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The Administrator of Gash-Barka region, Mr. Mohammed Hamd, expressed conviction that the event would make considerable impact as regards nurturing competitive sports professionals and clubs in all domains through promoting community-based sports activities and exploiting the region's potential.

Mr. Rezene Abraha, Chairman of the region's Sports Board, on his part presented an assessment report, and said that it would exert further endeavors to ensure still more gratifying

popular participation in the development of all fields of sport. The participants also conducted extensive discussion and put forth views on the papers presented as regards background of sports activities and experience of veterans, current activities in this regard, budgeting and the role of community in sports development.

The meeting further forwarded proposals regarding the region's role of coordination, the allotting of budgets at regional and sub-zonal level, prioritization of infrastructural sport facilities and management of school-based sport activities, among others.

The Eritrean Sports Commissioner, Maj. General Ramadan Osman Awliyai, lauded the initiative taken by the Administration of Gash-Barka region, and stated that the National Sports Commission would keep collaborating with the region. He further called on the regional Administration to enhance community-based fundraising strategies with a view to constructing sports infrastructure facilities.