

DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1116/2025

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set relevant procedure for the celebration of Public Holidays for their peaceful and warm celebration, and in ways that strengthen positive inter-relationships among citizens, keeping their religious, cultural, and historical values;

WHEREAS, it is essential to create cooperation and synergy with relevant bodies and stakeholders to make public holidays contribute for the country and people socially and economically;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to avail public holidays for national image building and sustainable cultural development;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with proclamation 1334/2024 Articles 18 Sub-Article (2), The Ministry of Culture and Sport has proclaimed as follows.

SECTION ONE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Short Title

This directive can be cited as the “**Public Holidays Celebration Directive Number 1116 /2025.**”

2. Definition

In this directive, unless the context of the word otherwise require:

- 1) “**Proclamation**” means public holidays and celebration of public holidays proclamation no. 1334/2024.
- 2) “**Ministry or Minister**” means ministry of culture and sport or its minister respectively.
- 3) “**Security or Law Enforcement Institutions**” means the federal or regional police, defense force, militia or any structure organized by government to maintain peace and security of the people.
- 4) “**Media**” means any media established in accordance with proclamation no. 1238/2021 aiming to give and distribute information for people.

- 5) The definitions given in proclamation shall apply for this directive.

SECTION TWO

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SUB-SECTION ONE

Celebration Ethiopian New Year

3. Preparation for Celebration of Ethiopian New Year

The Ministry Shall;

- 1) Distribute for public, a month prior to the date of new year, the historical and cultural values and its national contribution using medias, dialogue forums and different methods.
- 2) Carry out different functions to make the Ethiopian new year to use for socio-economic benefits for peoples.
- 3) Organize the national cultural and art festival and make accessible for public.
- 4) Assign the dates before the new year by naming them in a way that encourage social cohesion, bright future and work spirit; and coordinate the relevant bodies.
- 5) Develop and promote the then seasonal flower (Adey Abeba) as national icon.

4. Activities conducted on Eve of the New Year

- 1) The president or the prime minister of country conveys his happy new year message and forwards basic issues to be considered celebrating the day using different public medias.
- 2) The regional presidents/ deputy presidents or mayors of city administrations may convey their happy new year messages in accordance with their respective laws.
- 3) Religious leaders shall convey the happy new year message and basic religious issues to be considered using public medias.
- 4) Without prejudice to this article, The ministry shall;
 - A. Carry out the national chibo ceremony and organize state leaders and international diplomats to participate on the event.
 - B. Promotes the astronomical knowledge of nations and nationalities of Ethiopia and transfers it for next posterior.
 - C. Organize people's to people happy new year gift giving ceremony, coordinates the pertinent bodies for the same.

5 Activities conducted on the Date of New Year

The Ministry Shall,

- 1) Make different medias transmit cultural and artistic programs of the holiday.
- 2) Work with pertinent bodies for peace full celebration of the holiday.

Sub-Section Two

Celebration of Adwa Victory

6. Activities conducted on the Date of Adwa Victory

The Ministry Shall,

- 1) Develop and promote the holiday to use for regional and continental integration.
- 2) Coordinate and support regions to celebrate the day in a way that encourage social cohesion and national unity.
- 3) Encourage the expansion of standard artistic product on Adwa victory and render proper support.
- 4) Conduct various research on Adwa Victory.

Sub-Section Three

Celebration of Ethiopian Patriotism Day

7. Preparation for Ethiopian Patriots' Victory Day

The Ministry in Collaboration with Ethiopia Patriots Association;

- 1) Communicates the national and popular values of Ethiopia Patriots day using medias, dialogue forums and different methods.
- 2) Plans different programs on the specific celebration of the holiday, notifies the participants their role on the holiday and gives necessary support.
- 3) Ensures the complete satisfaction of memorial flower and necessary facilities for the holiday.
- 4) Makes the celebration of the holiday keeping its historical and cultural values as well as in a way it contributes for national significance.

8. Activities conducted on the Date of Ethiopia Patriots Day

- 1) The minister and president of Ethiopia Patriots Association address their happy holiday message for public.
- 2) The ministry in collaboration with Ethiopia Patriots association;
 - A. Makes the celebration of Ethiopia patriots day at arat Kilo avenue on patriots stelae engaging patriots, national elders, representatives of government and

youth.

- B. Designs different teaching programs on patriotic experiences to transfer for the next posterior.
 - C. Designs various teaching programs on patriotic experiences, makes the celebration program to have media coverage.
- 3) The minister and the president of Ethiopia Patriots Association put memorial flower, lighten the candle and make the undertaking of memorial prayer on the Patriots stelae.
 - 4) The ministry works with security and pertinent bodies for the peaceful celebration of the holiday.
 - 5) The ministry works with regions and city administrations for the celebration of the holiday at national level.

Sub-Section Four

Memorization of Ethiopia Martyrs Day

9. Activities conducted on Ethiopia Martyrs Day

- 1) The ministry Makes the celebration of Ethiopia martyrs day at sidist kilo avenue on Martyrs stelae engaging patriots, national elders, representatives of government and youth.
- 2) President of the state and the minister address their happy holiday message for public using different medias.

- 3) The ministry, in collaboration with the media, distributes information on valourship experience and memories as well as relevant issues to transfer for next posterior.
- 4) The ministry Designs various teaching programs on the holiday to make transfer by different medias.
- 5) The minister puts memorial flower, lightens the candle and makes the undertaking of memorial prayer on the Martyrs stelae.
- 6) The ministry coordinates the overall celebration of the holiday.
- 7) The ministry, coordinating the pertinent bodies, makes the memorization of day at national level.

SECTION THREE

DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

10. Celebration of Holidays Inscribed as World Heritage

- 1) The pertinent region or people shall celebrate public holidays inscribed as world heritage.
- 2) The ministry supports the celebration of public holidays inscribed as world heritages, coordinates the pertinent bodies of the event.

11. Development of Public Holiday

- 1) The ministry, by developing the public holidays sustainably, extends various procedures for the overall benefit of public; and makes the presentation of standard cultural products and facilities on the holidays.
- 2) The ministry shall coordinate the relevant bodies for the development of public holidays.

12. Access to Public Holidays

- 1) Region shall, by identifying specific holidays, prepare regional holidays calendar.
- 2) The ministry shall prepare the national public holidays calendar, and distribute it for pertinent bodies.

13. Collaboration with Security Institution

The ministry, in collaboration with security institution, shall make the celebration of public

holidays harmonious in accordance with the proclamation and this directive keeping their historical and cultural values.

14. Collaboration with Regions and City Administrations

The ministry, in accordance with the proclamation and this directive, makes the celebration or memorization of public holidays at national level, in collaboration with regions and city administrations, keeping their historical and cultural values in a way to contribute socio economic significance for public.

15. Collaboration with Media

The ministry, in order to address on the celebration of holiday, the socio economic significance of holidays and their historical and cultural values, works in collaboration with medias; extends various work procedures.

SECTION FOUR

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

16. Inapplicable directives

Any directive or customary practice contrary to the provisions of this directive shall not be applicable on matters covered by this directive.

17. Amendment

The ministry, when deemed necessary, may amend this directive.

18. Effective Date

This directive shall enter into force on the day of its registration with the ministry justice and its uploading on the official website of the ministry.

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