**Acronyms**

UNEP- United Nations Environmental Program

EPA- Ethiopian Environmental Protections Authority

EIA-Environmental Impact Assessment

UNDP- United Nations Development Program

WB-World Bank

POP -Persistant Organic Pollutants

EKC- Environmental Kuznets Curve

NGO- Non Governmental Organizations

CSO- Civil Society Organizations

EPRSP- Ethiopian Poverty Reduction Strategy Program

EWCO- Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Organization

UNIDO-United Nations Industrial Development Organization

GDP- Gross Domestic Product

NNI- Net National Income

ABS- Access Benefit Sharing

EFAP- Ethiopian Forestry Action Program

TLU- Tropical livestock units

DPU - Depleted Uranium

MoFED -Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

EMP- Environmental Monitoring Plans

DDT-Dichloro Diphenyl Toluene

PPP- Polluter Pays Principal

MDG- Millennium Development Goals

CBO- Community Based Organizations

EFAP-Ethiopian Forestry Action Program

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**Preface**

Ethiopia is a country with immense natural resources potential including, among others, agricultural produce, minerals, wildlife and water. Man made and nature driven challenges however made it difficult to the Ethiopian people not to enjoy this national wealth. The Constitutional provisions, appropriate policies, institutions and legislations put in place are clearly articulated in protecting the environment. However, the challenges of limited public awareness, limited political and bureaucratic commitments in environmental national policy implementation, less commitment of regional and local environmental affiliated offices, few environmental impact assessments and monitoring in huge project implementations of the construction sector and, and manufacturing industries across the country are found to be the major problems associated with the environmental policy issues of the country. This study on Environment Policy Challenges of Ethiopia is basically an attempt to give the highlights of Ethiopian Environmental policy directions and the potential challenges confronting its dialogue. It is a dialogue in the sense that it is still an evolving issue in Ethiopia.

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