

Addis Ababa, November 20, 2012 (WIC) - The Second AU Conference of Energy Ministers of Africa (CEMA) stressed the need for governments, scholars and investors to work jointly in the efforts to speed up energy development in Africa.

The conference was held here from 12-16 November 2012 under the theme "Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development: From Potential to Infrastructure and Services".

The Ministers on the occasion said that governments, scholars and investors need to contribute share to speed up development in Africa through increasing accessibility of energy.

The conference also discussed on further enhancing the role of the private sector in investment and renewable energy sources.

Different events including the African Investment Forum and African Energy Week, among others, were also organized during the conference organized in collaboration with the African Union, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

According to ENA, the Ministers vowed to extensively use clean reliable and renewable energy. The conference elected Water and Energy Minister Alemayehu Tegen as Chairperson for the coming two years.