

University in collaboration with Addis Ababa University organized an event by inviting the key stakeholders for a visit and discussion at one of the river diversions made in the sub-basin, i.e., Gelda River weir (Figure 1). The purpose of this event is to create awareness on the impact of dams and weirs on free movement of fish so that coordinated actions for opening the pathways for fish migrations will be taken while utilizing rivers for development purposes. In general, it is meant for connecting fish, rivers and people.

In the event, fish biologists, environmentalists, construction engineers/hydrologists, researchers, fishery experts and extension workers, experts from NGOs, fishers, fish cooperatives, mass media, graduate students, farmers and local community leaders representing the different stakeholders managed to observe the impact of the Gelda weir in person and discussed about the possible way outs. At the beginning the participants were briefed about the world-wide event (WFMD) and researchers presented their finding of the large-scale impacts of dams and weirs on spawning migration of the unique *Labeobarus* species of Lake Tana. From the discussion, it has been stressed there should be coordinated effort to reverse the current scenario in the sub-basin. In addition, a strong support of the politicians, professionals, international body and mass media is critically needed. Finally, the local community chairperson (Mr. Abeje Wassie) recommended to demolish the Gelda River weir since the weir failed to serve for irrigation: a double impact. After the event, the Amhara Mass Media is planning to make a special program towards alleviating the current challenge in the