global audience.

To explore this idea, I turned to William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*—perhaps the most famous tragedy in world literature. Before searching for Eritrean parallels, I looked across global cultures and found that the archetype of star-crossed lovers is universal:

Pyramus and Thisbe (Greek Mythology): Often considered Shakespeare's primary inspiration, this ancient Babylonian tale follows two young lovers whose families forbid them to marry. Communicating through a crack in a shared wall, they arrange a secret meeting that ends in a tragic misunderstanding and double suicide.

Layla and Majnun (Arabian and Persian Literature): Known as the "Romeo and Juliet of the East," this classic story tells of Qays, whose consuming love for Layla earns him the title Majnun ("the madman"). Kept apart by societal norms, both lovers ultimately die of heartbreak.

The Butterfly Lovers (Chinese Folklore): This legend follows Zhu Yingtai, who disguises herself as a man to pursue an education and falls in love with classmate Liang Shanbo. After societal pressure thwarts their union and Liang dies of grief, Zhu throws herself into his grave, and their spirits transform into butterflies.

Having traced these international parallels, I turned my focus back home. Given the literary weight of *Romeo and Juliet*, I did not initially expect to find local stories matching its intensity. I was mistaken. In Eritrean history—both within the oral traditions of our nationalities and the documented accounts of the armed struggle—I uncovered



remarkable narratives of love, courage, and sacrifice.

Love Amidst the Flames of War
One such account was shared with me by my father, a former freedom fighter. During a fierce battle in the liberation struggle, a married couple (mexamdti) were fighting side by side. The wife was severely wounded and evacuated to a rear aid station.

While she was receiving emergency medical care, her husband was martyred on the front lines. As barefoot doctors prepared to transport her to a regional clinic, she overheard fellow fighters discussing her husband's death by name. Overwhelmed by grief, she quietly pulled the intravenous needle from her arm, surrendered her will to live, and passed away shortly after.

Unlike dramatic fiction, these real-life accounts from the struggle carry a distinct historical reality, standing as quiet testimonies to profound human devotion.

The Legend of Obier and Homi
In 2021, the publication of *The Cave of Travelo* (Beati Travelo) documented various historical accounts and oral traditions passed down through generations. Among them is the legend of Obier and Homi, an oral narrative preserved for over five generations among the Bidawyet

(Tigre/Beja) people.

Homi was the beautiful young wife of a powerful clan leader, and Obier was her family's devoted servant. Responsible for her daily care—fetching water, preparing camel's milk, and protecting her from venomous snakes—Obier spent years in her company. Over time, mutual respect grew into a deep, forbidden love.

Knowing their bond would never be accepted, Obier and Homi made the dangerous decision to flee together into the arid wilderness.

When the clan leader discovered their disappearance, he immediately dispatched experienced trackers to hunt them down. For a servant to take the wife of a leader was considered an unpardonable defiance. Though Obier and Homi used every technique to obscure their tracks, the pursuers steadily gained ground as exhaustion set in.

Refusing to surrender, Obier guided Homi toward the banks of the Barka River. The river was swollen with seasonal floods, its rapid waters presenting a treacherous barrier. When the pursuers reached the riverbank, they believed the couple was finally cornered.

Servants prepared to charge, but the clan leader held them back, declaring: "If Allah has

blessed their love, He will save them. If not, they will suffer the consequences of their actions." He chose to leave their ultimate fate to divine judgment.

Though raised near the Red Sea and an adept swimmer, Obier knew the violent river current was far more dangerous than open water. Spotting a large tree trunk floating downstream, he held Homi firmly, leaped into the raging waters, and gripped the log. Within moments, the torrent swept them past the bend and out of sight.

Whether Obier and Homi reached safety or perished in the river remains an open question. Their fate was left to the river, and their courage lives on as one of the region's

most enduring legends.

Preserving Our Human Legacy
The narratives of Obier and Homi, alongside the documented sacrifices in our national history, demonstrate that Eritrea possesses a rich reservoir of dramatic storytelling. These accounts offer the emotional resonance and universal themes found in world classics, yet many remain confined to oral memory or regional texts.

