

## 13 European Parliamentarians to visit Ethiopia

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ADDIS ABABA-Delegation of parliamentarians from Europe (from EU Member State National Parliaments, the European Parliament as well as Parliaments from non-EU countries) will visit Ethiopia on May 7 to 13, 2006. UNFPA-Ethiopia announced in a press release yesterday.

According to UNFPA-Ethiopia, the aim of the Mission is to understand development challenges in Ethiopia and specifically related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

"By visiting projects implemented by host organizations and other partners, European parliamentarians will gain first hand experience of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and rights in a developing country as well as a better under-

standing of how SRH is part of Ethiopia's development plans for attaining the MDGs. Some of the programmes are also supported by European donors.

The visit is being jointly organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Family Guidance

Association of Ethiopia (FGAE), Marie Stopes International Ethiopia (MSIE), DSW/Bonita Youth

Development Training Centre and Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations (CORHA).

The parliamentarians will travel to SNNPR, Oromia, Amhara and Tigray regions.

Important focus of the Mission is meeting with Ethiopian parliamentarians and high officials with whom the challenges and success stories of sexual and reproductive health are going to be discussed, UNFPA said.

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