

## NUEYS Central Council holds 11th regular meeting

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The Central Council of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) held its 11th regular meeting from 28 to 29 October 2011 under the theme ***“A mobilized, conscious youth for progressive development and struggle”***.

Closely coinciding with the Central Council meeting was the annual evaluation of NUEYS as a whole, where 285 youth leaders from every sub-zone of Eritrea participated. The profile of participants included the heads of all zonal departments, heads of all sub-zonal offices, and 2 additional cadres from each sub-zone, all of which had to take into consideration gender balance. Each department, zonal office, and a model sub-zone office presented their annual reports. The youth leaders were able to question and make comments on the reports, as well as suggest ways to improve the Unions activities for the coming year.

During the evaluation meeting, participants were also presented with two research papers developed by Union members and were able to comment on them, namely a paper on *“The Current Situation and Future Perspectives of NUEYS Cadres”* and *“The Role of NUEYS in building a Culture of Reading”*.

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work over the year were given awards based on a criterion that included the number of activities conducted, the number of new members recruited, and facility management (office, youth center, etc.). Accordingly, sub-zoba Downtown Asmara (NUEYS Central Zone), sub-zoba Asmat (NUEYS Zoba Anseba), sub-zoba Adi Quala (NUEYS Southern Zone), sub-zoba Nacfa (NUEYS Northern Red Sea), sub-zoba Arraata (NUEYS Southern Red Sea), sub-zoba Tesseney (NUEYS Gash Barka), and the College of Marine Science and Technology (NUEYS Sawa and Higher Institutions) received trophies for their exemplary work.

The NUEYS Central Council conducted its meeting after the annual evaluation meeting. Discussions revolved around the issue of raising the political awareness of the youth, an assessment of the Union's activities over the last year, the adoption of a newly developed result-based reporting system, as well as the approval of the Annual Action Plan for October 2011—September 2012 with its budget. The CC also approved that the Project Department of NUEYS would change its work and scope to become the Innovation and Employment Creation Department. The department will now be focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship development, micro-credit schemes for youth, and vocational skills training.

The annual evaluation meeting and the 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the NUEYS Central Council took place in Asmara, with NUEYS Central Zone as the host. The Administer of the Central Region, Mr. Kahsai Gebrehiewt, presided over the opening. In his speech, he said that the Government is doing its level best to nurture responsible and dedicated youth. He also reminded the participants of the meeting to live up to expectations, to realize their responsibility and duty, and to make their due contribution in nation- building processes.