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Asmare suggested the procurement office should make sure that office equipment should be registered under whom it is going to be used. Besides to this, office key should be given on registered base and noted that strictly forbidden to duplicate it without the knowledge of the concerned body and never allow to handover those keys to another person which makes them accountable for it.

Ato. Asmare also recommended areas which are hidden and difficult for security should be put under surveillance camera and notifying all that the area is under control. Assisting the security of our campus using electronic technology might be an additional input for security members.

He also strongly advised staff, student and the university security must work close together to make our campus safe and secure for all of us.



EiABC is one of the institutes within Addis Ababa University which strongly works on the development of science and technology in the fields of architecture and construction technology and management and urban planning which are believed to play a crucial role in producing skilled manpower needed for the construction industry which is a fast growing sector in every corner of the country.

To achieve its annual plan, EiABC has got an approved budget of 78,994,408.69 Ethiopian birr which is expected to be used for administration, teaching and learning and capital expenditure for the 2009 E.C budget year.

The administration budget is utilized to exercise the day today activities of the institution. From a total of 14,734,970.69 approved budget, salary for permanent employees of admin staff is about 48.8% which is almost half of the cost of the total administration budget. The administrative budget is allocated and approved as follows. Telecom 16.9%, Pension took 5.3% and expenditure of the rest administrative activities 17.4% of the total administration budget.

The second part of the budget is for the teaching-learning activity which has the role to maintain and manage the teaching and learning process of the institute. The teaching-learning has got in total an approved budget of 42,388,438.00 for the 2009 fiscal year. Out of this, salary for teaching and learning staff is 49.5%, food and cost sharing 23.5% allowance for permanent staff 7% and pension and education costs 9.4%.

The third approved part of fiscal budget is capital budget which most government institutions used it for evaluating and ranking potential expenditures or for investment that are significant in amount.

EiABC as one of the institutions which is in a gradual effort to develop its internal capacity so as to compete with other institutions using technology as a means of maintaining quality which can increase institutional efficiency and create the opportunity to achieve its objective.

Out of 21,871,000.00 approved capital budget for this fiscal year, 19.4% is allocated for expatriate salary payment and 45% of the budget is planned to be used for building construction infrastructure and the rest allowance for expatriate staff, transportation fee and construction of infrastructure.

Because of limitations of resources, the management of EiABC have a great responsibility in prioritizing activities so as to use the budget in effective and efficient manner.



## 2 EiABC Hosted the 16th African Real Estate Society (AfRES) Conference at United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

The 16th African Real Estate Society (AfRES) Conference was held at the United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Hall 5-9 September 2016.

This Conference had the objective of discussing on the emerging trends in the development of real estate in the emerging economies of African Countries. Besides, it creates a platform for sharing international best practices and providing opportunity for professionals and major stakeholders in the real estate industry.

The outgoing President of African Real Estate Society (AfRES) Mr. Patrik Katuwaba formally opened the 16th African Real Estate Society by welcoming all Afres participant to the head quarter of African Union Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Patrik also reminded the participant the long journey AfRES has made and ensured all members collaborate in the publication of scientific journals, publications and presentations. Finally he closed his speech wishing all participants to enjoy the conference.

Mr. Joachim Dieter, Scientific Director of Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC) also welcomed all AfRES Conference participants and stated the long journey EiABC had made in the fields of architecture, urban planning and building construction under the umbrella of Addis Ababa University.



The Outgoing President of African Real Estate Society (AfRES) Mr. Patrik Katuwaba.



Mr. Joachim Dieter,

Scientific Director of Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development

The number of computers in a lab varies from few computers in the case of mini lab to as many as thirty plus computers in a class room computer lab. The wood work section of resource mobilization department which is coordinated by Besufekad Mekonnen, facilitated a space for new computer lab for PhD students which will accommodate more than thirty students at a time. The workshop unit coordinator, Besufekad, said ninety percent of the job is already completed and the remaining ten percent is expected to be finalized before the beginning of 2015/2016 academic year.

The lab users will get a quiet and clean environment which is conducive for doing their research activities. To deliver such service, this computer lab needs to have written guidelines which must be respected by all its users without any pre set conditions.

## 8 Office Theft Became Cause of Worry in EiABC Campus



Government offices can be targeted for theft unless effective precautions are made to reduce the likelihood of its occurrences using both physical and psychological methods.

Asmare Lemma, head EiABC security mentioned, the current situation concerning office security became so worrying that all staff within EiABC should take responsibility in taking care of all office equipment they are using for work.

**Ato. Asmare Lemma, Head Security of Ethiopian Institute of Architecture Building Construction and City Development.**

Asmare said, On 06 August 2008 E.C more than 10 apple Laptop computers which is estimated to cost more than 700,000.00 (Seven hundred thousand) Ethiopian birr was stolen from urban planning building of Masters student computer lab. Currently suspected individuals are under investigation and apprehended person will face the full force of law.



Joachim said, the international cooperation EiABC made fosters academic staff exchange, joint research, hosting visiting scientists, joint teaching projects and knowledge transfer. The agreement EiABC signed with African Real Estate Society is one of the international cooperation's that help the institution to work bilaterally in the areas of real estate development in Africa.

