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Ethiopia Launches New Development Analysis Tool

Addis Ababa, 20 November 2007: Ethiopia today launched the new version of EthioInfo V2.1 on the Day of the African Statistics. The new monitoring tool is expected to expand dissemination of socioeconomic and human development data on one common database platform making it more accessible for all users, whenever needed. The aim is to provide multiple users such as Government, donors and other interested groups access to a comprehensive set of indicators that facilitates analysis of the situation in Ethiopia.

EthioInfo provides easy-to use facilities for querying the database to retrieve specific data, which can then be easily transformed into tables, graphs and maps for inclusion in reports and presentations. EthioInfo incorporates information from six major surveys including the latest Demographic health Survey, 2005.

The launch of the new system was presided over by Ms. Samia Zekaria the Director of the Central Statistical Agency and Mr. Fidele Sarassoro, UN Resident Coordinator at the United Nation Conference Center in the presence of government officials and UN staff.

This is the first time that EthioInfo is available to the public with the complete range of rich data sources and analysis tools offered via the Central Statistical Agency website.

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