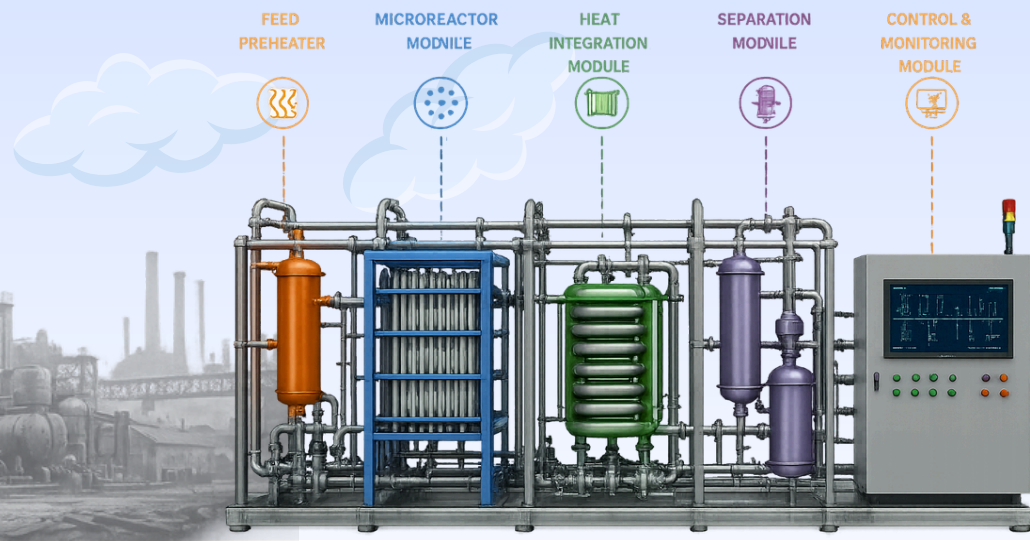




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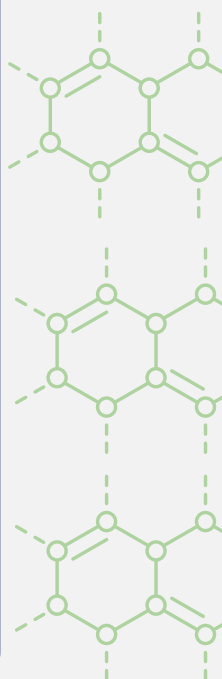
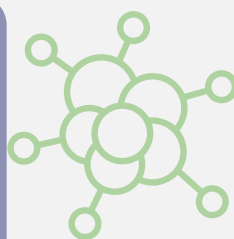
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# President's Message



I am truly honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to serve as President of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE). This is not an individual achievement but a shared responsibility. ESChE stands on the strong foundation built by those who came before us, and it is now our collective duty to take it forward.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all members, the Steering Committee, the outgoing leadership, students, professionals, and partners who contributed to the successful celebration of ESChE's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held in March.

The Silver Jubilee was more than a celebration of the Society's history; it was a powerful demonstration of collective dedication, resilience, and impact. The panel discussions, industrial exhibitions, and the General Assembly demonstrated the strength and unity of our community. It reminded us of how far ESChE has come and how much can be achieved when members work together with purpose. I sincerely thank everyone who played a role in making the celebration and the General Assembly meaningful and successful.

As we move beyond the anniversary, it is important that we carry forward the momentum created during this special milestone. Celebration gives us an opportunity to reflect, but it also gives us a renewed responsibility to act. ESChE must now continue to build on the strong foundation laid by previous leaders and members by strengthening its professional relevance, expanding its engagement, and deepening its contribution to Ethiopia's industrial and sustainable development.

This means returning with renewed energy to the Society's core mission of professional advocacy, technical excellence, and knowledge exchange. As chemical engineers, we occupy a unique and strategic position in the national development landscape. Our expertise connects science, industry, innovation, sustainability, and public welfare. In a period where Ethiopia is seeking pathways toward industrial transformation, value addition, and resource efficiency, ESChE has an important role to play in bridging ideas with implementation, and knowledge with practice.

