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In a speech he delivered during the event, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Arefaine Berhe, pointed out that May 15 - the National Forestation Day is significant for assessing the implemented programs and adopting constructive ideas for better work achievements. The Minister underlined that it is every citizen's responsibility to develop the nation through hard work.

Noting the vital importance of trees in improving climatic conditions, preventing soil erosion and ensuring the safety of wildlife, Minister Arefaine stated that preserving natural resources in general and augmenting trees and wildlife in particular is part of the endeavors to achieve food security.

During the workshop it was disclosed that commendable work has been accomplished as regards water diversion schemes and around 15 million tree seedlings have been planted in 6,000 hectares of land in the past 4 years alone.

The Administrator of Ghindae sub-zone, Ms. Amna Haj Osman, said that the workshop was important in exchanging experiences and assessing setbacks among all regions. She then called for concerted efforts of the society so as to successfully attain the set objectives.

During the occasion, exemplary individuals, institutions, tree and wildlife inspectors received prizes for their forestation contributions.

The participants concluded the workshop by adopting a number of resolutions and recommendations.

General Public Called Upon To Play Due Role In Preserving Trees

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