



# Apiculture Sector in Ethiopia

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# Background

- Beekeeping in Ethiopia is long dated traditional activity
- Ethiopia was exporting bees wax 3000 years ago to Egypt
- Extension activity was started in 1968
- Number of NGOs intervened the sector for good number of years
- Improvement in the sector still remained sluggish till 2005

# Background ... Cntd

- Launching of BOAM in 2005 initiated basic changes in the sector
- Institutional development
- Annual RMP and Export to EU markets
- Emergence of number of private sector members
- Strengthening of service delivery

# Potential of the Country

- Over 1.4 smallholder beekeepers
- 8 – 10 million honey bee colonies
- 500,000 tons of honey - production potential
- 50,000 tons of beeswax – production potential
- Over 800 types of flowering (bee) plants
- Growing conducive agro-ecology
- Conducive policy environment

# Current Position

- Emerging commercial bee farms
- 53,600 tons of honey production
- 5000 tons of beeswax production
- 3 institutions to work with development of the sector
- Over 500 tons of honey export
- One of the ten top honey producers globally
- One of the 5 leading producers for beeswax

# Ethiopian Apiculture Board (EAB)

## ❖ Establishment

- Established in 2009
- Strong support from SNV Ethiopia
- Value Chain approach
- Executive board from different segments of the VC

# EAB ... Cntd

## ❖ Objectives

- Increase production & productivity
- Ensure quality production & safety issues
- Enhance promotion and market linkage
- Create conducive policy environment

# EAB ... Cntd

## ❖ Achievements

- Registered as legal entity
- Secretariat office
- Regional chapters in potential regions
- Web page to enhance communication & promotional activities
- National Multi-Stakeholders Platform



# EAB .... Cntd

## ❖ Achievements .....

- Regional Multi-Stakeholders Platforms
- RMP to ensure export to EU member states
- Founding member of regional network for market promotion and linkages – ApiTrade Africa
- Promotion of products on international events
- Provision of training on modern beekeeping
- Coordinating development efforts in the sector
- Organizing ApiExpo Africa 2012

# ApiExpo Africa 2012

- ApiExpo Africa is an event launched on 2008 to showcase potential of the region & to foster market linkages
- Organized by the regional network – Apitrade Africa (AA)
- EAB won the bid to host ApiExpo Africa 2012
- EAB together with AA established a National ApiExpo Africa Organizing Committee (AOC) and a chief coordinator

# ApiExpo .... Cntd

- The event organization was highly supported by MoA and Mol of FDRE
- We were successful in mobilizing regional gov't bodies to work towards success of the ApiExpo
- The event was promoted highly at international level (ApiMondia, BioFah ... )
- It was successfully held from Sept 26-30/2012

# ApiExpo ... Cntd

- 314 local & 50 international exhibitors from the HVC were mobilized
- 357 local & 120 international delegates mobilized for the conference participation
- 43 (???) selected papers were presented at “smallholder” & “market” rooms
- Translation service provided for the smallholders room



# ApiExpo ... Cntd

- Nearly 9 million ETB mobilized to organize the event and sponsor smallholders & service provider participants
- The event was proved to be to the international standard
- It was long way moved one compared to the preceding events of the network
- Proceeding & communiqué produced
- It was an event where the coordination & performing capacity of the board is proved



*Thank You!!*