In this regard, the new executive committee is committed to advancing a Society that is active, inclusive, and forward-looking. We believe that ESChE must remain a platform where professionals, academics, students, and industry leaders can exchange ideas, learn from one another, and work together on issues of national importance. Member engagement, student empowerment, regional inclusion, stronger industry linkage, and improved communication will be key priorities as we move ahead.

At the same time, we are pleased to introduce the "Looking Beyond" series as part of our forward-looking agenda. This initiative is intended to broaden the horizon for Ethiopian chemical engineers by learning from international industrial history, emerging technologies, and global experiences that can inform our own journey. Through this series, we hope to inspire reflection, encourage innovation, and strengthen our collective understanding of where the profession is heading and how ESChE can help lead that path.

As we begin this new chapter, I invite all members, students, professionals, and partners to remain actively engaged in the work of the Society. Your ideas, your participation, and your commitment are essential. Together, we can strengthen our community, advance our profession, and contribute meaningfully to Ethiopia's future.

Let us work together to build, contribute, and grow.

Yours in service,

Tesfayesus Zinare (PhD)

President, Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE)

## **Editor's Note: Charting a Course toward Global Perspectives**

The success of our recent 25th-anniversary celebration has provided a powerful surge of momentum for ESChE. As we move into May, it is clear that the Silver Jubilee was not just a celebration of our past, but a catalyst for our future.

A central theme of our celebration was the preservation of institutional memory. To that end, this issue highlights a historic "passing of the torch" within our leadership. We extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing President, Dr. Sintayehu Nibret, whose vision was instrumental in the re-launch of this publication and the coordination of the Silver Jubilee. As we bid him a professional farewell, we are energized to welcome our new President, Dr. Tesfayesus Zinare, who was elected during the General Assembly to lead us into our next quarter-century of impact.

Perhaps the most poignant moment of the anniversary was the opportunity to honor those who built the very foundation of our profession in Ethiopia. By presenting Lifetime Contribution Awards to Professor Belay Woldeyes, Professor Desta Mebratu, and Engineer Gizachew Shiferaw, the Society has formally recognized the "continuity, collective effort, and long-term impact" that these pioneers have embodied since our modest beginnings at Addis Ababa University.

### **A new wave of Engagement**

We are witnessing a profound post-anniversary momentum across our entire professional community. The energy from the March events has "re-energized member engagement," leading to an unprecedented surge in digital traffic on our rebranded website and YouTube channel. Our growing presence on Telegram, LinkedIn, and Facebook is a testament to the Society's success in building a more connected network of chemical engineers, both within Ethiopia and across the global diaspora. This digital shift is essential as we continue to evolve from legacy print formats to a modern, accessible platform for professional growth.

### **The May Theme: Looking Beyond**

In this issue, we officially introduce our May theme: "Looking Beyond: Global Perspectives on Industrial Evolution". This series is intentionally designed to broaden the horizons of Ethiopian chemical engineers by providing "insights about the history and emergence of industries globally". By examining the evolution of chemical and allied processing industries worldwide, we aim to extract valuable lessons that can inform our own industrial development and circular economy transition.

## A Return to Technical Excellence

While the March issue served as a historical milestone, the May edition signals our strategic transition back to the Society's core mission of professional advocacy and knowledge exchange. We are returning to our role as a "credible platform for informing professionals" on the latest technical advancements and emerging technologies.

To support this, we invite all members to share their insights and contributions. We are currently seeking articles for our upcoming themes: Ethiopia's CPI (July), ChE's Viewpoint (September) and Catalyzing Incubation (November).

Please send inquiries, suggestions, historical anecdotes, or technical submissions to the Editor at [cheditor@eschenew.com](mailto:cheditor@eschenew.com).

## Inside This Issue: The Anniversary Report

Finally, this edition includes a detailed report regarding the 25th Anniversary program. This report provides a comprehensive summary of the celebration's outcomes, including the results of the General Assembly and the selection of the new Executive Committee. We encourage you to review these outcomes as we set our sights on the strategic objectives of the next 10 to 15 years.



