

**Addis Ababa, November 24, 2012 (WIC)** - The Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia said the country is one of African nations which provide better statistical information.

The African Statistics Day and also 50th anniversary of the Agency was celebrated on Friday in Addis Ababa.

Speaking on the occasion, Agency Director, Samia Zekeriya said Ethiopia stands next to South Africa and Egypt in providing better statistical information.

She said the Agency generates improved data and makes use of electronic equipment and satellite information in its efforts to provide better statistical data.

The Agency is working to become a center of excellence in providing official statistics that can be used as an input for sustainable socio-economic development, Samia said.

Relevant research papers were tabled for discussion on the occasion of the African Statistics Day which was celebrated for the 8th time in the country.

According to ERTA, the African Statistics Day of every November 18th was adopted in May 1990 by the Twenty-fifth Session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the 16th Assembly of African Ministers.

The day is celebrated each year in order to increase awareness about the important role statistics plays in all aspects of social and economic development in Africa.