Recently, I met a young boy named Obier. When I asked his mother about his name, she explained that she named him after the legend so that the story would continue to be spoken by new generations.

Our heritage is rich with human stories waiting to be adapted into literature, cinema, and fine arts. By researching and sharing these narratives, Eritrean writers, historians, and filmmakers can preserve our cultural legacy while offering distinct, compelling stories to the wider world.

NEWS

ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN WESTERN CANADA

The Eritrean community festival in Western Canada was colorfully celebrated in Edmonton on 1 and 2 August under the theme "Our Resilience: Our Guarantee."

The festival was attended by numerous nationals from the Canadian cities of Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Regina, and Toronto, as well as from various cities in the United States. It featured cultural and artistic performances, sports competitions, and displays by

members of the Red Flowers.

Noting that the Eritrean community festival in Western Canada has a history of about 40 years, Mr. Okbai Tesfaselase, Chairman of the Holidays Coordinating Committee, said that the festival, which began with a clear vision and love of country, is a heritage of every Eritrean.

At the event, Mr. Elias Amare, the guest of honor, conducted a seminar for participants focusing on the objective situation in the homeland, as well as regional and global developments.





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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.

Financial Reporting Specialist
Number required – (01)
Type of contract – Definite (2 Years)
Major Duties and responsibilities

- Deliver weekly, monthly, quarterly & year-end financial results accurately, within deadlines and in accordance with Financial Manager’s requirements
- Maintenance and implementation of internal financial controls in accordance with Company and Financial Manager’s requirements
- Motivate and manage direct sub-ordinates within the Finance team
- Develop relationships and do problem solving resolution with divisional managers and peers
- Assist Financial Superintendent with integration of all company records & ledgers
- Fully Manage the External Audit Function.
- Maintain the company’s commercial trading function, raising of mineral invoices and documentation.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREA

- Responsible for maintenance of books of accounts and financial records.
- Manage finance staff.
- Control of the general ledger, GL maintenance and financial reporting.
- Ensuring all monthly processing is correctly done, thereby providing accurate financial information.
- Preparing monthly management accounts in conjunction with the Financial Superintendent.
- Reconciling balance sheet and income statement accounts.
- Detailed monthly expense variance reports and identification and resolving of cost issues before they have any major impact.
- Revenue review and reporting on revenue fluctuations.
- Assist with the yearly budget compilation.
- Assist with generating quarterly forecasts.
- Develop relationships and problem resolution with other managers.
- Assist towards FM responsibilities.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	• Degree in Accounting or equivalent • Full CA/ACCA • Good Systems and Microsoft tools knowledge (ERP knowledge a prerequisite)
Working Experience – Nature & Length	• 5 years Financial Accounting & Reporting experience in a Mining Environment. • Knowledge of Mining, Business & Commercial acumen

Technical Skills	• Minimum 5 years Financial Accounting & Reporting experience. • General understanding of mining accounting & mining relevant IFRS.
Behavioral Skills	• Communication (English & local language) • Analytical and problem shooting mindset. • Results oriented • Ability to work toward strict deadlines • Assertiveness • Strong Interpersonal skills • Discretion • Integrity • Self-discipline • Ability to work in multi-disciplinary environment • Risk management & assessment

General Information and other requirements:

- **Place of Work:** AMSC Sites
- **Type of contract:** Definite Period(2 years)
- **Salary:** As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

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Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.

Underground Mine Operations Superintendent
Number required – (01)
Type of contract – Definite (2 Years)
Major Duties and responsibilities

- Underground Mine Superintendent will oversee the development and optimization of Asmara Mining Share Company (AMSC) underground Operations, contribute to and execute best planning and design, contract, mine management and workflows that are fit-for-purpose to the business needs.
- The Underground Mine Superintendent will lead the business readiness work of the UG projects during its planning and development to manage People and Systems needs for the Project to have an effective and efficient start-up.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREA