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# ESChE Silver Jubilee Report: A Quarter Century of Impact



A quarter century after its establishment ESChE marked its Silver Jubilee with a celebration that was as reflective as it was forward-looking. Held from March 26 to 28, 2026, at Quality Village in Addis Ababa, the three-day event brought together a vibrant mix of professionals, academics, industry leaders, and students—each contributing to a shared story of progress, challenge, and ambition.

What began in 1995 as a professional initiative rooted in Addis Ababa University has grown into a national platform shaping the direction of chemical engineering in Ethiopia. The Jubilee offered more than a moment of celebration; it became a space where ideas met reality—where discussions on safety, innovation, industrial growth, and self-reliance unfolded alongside exhibitions and technical showcases.

Across panel discussions, scientific sessions, and high-level engagements, a consistent theme emerged: the role of chemical engineers is evolving, and with it, their responsibility to drive sustainable industrial transformation. From addressing everyday safety challenges to exploring cutting-edge research and global collaboration, the event captured both the current pulse and future trajectory of the profession.

## Industrial Realities and Resilience – Day 1 of the ESChE Silver Jubilee

The opening day, themed "Exhibition and Panel Discussions," focused on bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industrial application while addressing the critical challenges of safety and self-reliance in Ethiopia's burgeoning chemical sector.

### The Grand Opening: A Call for Excellence



The anniversary was officially inaugurated by Dr. Meseret Bekele, Director General of the Institute of Ethiopian Standards (IES). Facilitated by Commissioner Asrat Bulbula, the opening ceremony set a professional tone for the three-day event.

Dr. Meseret emphasized the indispensable role of standards, quality, and innovation in driving Ethiopia's industrial development. Her remarks underscored the need for chemical engineers to act as catalysts in transforming the nation's industrial landscape

## Exhibition Opening



After the speech, the exhibition was officially opened. Participants then toured the exhibition. Participating Exhibitors were companies under the umbrella of MIDROC – Unlimited Packaging PLC, Dil Paint, Summit Engineered Plastics PLC, Horizon Addis Tyre, Blue Nile P.P. & Craft Paper Bags Manufacturing PLC, Ethio Lab., Bekas Chemicals, Chemical Society of Ethiopia (CSE), VIV Beverages, and Sen'q Malt.

## Panel I: The "SHE" Challenge – Confronting Daily Realities

A vital and high-stakes discussion titled "Safety, Health, and Environment (SHE) – Confronting Ethiopia's Everyday Chemical Challenge" was facilitated by Dr. Melaku T.



- **Safety as a Priority:** The panel addressed the practical and often overlooked safety risks inherent in Ethiopia's chemical operations.

- **Expert Perspectives:** Insights were shared by key figures, including:

Dr. Mesele Terecha and Dr. Wongel Tsegaye from St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College (SPHMMC).

## Panel II: Transforming Training for a Modern Industry

Facilitated by Dr. Tewodros N., this session looked inward at how the next generation of engineers is being prepared for the field.



- **Academic vs. Industrial Needs:** The panel discussed evolving academic curricula to better match the shifting requirements of modern industry.
- **Distinguished Panelists:** The discussion featured a blend of academic and industry perspectives from:
  - Dr. Hundessa Desalegn, CEO of the Chemical Industry Corporation (CIC).
  - Mr. Yitayal Workneh representing Horizon Addis Tyre/MIDROC.
  - Dr. Solomon Kiros from Addis Ababa University (AAU).

## Panel III: The Path to Self-Reliance

The afternoon session, facilitated by Commissioner Asrat Bulbula, tackled the strategic imperative of reducing Ethiopia's dependence on imports.



- **Import Substitution:** Panelists debated how the country can transition from being a consumer of imported chemicals to a self-reliant producer.

The first day successfully highlighted that while the profession has achieved significant growth over the past 25 years, the future depends on a rigorous commitment to safety standards and the strategic utilization of local expertise.

