

## NEWS

## Environmental Cluster ECEXA presented a development project on the conference „Perspectives for Sustainable Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa“ at the United Nations in Vienna.

High level diplomates from Austria and nations from the Horn of Africa gave an insight into their experiences, shared their perspectives and expressed their sincere appreciation for exemplary cooperation of the countries in the Horn of Africa on the conference which took place on March 20, 2019. The summit between the Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki and Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in Asmara on Juli 9, 2018 marked the beginning of a fruitful cooperation between the neighbouring countries and the basis for new relations between the countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan. Dr. Werner Fasslabend (AIES) emphasized the geostrategic importance of the nations in the Horn of Africa for Europe, the Gulf states, the Middle East and South Africa. An outlook on opportunities and challenges for the development of the region in the future was provided by renowned ambassadors of the region, H.E. Mr. Mirghani Abbaker Altayeb **Bakhet**, H.E. Mr. Aden Mohamed **Dileita**, H.E. Mr. Mahad Ahmed **Haji** and H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Bakri **Hamdan**.



Photo 1: Dr. Werner Fasslabend (AIES), Reinhard Trinkl (ECEXA), Tageldin Hamad (Vice President UPF International), Peter Haider, (President UPF Austria) Photo 2: Dr. Werner Fasslabend, Sandor Habsburg-Lothringen, Vice-President of "Association for the Promotion of Peace, Dr. Abdalla Sharief (UNCAV), Reinhard Trinkl (ECEXA) Photo 3: Dr. Abdalla Sharief (UNCAV), Dr. Werner Fasslabend (AEIS)



(Photo 1: Speakers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, Photo 2: Ambassador H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Hamdan and Mr. Peter Haider, President UPF Austria)

Several experts gave an overview on their activities in the region, Mr. Shaukat **Abdulrazag**, Mr. Abdalla **Sharief**, Mr. Captain Simon **Gebre**, Mr. Yohannes **Neguse**, and Mr. Hassan Eltigani **Malic**. The Austrian Environmental Cluster ECEXA was represented by Mr. Reinhard **Trinkl**, who reported on the development project for the countries in the Horn of Africa.

The Letter of Appreciation was then handed out to H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Bakri **Hamdan**, Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the UN.