Awareness Creation Workshop on Gedeo Agroforestry System

Regional workshop on Gedeo indigenous Agroforestry System, its conservation & sustainable use was organized by Lem Ethiopia and conducted in Dilla town, Gedeo Zone, from December 16-17, 2009. The overall objective of the workshop was to create awareness to the whole Gedeo Zone concerned stakeholders in order to see the potential, conservation method and sustainability of the Agroforestry System.

A total of 46 participants from Federal EPA, Regional Cultural & Tourism Bu-

reau, Regional Communication Bureau, Gedeo Zone Administration, Agriculture, Education, Health and Finance & Economy , Chochere Woreda agriculture & rural development office and administration, Dilla Zuria Wereda agriculture and administration, Dilla university, Wonago Wereda Administration & agriculture, Wondogenet College of Forestry & Natural Resource , Wolayta University, Wonago community representatives, Model farmers , SLUF, and Lem Ethiopia staffs have attended the workshop.



Workshop on progress

In the workshop presentation were made on the current status of the Registration process of Gedeo Agroforestry as World Heritage by UNESCO(Fana Tesfaye, SLUF), the historical premises & social values (Dr.Tadesse Kippe, Dilla University), threats and opportunities (Dr. Zebene Asfaw, Wondogenet College of Forestry & Natural Resource), potentials to carbon sequestration (Messele Negash, Wondogenet College of Forestry & Natural Resource), and ecotourism of Gedeo Agroforestry System(Dr.Bogale Teferi, Dilla University).



Welcoming note Ato Moges Worku Executive Director, Lem-Ethiopia



Opening speech Ato Samuel Kekebo Zone Administrator, Gedeo



Keynote address Ato Zerihun Zewdie SNNP Regional Government Communication Office Head



W/t Fana Tesfaye Presenting



Dr. Zebene Asfaw Presenting



Dr. Bogale Teferi Presenting

In addition to the presentations a field visit was made to Arecha Pastoralist Association to see the Agroforestry Practice and Tutufela the Stella.

