

## **Celebration of international day for people with disabilities at 3 different places of Hawassa town**

CSE-Hawassa celebrated on December 6, 2009 with Hawassa University disability club which was formed June 2009. The day was celebrated at junior café, main campus. University campus instructors, administrators including the managing director, government and DPOs representatives were present at the occasion.



The main issues raised during the occasion were the need to consider services and accessibility problems of disabled students in the compound. Two visually impaired instructors who attended the celebration were also invited to share their biography and life experience. Poems and dramas were presented by persons with disabilities and by JECDO music band respectively.



The center also collaborated with SNNPR BOLSA, Hawassa's Women and Social affairs department and DPO members celebrated the event by walking on the main streets of Hawassa and by conducting a forum at SNNPR held at management training institute conference hall. Cheshire Services joined in the days celebrations. Hawassa's higher government officials (including heads of health, education and capacity building and women and social affairs) were present in the occasion. During the forum, many disability right based questions were raised by different DPOs representatives.



W/ro Aster Mamo, head of Hawassa's city administration for women and social affairs, and other cabinet members responded to the questions.

On the same day later in the afternoon the Hawassa city administration DPOs held celebrations at Cheshire services Ethiopia Hawassa rehabilitation center. They discussed issues concerning on the ratification of international rights of PWDs. Members celebrated by enjoying soft drinks which were sponsored by MOHA soft drink factory in Hawassa.

