



## ETHIOPIAN APICULTURE BOARD (EAB)



Bee colony of Ethiopia

### ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is located at the horn of Africa, at 3°-15° N latitude and 33°-48° E longitude with a population size of about 100 million. The country is at a strategic position to enhance international trade and investment. It is a country of great biological and ecological diversity. Besides, Ethiopia is the origin of humankind and *Coffea arabica*. Ethiopia has been referred to as 'the land of thousand smiles'.

### APICULTURE SECTOR POTENTIAL

Ethiopia has a huge, and largely untapped potential in the apiculture sector. The country has over 10 million bee colonies with about 2 million smallholder beekeepers and over 7000 forage plants. The honey and beeswax annual production potential is estimated at 500,000 and 50,000 tons, respectively. Currently, the country produces over 64,000 tons of honey and 6000 tons of beeswax that accounts for more than 25% of production in Africa, and putting herself as one of the top ten

honey and top five beeswax producers in the globe.



Traditional beekeeping system in the forest

### SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION EFFORTS

The Ethiopian government, private sector and development partners recognized the potential of apiculture sector in the country and started investing on development activities & legal frameworks in the sector. Two sector associations (ESAS & EHBPEA) and Ethiopian Apiculture Board (EAB) are established to support sector development efforts and to ensure coordination.



Strengthening extension services and research activities, training of smallholder beekeepers and organizing them in producer's cooperatives and unions, improving quality and supply chain of inputs, producing standards and means for

conformation for hive products and inputs, efforts to meet requirements for Third Country Listing to export to EU markets are some to mention.

As of sector leadership and coordination, the EAB is successful in organizing multi-stakeholder platforms, publishing api-directory of Ethiopia and quarterly api-news, organizing Api-Ethiopia Expo and Api-Expo Africa in collaboration with other stakeholders, networking Ethiopian beekeeping sector with sub regional, regional and global sector institutions to facilitate learning, experience sharing and market linkages.

Therefore, the EAB and other key stakeholders in the beekeeping sector in Ethiopia, have reliable experience and capacity to effectively handle any continental or global events to the satisfaction of all actors in the sector.



Api-Expo Africa 2012 in Addis Ababa, opening ceremony  
**APIMONDIA SYMPOSIUM 2018, ADDIS  
ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

The Ethiopian Apiculture Board (EAB) in collaboration with Apimondia Secretariat and other apiculture sector stakeholders will organize the Apimondia symposium 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The symposium is the



2<sup>nd</sup> in its kind for Africa and the first in Ethiopia. The objective is to facilitate the exchange of information and discussions where beekeepers, scientists, honey-traders, practitioners and policy makers, representatives from international NGOs, bilateral agencies and regional organizations meet to discuss and learn from one another. The title of the symposium is **‘The Role of Bees in Food Production’** with the theme: **‘Significance of Bees’ Pollination for Improved Food Production’**. This topic is selected because pollination role of bees is less understood and remained unexploited in Africa.

Organization of this important Apimondia symposium will be technically supported by Apimondia SC for Pollination and Bee Flora and SC for Bee Economy.

The following topics and subtopics are envisaged for the symposium

#### **Topic 1: Pollination and food production**

- Addressing the food supply gap through better pollination of crops (including model calculations of how food security can be improved by better pollination)
- Potential of beekeeping and insect pollination for food production & food

security: global impact of pollinators on food security

## **Topic 2: Threats to pollinators or to their performance**

- Threat to pollinators and food security by anthropogenic disturbances: environment, chemicals, GMOs; and by diseases, parasites etc.



- Environmental health, bee health, pollination and food security
- Social & institutional factors for apiculture value chain promotion
- Technology transfer, apiary management

## **Topic 3: Ecosystem services & climate change**

- Insect pollinators for Ecosystem Services - the challenges
- The role of beekeeping in natural resources conservation and sustainable development



## **Topic 4: Income, employment and poverty reduction**

- Contributions of beekeeping in poverty reduction
- Intensification and diversification of hive products for better income and livelihood
- Beekeeping for youth employment and for women economic empowerment.

## **WHY APIMONDIA SYMPOSIUM IN ETHIOPIA?**

Ethiopia is natural home of bees. The country has launched development efforts to unleash this huge potential of the country for food security and its economic development. The Apimondia symposium is designed to fuel up development efforts in the beekeeping sector and accelerate desired sector improvement.

As Ethiopia is good source of organic hive products, the producers and consumers in Ethiopia and abroad will benefit from the development efforts and sector improvement in Ethiopia. The strategic geographic position of the country can ensure ease reach for actors from all over the

world to be part of this valuable symposium. One of the most successful airlines in the globe, the Ethiopian Airlines, conference facilities and experiences of Addis Ababa, the most admired hospitality of Ethiopians, peace & stability and current economic growth performance of the country are other factors that could encourage beekeeping community to take part on the intended Apimondia symposium. Visiting a country of human origin and *Coffea arabica*, living volcanoes, rock hewn churches and others are plus.



To participate in the **symposium** and/or to be engaged in **apiculture business** in Ethiopia contact us:

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## INVITATION

With such convincing grounds in Ethiopia to organize the Apimondia symposium, the EAB, the Apimondia and government of Ethiopia are wholeheartedly invite you to participate in this historic and momentous event, and ready to welcome you to share your experiences and findings and learn from others.