

## Opening of the RAFU Information Center in the Russian House in Addis Ababa

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In the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, as part of the official visit to Ethiopia of the Chairman of the Federation Council Valentina Matvienko, on February 19, three projects were launched at the Russian House on the initiative of the universities participating in the RAFU Consortium - the grand opening of the Information Center of the Consortium "Russian-African Network University" and Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, the Russian Language Center of NGLU and the preparatory department of LETI. The event was attended by Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation Konstantin Mogilevsky, Head of Rossotrudnichestvo Yevgeny Primakov, Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation Stepan Sokolov and Head of the Russian House in Ethiopia Vladimir Golovachev. RAFU and SPbPU were represented by the head of the project office Maxim Zalyvsky.



"The three educational centers that we are opening will allow young people from Ethiopia to study physics and mathematics, get in touch with Russian culture and then decide on a Russian university where they can receive a quality higher education," said Konstantin Mogilevsky at the grand opening.



The head of Rossotrudnichestvo, Yevgeny Primakov, added: We are happy to share knowledge and strive for young people, enriched by Russian culture and science, to make their countries stronger, to raise their economies, technologies, and businesses. The Russian House in Ethiopia is a living embodiment of this philosophy. It will develop, filling with people, ideas, and the energy of the young.



The opening of the RAFU and SPbPU Information Center will serve to strengthen scientific and educational cooperation between Russia and Ethiopia, and will also contribute to the promotion of Russian education on the African continent. The main goal is to develop partnerships with Ethiopian universities, popularize Russian educational programs, and prepare applicants interested in entering universities participating in the RAFU consortium. The center is equipped with information materials about Russian universities and methodological literature that will help future students make an informed choice.





"The RAFU and SPbPU Center, the Russian Language Center of NGLU, and the preparatory department of LETI are becoming an important step in strengthening Russian-Ethiopian relations in the field of education and science. We strive to create conditions so that every potential applicant can receive all the necessary information about Russian universities, areas of training, admission procedures, as well as available grants and scholarships, and improve training in the Russian language and exact sciences. This will help young people from Ethiopia to qualitatively prepare for admission to Russian universities, and in general, make the right choice of their future profession," said Maxim Zalyvsky, head of the RAFU project office.