## Science, Innovation, and Global Reach – Day 2 of the ESChE Silver Jubilee

The second day of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE) 25th Anniversary celebration, held on Friday, March 27, 2026, shifted the spotlight to the cutting edge of research and the society's strategic roadmap. Under the theme "Technical & Scientific Sessions," the day served as a powerful reminder of how chemical engineering serves as the engine for sustainable industrial growth.

The session was opened by Dr. Sintayehu Nibret, President of ESChE, who welcomed participants and introduced the day's program.

### Keynote: The Foundations of the Profession

Facilitated by Dr. Zenamarkos B., the keynote address was delivered by Professor Belay Woldeyes of Addis Ababa University. As a founding visionary of the profession in Ethiopia, Professor Belay provided a masterclass on the historical evolution of chemical engineering and its future necessity in the age of green hydrogen and renewable energy.



- **Strategic Insights:** The conversation included contributions from:

- Mr. Degaga Merga (Unlimited Packaging/MIDROC)
- Mr. Yonas Hailemariam from the Chemical Society of Ethiopia (CSE)
- Dr. Tewodros Nigatu (University of Gondar)

### Innovation Spotlight: The Circular Economy & ISID-Ethiopia

A major highlight of Day 2 was the focus on sustainable industrial systems:

- **National Industrial Action Plan:** Prof. Desta Mebratu (Stellenbosch University) and Ms. Bezawit Eshetu (African Circular Economy Network - ACEN) led a high-level presentation on transitioning Ethiopia toward a circular economy, emphasizing waste-to-resource strategies.



- **ISID-Ethiopia Initiative:** Launched by Prof. Desta Mebratu, this initiative targets the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). The session featured sponsored research presentations from the next generation of innovators: Ms. Redeat Habtamu, Mr. Solomon Checkole, and Mr. Tadiwos Melaku, who showcased their 2024–25 findings on sustainable growth.



## Technical Sessions: Scientific Breakthroughs

Facilitated by Prof. Nigus G., this session showcased the academic rigor of the society, featuring groundbreaking presentations from:

- Dr. Anteneh Marelgne (AAU): Electrochemical energy storage systems
- Dr. Kassa Wudneh (BDU): Solar thermal integration in industrial processes
- Dr. Zinabu Tassew (AAU): Bio-jet fuel production from local feedstock

Day 2 successfully bridged the gap between Ethiopia's local industrial needs and the global scientific frontier, leaving attendees inspired by the potential of chemical engineering to drive a sustainable future.

## THE GRAND FINALE: A Legacy Secured – Day 3 of the ESChE Silver Jubilee

The final day of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE) 25th Anniversary, held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, served as a historic transition point for the organization. The day focused on formalizing the society's future leadership, honoring the pioneers who built the foundation, and reinforcing the call for national industrial self-reliance. The final day combined professional sessions with the 25th Annual General Assembly.



## The Global Diaspora Forum

The day concluded with a session on "Just Energy Systems Transition," connecting local professionals with global expertise. Facilitated by Prof. Desta M., the session featured international insights from:

Dr. Ibrahim Yimer (National Research Council of Canada)

Prof. Ramadan Ahmed (University of Oklahoma, USA)

Prof. Mohammed Saedi (International Islamic University Malaysia)





- **Standards and Expertise:** Dr. Meseret B. (IES) emphasized that chemical engineers must actively contribute to product and system standardization to strengthen the industrial sector.

- **Entrepreneurship Panel:** Eng. Elias T. facilitated a candid discussion on transitioning from academia to business, featuring successful entrepreneurs like Eng. Yohannes A. (Sorene Liquors) and Mr. Bekele Tsegaye (Bekas Chemicals).

## The 25th Annual General Assembly

Dr. Sintayehu Nibret presented a comprehensive annual performance report for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The 2025 Audit Report (covering January 1 to December 31, 2025) was formally presented and reviewed by the members to ensure fiscal transparency as the society enters its next quarter-century.