SHEC

- Inspecting UG operations to determine safety hazards and potential improvements to working conditions
- Implement details of the steps involved in creating a mine rescue plan for sub-surface emergencies with a comprehensive risk assessment to identify potential hazards, such as fire, roof collapses, flooding, and the release of toxic gases.
- Follow the organization’s HS&E policies, procedures, and mandatory instructions to identify and mitigate environmental risks and risks to the wellbeing of oneself and others in the workplace.
- Instruct the team in safe working methods; identify instances of risky behaviors within the team and take appropriate action, escalating serious issues as appropriate.
- Ensure that all subordinates are aware of their SHEC responsibilities and follow company policies and procedures.
- Develop a risk management culture and ensure that high risk controls are in place.
- Ensure that all SHEC actions are completed on time and to the required standard.

UG design/Planning/Readiness

- Oversee the work on detailed underground and surface design.
- Coordinate contractor tendering and selection process.
- Oversee and involvement in the planning and scheduling of the underground works and resources.
- Lead the UG Business Readiness work (Staff planning, Training, Development of Processes and Procedures, Development and integration of Management Systems, Planning for Equipment and Tools, Procurement coordination).

UG Operations

- Execute Underground Mining projects in a cost effective and timely manner.
- Planning work schedules to ensure efficient and safe operations.
- Lead and direct mining operations contractors adhere to mining strategies, budgets, plans and safety standards.
- Develop systems to ensure that the mining contractors operate in a

safe and efficient way to produce and maximize profit for AMSC.

- Organize and provide guidance to Mine Captains in the short term and long-term production profile
- Maintain and monitor systems to enable swift correction of unfavorable cost and physical variances.
- Provide leadership, training and support to ensure that employees and contractors comply with safety standards that conform with industry practice and any applicable legislative requirements.
- Reviewing mining plans to ensure they meet regulatory and statutory requirements.

Reporting

- Provide timely reports on activities as required by the Company.
- Report on performance operational Targets and catchup plans when production is impeded by circumstances.
- Preparation of Technical Reports and presentations as may be required.
- Reporting (weekly, monthly, quarterly) needs to be completed on time and at a high standard.
- Develop a reconciliation system between contractor production and performance KPI and report to Mine planning.
- Identify training needs, coordinate training and report as required for all mining production staff.

Quality

- Ensure that all underground operations follow approved designs and are supported by quality assurance in the field.
- Following high level Mine operational requirement standards; mining equipment, geology, Geotechnical, Hydrology and mine safety procedures

Data Collection

- Ensure that data collection methods are sound and supported by measurable systems.
- QA/QC compliance to be delivered.

Analysis

- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills with a focus on profitable extraction of UG Resource
- Technical audits and evaluation, including mining methods, infrastructure, designs, schedules and financials

Human Resource Management

- Manage the performance of AMSC employees and mining contractors working underground.
- Identify training and development needs in line with the personal development plans and company objectives.
- Ensure that all team members are appropriately trained and assessed so that they can safely perform.
- Provide mentoring and coaching to the Eritrean workforce in grade control and related topics.
- Professional registration with Association of Professional Geoscientists. (AUSIMM, SAIMM etc.)

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	Minimum Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Mining Engineering from an internationally recognized University; M.Sc. is desirable
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Working Experience – Nature & Length	- Minimum of 10 years’ experience in Metalliferous Mining and Mineral Exploration Industry. 5+ years working experience as an Underground Mining production Engineer in a leadership role. - Must have working knowledge of underground rock mechanics, Porto construction and development, mine planning, dewatering, survey and ventilation. - Professional registration with Association of Professional Geoscientists body, (CIM, AUSIMM, SAIMM). - Experience of expatriate mining positions.
Technical Skills	- Must have experience in multiple underground mining methods, explosives usage ground support and backfill placement (Both paste and waste rock). - Experience in UG Mine Start-ups. - Up to date knowledge of underground mining technology and heavy production equipment. - The development of strategic life of mine plans - Training or education in project and operations management, safety and risk assessment are desirable. - Inspecting mines to determine safety hazards and potential improvements to working conditions. - Competent user of MS Office (Excel, Word & Power Point) and 3D mining software. Deswik, Datamine / Minesched - Resolution of queries from engineering, operations, or others as applicable by providing information on complex processes and the related policies
Behavioral Skills	- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment Excellent - Communication and interpersonal relationship skills for effective collaboration with Ug mining contractors, geology, metallurgy, survey and other operations teams. - Excellent organizational skills with a high level of attention to detail and accuracy. - Ability to train and mentor National team members. - Commitment to maintaining safety and Environmental standards. - Performance management. - Understands the cultural sensibilities of Eritreans. - Good written and verbal English communication skills.

