

Glossary

Amhara	ethnic population native to the Amhara Region
araki	local grain spirit
Bajaj	motor-rickshaw used for public transport, also known as tuc-tuc
bet, pl. betocc	Amharic for house, pl. houses
BDIDP	Bahir Dar Integrated Development Plan
BDU	Bahir Dar University
Birr	Ethiopian currency, Birr 24.67 equivalent to 1 € on 29.01.2013
bunna	coffee
chicka	clay and straw mixture traditionally used for construction
CSA	Central Statistical Agency
Derg	name for the socialist government ruling between 1974 and 1994
EPRDF	Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, current ruling party
ferenji	white foreigner
ghebbi	royal court
GIZ	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, German development corporation (formerly GTZ)
iddir	burial societies
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
injera	soft flat bread made from fermented teff flour dough, staple food.
iqub	community based revolving savings group
kapchua	home-made speciality drink
kebele	smallest spatial administration unit, neighbourhood or village.
Meskal	Christian Ethiopian Orthodox holiday, also known as “the finding of the true cross”

MEDaC	Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation
MoFed	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
Negede	official re-name for the Wayto community (see below)
PASDEP	Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty
RUPI	Regional Urban Planning Institute
SDF	Spatial Development Framework
SSA	Sub-Sahara Africa
tanqwa	reed boat
teff	local grain, main staple food
tella	home-brewed beer
tej	honey wine
tukul	traditional round hut made of clay and straw
Wayto	local tribe with traditional livelihood based on the river Nile
woreda	medium spatial administration unit at the sub-regional level, centre of administration for a number of Kebeles

Note: For practical reasons of legibility the spelling of the Amharic terms does not strictly follow the rules of literal transcription.