### **2025/26 Performance Report: Strengthening the Pillars**

*Under the presidency of Dr. Sintayehu Nibret, the 2025/26 fiscal year focused on seven strategic directions aimed at "harnessing innovation to address Ethiopia's societal needs".*

#### **Major Achievements:**

**Digital Transformation:** *The society successfully completed a website redesign to improve visibility and engagement.*

**Knowledge Sharing:** *Reinvigorated publications included the bi-monthly newsletter (January and March 2026 editions) and the release of the Journal of ESChE, Volume 01, featuring articles on bio-butanol production and energy security.*

**Industry Linkage:** *ESChE secured a major consultancy for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the OViD Gelan Gurra Housing Project and participated in national textile circular economy workshops.*

**Academic Growth:** *A new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Bule Hora University, alongside discussions to establish a student chapter at AASTU.*

**Financial Snapshot:** *The independent audit for the year ending December 31, 2025, reported a total income of 378,780 Birr. While this was a decrease from previous years due to a reliance on limited consultancy work, the society maintained a healthy balance of 649,014.72 Birr in its Commercial Bank of Ethiopia account by year-end.*

## A New Era of Leadership

In a momentous transition, the General Assembly officially appointed **Tesfayesus Zinare Mamo, Ph.D.**, as the new President of ESChE.



- **Profile of the President:** An Assistant Professor at Addis Ababa University (AAU) with a PhD from the Federal University of Toulouse, Dr. Tesfayesus brings a wealth of expertise in renewable energy, industrial feasibility, and project management.
- **The Mandate:** His leadership is expected to focus on bridging the gap between academic research and industrial application, ensuring chemical engineers play a central role in Ethiopia's economic transformation.

## Honoring the Pillars: The Awards Ceremony

The Jubilee reached its emotional peak during the recognition ceremony, where the society honored **three distinguished individuals** with a **lifetime contribution award** whose contributions have shaped the foundation and growth of chemical engineering in Ethiopia.

### **Professor Belay Woldeyes**

Recognized as a **founding visionary and pioneer**, who chaired the establishment of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineering, pioneered the first chemical engineering program, and championed the field across academia and the profession.



### **Professor Desta Mebratu**

Honored as a **distinguished steward of chemical engineering**, who, since the inception of ESChE, has continuously advanced the profession with excellence, dedication, and impactful leadership.



### **Eng. Gizachew Shiferaw**

Recognized as a **pillar of leadership and service**, the **first President of ESChE** devoted his leadership to strengthening the society, the chemical engineering program, and the profession as a whole.

More than a celebration, the ESChE Silver Jubilee marked a turning point. It honored 25 years of progress while setting a bold tone for the future—where innovation, safety, and self-reliance take center stage. As new leadership steps forward and fresh ideas gain momentum, one message stands clear: chemical engineers are not just part of Ethiopia's industrial journey—they are helping lead it.

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## Looking Beyond: The Emergence of Modular Chemical Process Intensification

The field of chemical engineering is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the need for more sustainable, efficient, and flexible production systems. At the center of this shift is the concept of process intensification (PI), increasingly combined with modular manufacturing approaches to form what is now known as Modular Chemical Process Intensification (MCPI). Drawing on insights from Chemical Engineering Progress (CEP), a publication of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), this article looks at how MCPI is reshaping the design, operation, and future of chemical process industries (CPI) worldwide and particularly in developing regions.

### From Traditional Processes to Intensified Systems

PI is not entirely new. Its origins date back to the 1970s, when engineers of Imperial Chemical Industries, the largest chemical producer in UK, began exploring unconventional ways to dramatically improve process efficiency and reduce costs (2). Early efforts focused on optimizing heat integration, developing more selective catalysts, and improving process control. While effective, these methods largely operated within the framework of traditional unit operations (1).

Modern PI, however, goes much further. It seeks to fundamentally redesign processes by

combining multiple functions such as reaction, separation, and heat exchange into single, highly efficient units. Technologies like membrane reactors and divided-wall columns exemplify this approach, enabling significant reductions in equipment size, energy consumption, and waste generation. At the same time, the use of enhanced driving forces such as centrifugal effects, ultrasound, and microwave energy has opened new possibilities for accelerating chemical and transport processes.

