



Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Ministry of Water and Energy

The Ministry of Water and Energy of Ethiopia is a federal organization established to undertake the management of the water and energy resources of Ethiopia. This involves development, planning and management of water and energy resources, development of policies, strategies and programs, develop and implementation of water and energy sector laws and regulations, conducting studies and research activities, providing technical support to regional water and energy bureaus and offices, and signing of international agreements.

Vision

Ethiopia will be a model of excellence in the development of water resources and their utilization, and will also be a renewable energy hub in East Africa by 2015.

Mission

(To) play a significant role in the socioeconomic development of Ethiopia through the development and management of its water and energy resources in a sustainable manner, through provision of quality and equitable supplies throughout the entire country and by contributing significantly to food security and foreign currency revenue.

Mandates and Responsibilities of the Ministry of Water and Energy

The mandates and responsibilities of the Ministry of Water and Energy relevant to *Hydropower for Sustainable Development 2011* include:

- Promoting the development of water resources and energy;
- Undertaking basin studies and determining the country's ground and surface water resource potential in terms of volume and quality, and facilitating the utilization of same;
- Undertaking studies and negotiations of treaties pertaining to the utilization of boundary and trans-boundary water bodies, and following up the implementation of same;
- Causing the carrying out of study, design and construction works to promote the expansion of medium and large irrigation dams;
- Undertaking studies concerning the development and utilization of energy; and promoting the growth and expansion of the country's supply of electric energy;
- Promoting the development of alternative energy sources and technologies