

New govt Center to follow up GTP II, CRGE major implementations

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ADDIS ABABA - Newly established Environment and Climate Research Center (ECRC) said its major next five year task is

"to follow major interventions under GTP II and CRGE strategies".

Director of the center Dr. Haileselassie Amha said the

Climate Resilience Green Economy (CRGE), which the country adopted back in 2011, and Growth and Transformation Plan II (GTP II) strategies are now being implemented in harmonizing way.

The Center's major task during the coming next five years is, therefore, "to fol-

low these interventions with data, with proper scientific methods and comment on their implementation", said Dr. Haileselassie.

"Specifically we want to follow major interventions related to CRGE strategy and comment what works and what doesn't work," said the Director.

The Major sectors that the center tasked to follow up will "be on interventions in energy, forestry, agriculture, industrial policy and urbanization... and address the gap in knowledge", the Director said.

Environment and Climate Research Center's (ECRC) five year plan, which is expected to start

its implementation by mid 2016, is devised to be a platform that generates a long term impact evaluation knowledge that feeds back to policy processes until 2020.

Experts say urge the need to ditch having things go along as usual.

If Ethiopia continued with the "business as usual trajectory" of economic development, it would increase it's of CO2 emission in to 400 million metric tonnes per year in 2030, Dr. Te wol d e B e r h a n GebreEgziabher, General Manager, Environmental Protection Authority, said. The amount is small compared with the rest of the

world.

But the country is "undertaking an ambitious travel, which will reduce the 400 million metric tonnes of CO2 emission to at most 145 million," he said.

More follow ups and interventions are needed to gain that reduction level, he said.

The expert said this during a consultative meeting which EDRI held to address discussions on research plans of the country on different areas, including energy, forestry, agriculture and water along with sustainable industrialization and urbanization.

however, failed to stop the free fall of its shares on the Nairobi Securities Exchange. Its stock was trading 6.45 per cent lower to Sh1.45 a piece compared to Friday, adding to a cumulative loss of 18.42 per cent to Sh1.55 last week.

The plant on 5.5 acres will have a capacity of 105 million 330ml bottles a year.

ADSS, cross-listed on the London Stock Exchange, shut down its operations in Kenya on December 1, 2015 - a move that led to retrenching of an estimated 750 employees under its subsidiaries Ardan Logistics, Ardan Medical Services and Ardan Civil Engineering.