These advances are not merely incremental improvements; they represent a paradigm shift. Emerging process equipment and techniques promise to shrink plant footprints dramatically

while boosting performance. In some cases, they may even render conventional equipment obsolete (1).

## **Rethinking Unit Operations**

One of the most profound implications of PI is its impact on the concept of unit operations, the foundational building blocks of chemical engineering. While these traditional operations remain essential for education and fundamental understanding, their role in industrial practice is evolving.

On one hand, unit operations will continue to underpin the development of new technologies. On the other, many may become economically unviable in their standalone form. Hybrid systems that integrate multiple functions are increasingly replacing sequences of discrete operations, offering superior efficiency and lower costs (1).

As a result, the chemical plants of the future may look very different from those of today. Instead of massive facilities dominated by towering columns and reactors, we may see compact, modular systems that potentially even distributed across multiple locations. This transformation is being driven not only by technological innovation but also by societal pressures, including urbanization, environmental concerns, and the demand for sustainable production.

## **The Role of Education and Innovation**

To support this transition, chemical engineering education must also evolve. Future engineers will need to adopt a more integrated, systems-oriented approach to design, moving beyond traditional step-by-step methodologies. Creativity, interdisciplinary thinking, and a deeper understanding of the physical and life sciences particularly chemistry at the molecular level will become increasingly important.

In addition, materials science will play a critical role, especially in the development of advanced catalysts and novel process materials. Bridging the gap between science and engineering will be essential to realizing the full potential of intensified processes.

## **Institutional Support and Global Momentum**

The growing importance of PI has led to the establishment of dedicated research, development, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Notably, the European Process Intensification Centre (EUROPIC) was established in 2009 by a coalition of major European businesses (4). Later, in 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy launched the Rapid Advancement in Process Intensification Deployment (RAPID) Institute as the tenth Manufacturing Institute under the auspices of the AIChE, with the aim of doubling U.S. energy productivity by 2030 (5). These initiatives are fundamentally designed to accelerate the deployment of intensified and modular technologies, with the goals of reducing plant size, lowering costs, enhancing process efficiency and safety, minimizing waste, and enabling next-generation manufacturing systems.

## **MCPI and the Opportunity for Africa**

For developing regions, MCPI offers a unique and timely opportunity. Countries such as Ethiopia are not yet locked into extensive legacy infrastructure, allowing them to adopt advanced technologies more readily. This creates the possibility of “leapfrogging” traditional industrial pathways similar to how mobile phones rapidly replaced landline systems across much of Africa.

In this context, modular chemical manufacturing can enable decentralized, small-scale production systems that are better suited to local needs. Rather than relying on large, centralized plants, countries can deploy flexible, scalable units closer to raw materials or end users. This approach reduces transportation costs and risks, improves access to essential products, and supports local economic development.

### **Modular Manufacturing Approaches**

MCPI encompasses two primary modular strategies which are unitary modular manufacturing and parallel modular manufacturing (3).

Unitary modular manufacturing, in which a plant is divided into prefabricated modules that are assembled on-site. This approach reduces construction time and is particularly advantageous in remote or challenging locations.

Parallel modular manufacturing achieves desired production capacity by operating multiple smaller units simultaneously. This “numbering up” strategy offers greater flexibility, lower initial investment, and the ability to scale production incrementally.

Both approaches provide significant advantages. Modular systems can be transported and deployed quickly, adapted to changing market conditions, and integrated with distributed renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. They also enable production closer to feedstock sources or consumption points, reducing logistical complexity and environmental impact.

### **Applications and Case Study in Tanzania**

The chloralkali process is fundamental to the CPI, with its key products chlorine and caustic soda that are

involved in more than half of all industrial chemical operations (3). In Africa, chlorine is primarily used for water disinfection; however, overall demand remains relatively low, limiting the economic viability of large-scale production facilities (3). As a result, many African countries rely on imported chlorine. The transportation of liquid chlorine presents safety hazards due to the risk of accidental release. Given the availability of raw materials, geographically dispersed demand, and safety considerations, chlorine production is well suited to decentralized, modular manufacturing approaches.

