

FOA chief arrives at AU Summit

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Director-General for the United Nations, Jacques Diouf, has arrived in Addis Ababa for a working visit during which he will also attend the 10th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) to be held this week.

Diouf was welcomed on arrival at the Bole International Airport here by senior Ethiopian government officials, representatives from the FAO Sub Regional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE) and other international organisations.

The Director-General is scheduled to hold discussions with senior Ethiopian officials and leaders of East African countries who will be in Addis Ababa for the AU summit, on ways of strengthening relations with the organisation.

Diouf is also expected to hold extensive discussions with senior government officials on Ethiopia's food security activities, agriculture policies and bilateral co-operation. He said co-operation and relations between Ethiopia and his organisation was strengthening over time.

Diouf told the Ethiopian News Agency that he appreciates the commitment of Ethiopia had shown for the establishment of organisation's sub regional office in Addis Ababa.

He will officially inaugurate the new FAO Sub-regional Headquarters during his six-day visit here.

The SFE covers activities in Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda.

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