



PRESS RELEASE ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATION ON THE GERD

THE MINISTRY OF WATER, IRRIGATION AND ENERGY

03 AUGUST 2020

Addis Ababa (03 August 2020): The Ministers of Water Affairs of Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan continued the tripartite negotiation on the GERD under the AU framework via video conference. The negotiation which had started on 27 July 2020 was postponed by a week following Sudan`s request. Today`s meeting was also attended by the observers and African Union (AU) assigned experts.

H.E. Dr. Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation, and Energy has reiterated Ethiopia`s commitment to expeditiously finalize the process with a win-win outcome and noted the progress made since the AU led process has started. He also underscored the resolve of the Heads of Government of the three countries to arrive at speedy and agreement on first filling in short term and comprehensive agreement addressing the outstanding issues on the GERD negotiation.

The Ministers have agreed on the procedure for the trilateral negotiation. Accordingly, the negotiation will continue for the coming two weeks, with a combination of trilateral ministerial meeting, expert working group meetings, and meetings with experts and observers. For the coming two days, the expert working groups will hold negotiation meetings focusing on the outstanding issues.