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- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
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- Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

- Address: Please mail your applications to:
Asmara Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
- Applicants shall be required to send a copy to:
Mineral Resources Management
P.O. Box – 272
Asmara
- Note to Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment Permit Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea

State of Eritrea

Ministry of Agriculture

Letter of Invitation for Bids

1. The State of Eritrea, Ministry of Agriculture, and National Project Coordination Office (NPCO) has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP).

2. The Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) includes three components and has six years’ lifetime. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to poverty reduction and food and nutrition security of rural households. The project Development objective is to enhance small holder agricultural production and productivity in sustainable way and improves rural livelihoods.

3. This IFB follows the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD website on 27 April 2026, and national newspapers Haddas Eritrea/ Eritrean profile on 13 May, 2026.

4. The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (“bidders”) for the provision Supply, installation and commission of potato seed cold storage facility at adi-keih. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.

5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to the restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully deliver the goods and related services. Potential bidders should first request for a registration form using email address below. Upon filling the form, the bidders should return the filled form through a reply email and the bidding document will be provided immediately thereafter at no charge.

6. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD procurement handbook, which is provided on the IFAD website www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The ICB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

7. Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held as described in the bid data sheet BDS, Section II of the bidding document.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 25 no later than 9:30 am local Asmara, Eritrea’s time, **06 October 2026**. Ministry of Agriculture, Procurement and Supplies Management Division (PSMD) Lidia Russom (Senior Procurement officer) Sawa Street, Asmara, Eritrea Lidyarusomlidu1221@gmail.com Tel Number: 00291181076/00291189266 Fax Number: 1048 Block Number: 6 Room Number: 8 Asmara, Eritrea

9. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration.

10. Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted as defined in ITB BDS 25.

Yours sincerely,
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Returning Home: Sinit Habteab on Culture, Purpose, and Eritrean Pride by Sabrina Solomon

Sabrina Solomon



Welcome back to Asmara. Having grown up here before moving abroad, how does it feel to step back onto Eritrean soil at this stage in your life, and how has returning home grounded your sense of identity and purpose?

Thank you so much for the opportunity to sit with you and share my story. Coming back here has been profoundly meaningful, even for a short visit. It has given me a chance to reinforce my core purpose: educating our community on how to support children with special needs at home and encouraging parents to believe in their children's full potential. Beyond my mission, I truly missed the simple joys of Asmara—especially our local pastry shops. Even after traveling across the United States and Europe, nothing compares to what we have here. I also missed the peaceful rhythm of daily life and the ability to connect more deeply with my community.

That sense of identity guided me even during my pageantry auditions. During Miss Universe, for example, I chose to wear a burkini rather than a swimsuit

Sinit Habteab is an Eritrean neuroscientist, Montessori educator, disability rights advocate, and global pageantry pioneer. Born and raised in Asmara before moving to the United States in 2019, she earned her degree in Neuroscience from George Mason University while actively conducting research in neuropsychological testing and early childhood development. Inspired by her younger sister, who has Down syndrome, and in memory of her late mother, Sinit founded "Designing for Diversity," a non-profit initiative dedicated to dismantling educational barriers for neurodivergent children and integrating students with special needs into mainstream classrooms. A former Miss Africa USA titleholder and Eritrea's representative on major global beauty stages, she continues to bridge scientific knowledge and grassroots humanitarian action as an appointed ambassador for peace.

to honor the morals and values I was raised with. Returning home reinforces those choices by deepening my bond with our people. As I prepare for my next competition, there is no better feeling than connecting with my roots and representing our community authentically.

