

**H.E. Ambassador Seyoum Mesfin appointed as a special envoy
for South Sudan**

Ethiopia Embassy, Beijing, 30 Dec, 2013- The Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement released today has announced that H.E. Ambassador Seyoum Mesfin and General Lazarus Sumbeiywo of Kenya are appointed by the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Heads of State and Government as special envoys to South Sudan.
<http://www.mfa.gov.et/news/>

The decision was passed in Nairobi during the 23rd Extra-Ordinary Summit of IGAD in Nairobi. http://www.igad.int/attachments/725_23rd_Extra_Summit.pdf

H.E. Ambassador Seyoum Mesfin has worked as the top Diplomat heading the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia for nearly 20 years until he was appointed as an Ambassador to China in 2011. He worked in different capacities to the Ethiopian Government including as Board Chairman of the Ethiopian Airlines for about 10 years.

Ambassador Seyoum is also Ethiopia's non-resident Ambassador to Cambodia, D.P.R Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Singapore & Vietnam.

A great deal of confidence as well as expectations are bestowed upon H.E. Ambassador Seyoum and General Lazarus Sumbeiywo in helping to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict in South Sudan.