

Working in Partnership Ethiopia



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The Partner

The Ministry of Education has overall responsibility for the education sector in Ethiopia at primary, secondary and higher education levels. It plays its role in the Ethiopian Government's strategies and objectives, most specifically, the Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan and the Education Sector Development Plan.

The British Council plays a diverse and active role in Ethiopia, aiming to make a positive contribution to Ethiopia's social and economic development, while promoting Britain as a leading partner in educational and cultural fields.



The Project

The Government of Ethiopia began the Ethiopian Management Development Programme (MDP) in 1996. Using OU course material and teaching and learning methodologies, a network of 13 local and regional colleges and Universities across Ethiopia presented for local award the Certificate and Diploma in Management. It is estimated by the British Council that over 2000 students successfully graduated from the Programme until its cessation in 2002.

The MBA commenced in Ethiopia in 1992. The programme allows OU tutors to be flown from the UK to Addis Ababa to conduct tutorials and hold Residential Schools. The current 7th cohort started in May 2009 and includes government and non-government students sponsored from the public and private sector.

The Aim

The aim of the MBA Programme is to provide senior government officials and employees of leading private companies with an international MBA, and to equip them with skills which will be of use as Ethiopia develops.

The Benefits

- More than 260 MBA graduates, including the Prime Minister
- Nearly 2,000 MDP graduates which has strengthened national management capability
- Opportunities for UK staff to benefit from the challenges of working in diverse environments
- Increased capacity of regional institutions to offer distance education programmes

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