You made history as a pioneer representing Eritrea on prestigious international pageantry platforms. What were the defining moments of that journey, and what did it mean to carry the Eritrean flag before a global audience?

It is a profound honor. I certainly do not claim to be the most beautiful woman in Eritrea—our country is filled with extraordinary beauty—but being among the first to represent our nation internationally is something I treasure. On a global stage, I view myself as a small window through which the world can glimpse the true spirit of Eritrea. Carrying our flag and wearing traditional attire offered international audiences something fresh and unique. For our people, seeing our flag displayed with pride meant everything, and I felt

that deep emotional weight as I waved it.

As I have grown within the pageantry world, I have come to realize that it extends far beyond walking a stage. It is fundamentally a platform for advocacy and social ambassadorship. My core advocacy remains centered on my sister and children like her, working to make education truly inclusive. Representing our country, culture, and people allows me to spark genuine curiosity worldwide, inspiring people to discover Eritrea for what it truly is.

With a background in neuroscience and early childhood education, how do you practically translate brain science into accessible, inclusive teaching methods for children with learning disabilities in developing communities?

My journey actually began with Montessori education before I formally studied neuroscience. Maria Montessori, a medical doctor, founded the original Casa dei Bambini ("Children's House") and designed child-sized environments and tactile learning materials based on clinical observation. Although her methods yielded remarkable results, over time the pedagogy shifted away from its original target—children with special needs and lower-income communities—and became largely exclusive to those who could afford it.

I wanted to return to those roots and make these tools accessible to families with special needs. When I applied these materials while working with my sister, I noticed immediate, positive engagement. Neuroscience provided the scientific evidence behind Montessori's philosophy, demonstrating that genetics alone do not dictate a child's future; environment plays a crucial role. A supportive, well-structured environment can completely transform a child's developmental trajectory. Through my advocacy, I want parents to realize that as primary caregivers, the

expectations and environment we set directly shape what our children can achieve.

Your non-profit initiative, "Designing for Diversity," stems from a deeply personal experience with your younger sister. What structural or cultural shifts do you hope to inspire within schools and



communities to ensure children with special needs are fully integrated and celebrated?

Beyond empowering parents to advocate for accommodations in school systems and workplaces, the core mission of "Designing for Diversity" is to drive the full inclusion of neurodivergent children in mainstream classrooms. While I was growing up in Asmara, my sister attended a mainstream school. She not only thrived academically, but she also had a transformative impact on her peers. The love and support she received extended far beyond our family to her classmates, who naturally stepped in to assist and include her.

Experiencing that firsthand showed me that inclusive education benefits everyone. When neurotypical children grow up alongside peers with special needs, they develop greater empathy and understanding. As adults, they build more inclusive societies—hiring individuals with disabilities and offering them meaningful support. "Designing for Diversity" exists to advocate for inclusive classrooms and to unlock the full potential of every child.



You have also used your platform to raise awareness about breast cancer in honor of your late mother. How has turning personal loss into public advocacy shaped your resilience and humanitarian work?

Losing my mother was an incredible challenge, much like the initial adjustment my family faced when learning of my sister's Down syndrome diagnosis. Yet, I believe that life's hardest moments often define our ultimate purpose. Stepping into a caregiving role for my sister while carrying my mother's memory gave my life a renewed, intentional focus. Today, my mission is to be a voice for both my sister and my mother.

If my mother were here, she would urge everyone to prioritize early detection for breast cancer, as timely diagnosis saves lives and allows mothers to spend more precious years with their families. I carry her message forward to encourage others to reframe their own hardships. Every trial we face is a trust placed in us, and we have the capacity to channel that pain into meaningful, positive action for others.

Many young Eritreans living in the diaspora strive to maintain a strong connection to their homeland while pursuing ambitious careers abroad. How can diaspora youth effectively leverage their skills, education, and passions to contribute back home?

Finding something meaningful abroad and bringing it back to share with your family is a natural human desire, and for us, Eritrea is our collective family. Those of us in the diaspora who have been blessed with educational and professional opportunities carry a responsibility to share those resources with our homeland.

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