Finally the Scientific Director concluded his speech by wishing all participants to have invaluable knowledge and experience sharing opportunity from the conference and wished good and memorable time during their stay in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The 16th African Real Estate Society Conference has been finalized having visit to Flintstone Homes real estate and Tekleberhan Ambaye Construction (TACON) where the newly elected AfRES president, Emmanuel Martey formally invited TACON to be African real estate society partner.

### 3 AFRES Conference Participant Visited Tekleberhan Ambaye Construction (TACON)

Teklebrhan Ambaye Construction (TACON) was established in 1993 E.C with the motto "We rely on human capital" and the organizational vision is to be one of the top ten construction companies in Africa.

After the 16th African Real Estate Society Conference, which was held at ECA Hall

from Sep. 5-9 2016 and partly sponsored by TACON, participants had the opportunity to visit Flintstone Real Estate and Tekleberhan Ambaye Construction which enabled them to know practically what real estate development and construction sectors look like in the city of Addis Ababa.

Ato. Seifu Ambaye, Chief Executive Manager of Tekleberhan Ambaye Construction (TACON) warmly welcomed the AfRES Conference Participants in his office and made short description of TACON achievements and its future plan in the construction sector of the country.



Ato. Seifu Ambaye, Chief Executive Manager of (TACON)

### 6 Erasmus+ Student and Staff Exchange Opportunities for EiABC Community

The international relation and communication office of Ethiopian Institute of Architecture Building Construction and City Development (EiABC) is responsible for creating, tracking, maintaining and executing partnerships with external institutions nationally and internationally. Besides the office is responsible to manage all EiABC incoming and outgoing international activities attendees.



Mr. Sydney Kill, Head International Relation and Communication Office

Head International Relation and Communication office, Sydney Kill stated that one of the agreements made with Bauhaus University, Weimar exchange program is a very good opportunity for EiABC student and staff. Such exchange program contributes in gaining more knowledge, sharing experience, enhancing interpersonal skills and future collaboration in research and teaching. As Sydney indicated the Office of International Relation and Communication is strongly working to bring such an opportunities to EiABC staff and students so as the institution benefits a lot from such an exchange program.

## 7 PhD Computer Lab to be Established within EiABC Campus

Computer labs play a significant role in higher education to enhance teaching and learning activities and in providing convenient access to reliable computing resources and common software applications.

Since technology has impacted every aspect of daily life, educators have a responsibility of teaching the next generation how to take all they can from the knowledge and experiences of the academicians. This teaching responsibility is improved through the use of technology across disciplines. Therefore, the objective of facilitating a computer lab for PhD students in EiABC campus is to give students access to high quality educational resources, help them benefit from technology advancement in their fields and enable them to pursue their academic carrier in better educational environment.



The Newly Re-Built PhD Student Computer Lab in EiABC Campus

Ato. Saifu Ambaye said, TACON is currently engaged in a number of mega construction projects all over the country with over two hundred million USD. The Second biggest stadium located in Mekele University, Research park in Adama, commercial bank of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa are some of the few projects being done by TACON. He also mentioned that the company is fully working on the realization of Yayo Nitrogenous Fertilizer Factory which is the second biggest construction project next to Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.



The Newly Elected African Real Estate Society (AFRES) President  
Mr. Emmanuel Martey

Participants of the AFRES Conference visited Tekleberhan Ambaye construction head office and during the visit the newly elected president of AfRES Emmanuel Martey invited TACON to be their partner who can assist them to play a significant role in the real estate development of African countries.



## 5 EiABC Staff is In Need of Quality, Fair Price and Good Service Lounge within the Institution

It is very important to have a comfortable staff lounge for EiABC community within the institution.

Although the staff have been continuously demanding for quality meals, fair price and good cafeteria service, so far the institute does not have a lounge that helps to address the need of its staff. This concern has recently received serious attention and has been given priority by the management.



The White House building which part of it is designed for Staff Lounge

The workshop unit, which functions under resource mobilization department, is working on furnishing of the newly planned lounge named "White House" is believed to start providing service in the early months of the 2015/2016 academic year.

## 4 EiABC Hosted the 4th ESRI Conference at the Economic Commission for Africa HALL (ECA)

The Environmental System Research Institute (Esri) East Africa Education Geographic Information System (GIS) Conference was first held at Kenyatta University, Kenya in 2013. Since then Esri continues to attract GIS professionals from East African Universities and participants from local and international organizations.

The 4th Esri Conference was held at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Addis Ababa, 23-24 September 2016 with the objective of creating a world of opportunities through GIS, Web GIS and Geo database management system. In this conference more than three hundred professionals from different universities in Ethiopia, Kenya and other East African countries and invited experts in the field across the continent participated.



The 4th Esri Conference Held at Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Joachim Dieter, Scientific Director of EiABC opened the 4th Esri Conference by welcoming all the participants. Joachim mentioned, such kind of regional Conference made a good opportunity to share experience and knowledge in the areas of Geographic Information System (GIS). He also mentioned that GIS professionals have the responsibility to work on developing different software which can help campuses to be interconnected and also develop GIS Maps for other professionals to go down to the researched areas so as to apply the findings of the research and to come up with solutions in the real world using the identified GIS maps.

The two days Conference has created a good opportunity for GIS professionals to exchange ideas and experiences.