Recognizing this opportunity, a joint venture between Junaco (Tanzania) and Serba Dinamik Holdings (Malaysia) commissioned the engineering and procurement company ThyssenKrupp in 2018 to develop a modular, skid-mounted chloralkali facility in Tanzania, the first installation of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa (3).

The plant is designed to produce between 15 - 45 tons of chlorine per day and consists of modular units that can be housed within standard 40-ft shipping containers, illustrating the concept of unitary modular manufacturing.



*Figure 1. A skid-mounted module forming part of a chloralkali plant. Image courtesy of ThyssenKrupp Uhde Chlorine Engineers. Source: (3)*

Large-scale projects, such as gas-to-liquid fuel facilities, also benefit from modular construction, particularly in remote areas.

Decentralized wastewater treatment systems provide another compelling application. These systems offer affordable, adaptable solutions for communities that lack access to centralized infrastructure, improving public health and environmental outcomes.

More broadly, modular approaches could support a wide range of industries, including biofuels, renewable energy, and fertilizer production. By enabling localized manufacturing, MCPI can help shift economies from raw material exports to value-added production, creating jobs and fostering sustainable growth.

## Final Thoughts

The transition to modular, intensified processes represents a fundamental shift in chemical engineering. It challenges long-standing assumptions about scale, design, and efficiency, while opening new pathways for innovation.

For Africa, the implications are particularly significant. With abundant natural resources, growing energy capacity, and a young workforce, the continent is well positioned to adopt these technologies and shape the future of chemical manufacturing.

MCPI is not a universal solution, and its implementation requires careful consideration of economic and technical factors. However, its potential to deliver compact, efficient, and sustainable production systems makes it a powerful tool for addressing some of the most pressing challenges in the CPI.

In the years ahead, the success of MCPI will depend not only on technological advances but also on the willingness of industries, governments, and educational institutions to embrace new ways of thinking. If these conditions are met, MCPI could play a central role in building a more sustainable and resilient industrial future.


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# Society News: Reflecting on the Silver Jubilee and Our Digital Future

The month of March marked a defining moment in the history of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE) as we successfully concluded our 25th Anniversary Celebration. The event, held under the theme “Chemical Engineering for Circular Economy Transition in Ethiopia,” brought together members, partners, and stakeholders to reflect on a quarter-century of collective dedication and impact.

## General Assembly and Leadership Transition

A central highlight of the anniversary week was the Annual General Assembly, which served as a platform to approve reports and officially select the new Executive Committee. We are proud to announce that Dr. Tesfayesus Zinare has been elected as the President of ESChE. Dr. Tesfayesus takes the helm during a period of significant digital and organizational growth, and his leadership will be central to achieving our strategic objectives for the next 10 to 15 years. We extend our deepest gratitude to the outgoing leadership for their role in steering the Society toward this milestone.

## Digital Connectivity Milestone

Following the launch of our rebranded digital platforms in March, we are pleased to report a significant surge in community growth across our YouTube, Telegram, LinkedIn, and Facebook channels. These platforms are now the primary hubs for staying informed with the latest updates, professional notices, and educational content. We encourage all members to continue engaging with these channels to foster a more connected and cohesive professional network.

## Debriefing Lunch

Following the successful completion of the 25th Anniversary of the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers (ESChE), a warm and engaging lunch gathering was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2026, bringing together members across

different generations. We extend our sincere appreciation to Professor Desta Mebratu for his generous initiative in hosting this meaningful occasion.

The session provided an open platform for reflection, where members and student representatives shared key challenges, insights, and aspirations for the future of the society. Many valuable ideas emerged on how ESChE can further strengthen its impact and engagement nationwide. We invite all members to share their thoughts and suggestions via our official email: [info@eschenew.com](mailto:info@eschenew.com)—your voice matters in shaping the next chapter of ESChE.





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