

**STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF ETHIOPIA, MS. FORTUNA DIBACO, AT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SDGS, MAY 5-9 ,2014**

Mr. Co-Chair,

Ethiopia attaches great importance to access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. We have strong conviction that water and sanitation should be a standalone goal in the formulation of SDGS. Namely improve availability and accessibility of clean water and sanitation to all. Under this goal, we support from the focus areas 6(a, c, d, f, g and h). In addition to those we propose the inclusion of the following in target d read as follows :-

- Implement integrated water resource management, strengthen equitable utilizations, accountable water governance and including appropriate transboundary co-operation.

Turning to focus area 5,

Mr. Co-Chair,

We strongly support that a goal "Achieve Gender equality and empower women everywhere" and we also support from the enlisted targets (a, b, c, d and i) and with the following slight amendments on targets e ,f and g read as follows:-

- e)By 2030 “ensure equal access to , and control of ,assets including **inheritance** and natural resources management
- f) “ensure equal participation and leadership of women in decision-making in public and private institutions, **including in conflict- and disaster-affected settings and in environmental management”**
- g) “by 2030 end harmful practices against women and girls, especially child, early and forced marriage **as well as female genital mutilation”**
- k). Ensure adequate and predictable financing and technical assistance ,capacity building ,enabling technologies including ICT skills