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*Ethiopian Development Studies Association*  
**A Multidisciplinary Conference on  
 the Challenges & Opportunities for  
 Sustainable Development in Ethiopia  
 & the Greater Horn of Africa**  
 November 12-14, 2009  
 Adama University, Adama, Ethiopia  
 Adama German Hotel, Adama City, Oromia State, Ethiopia

**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**DAY 1 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009 —Arrival of guests at Adama City, Ethiopia**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
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**DAY 2 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009 —Agriculture, Food Security, and Education**

8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcoming & Opening Remarks <b>Professor, Dr. Herbert Eichele, President of Adama University</b> <b>Professor, Dr. Sisay Asefa, Conference Chair</b> <b>H. E. Juneydi Sado, Minister of Science &amp; Technology</b>
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session I Agriculture & Food Security
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Plenary Session 2 Agriculture, Livestock & Food Security
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch Break <b>Ato Girma Wake, CEO, EAL (Ethiopian Airlines)</b> <b>Title: The Role of Ethiopian Airlines in the Economic    Development of Ethiopia</b>
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Plenary Session 3 Higher Education, Research & Vocational Training
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Plenary Session 4 Gender, Youth & Development Issues

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Roundtable Plenary Panel A  
Ethiopia & Greater Horn of Africa: Will Ethiopia Lead the Horn?  
Challenges of Economic Integration, Peace, & Sustainable  
Development in the Greater Horn of Africa

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Dinner & Reception

**DAY 3 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 — Economic Development, Environment, Conflict Management & Gender**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome – Opening Remarks  
**By Dr. Abera Deressa, State Minister of Agriculture FDRE.**

9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Plenary 5**  
Private Sector, Employment, Gender & Income Poverty

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Plenary Session 6**  
Biodiversity, Land Tenure & Environmental Management Policy

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Keynote Address**  
**By Dr. Berhanu Sisay, Acting President of Unity University, Addis Ababa. Title: The Role of Private Higher Institution of Learning on Economic Development of Ethiopia**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Plenary Session 7**  
Human Security, Conflict Management & Institutions

5:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Coffee Break  
Roundtable Panel B

5:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Khat Economy Culture in Ethiopia

7:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Dinner & Music Entertainment

**DAY 4 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009 — Departure of guests & optional tourist excursion**

# PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12: Arrival of Guests

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**2:00-5:00 PM: Arrival of Guests** .....

**3:00-5:00 PM Registration**..... room

DAY1: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009: Agriculture, Food Security, Education & Gender

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**8:00-5:00 PM Registration (All participants must be registered)** ..... room

**8:00-8:30 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks**..... room

- Professor Dr. Sisay Asefa, Conference Introductory & Welcoming Remarks
- Professor Dr. Herbert Eichele, Adama University President Welcoming Remarks

**8:30-10:30 AM Session 1: Agricultural Productivity & Food Security** ..... room

Moderator: Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Addis Ababa

- *Farm Household Food Insecurity Determinants of Household Security*, respectively, Hussein Hamda & Zegeye Terfe, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University & Department of Agricultural Economics, Haramaya University, Ethiopia
- *Explaining Adoption of Agricultural Technologies: The Case of Fadis District, Eastern Oromia State, Ethiopia*, Motuma Tura, Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia
- *Fertilizer Consumption and Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia*, Kefyalew Endale, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University
- Rapporteur: Dr. Assefa Gebre (lecturer): Adama University, School of Agriculture

**10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Break**..... room

**10:45-12.45 AM Session 2: Agriculture, Livestock & Food Security: Smallholder Livestock Commercialization**

Moderator: Dr. Amakelech Teferi, Agronomist, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- *An Assessment of Institutional Support Services for Smallholder Livestock Commercialization in Ethiopia*, Berhanu Gebremedhin & co-authors, ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- *A Review of Small Holder Livestock Producers Access to Emerging Dynamic Livestock Product Markets in Ethiopia: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development of the Livestock Sector*, Asfaw Negassa, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- *Livestock Production and Productivity in Ethiopian: Implications for Small Holder Commercialization*, Moti Jaleta, ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- *Role of Antioxidants on Diet in Ethiopia*, Sohkhanta Badipadhyay, School of Public Health, Adama University-Assela Campus, Assela, Arsi, Ethiopia
- Rapporteur: Ato Taddesse Amde (lecturer): Adama University, School of Agriculture

**1:00 -2:15 PM Lunch Break Keynote Address by Ato Girma Wake, CEO - EAL**

**2:30-4:30 PM Session 3: Challenges of Higher Education & Research (Plenary)** ..... room

Moderator: Dr. Ayalew Kanno, Academic V/P, New Generation University College, Addis Ababa

- *Relevant Agricultural Graduate Programs for Sustainable Development: IPMS Experience with Ethiopian Universities*, Tesfaye Lemma & Co-authors, IPMS/ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- *Challenges and Prospects of Internationalization of Higher Education in Ethiopia*, Elizabeth Ayalew & Sisay Asefa, Addis Ababa University & Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, respectively
- *Quality & Relevant Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Ethiopia: Contemplation Towards Reinforcement*, Yohannes Woldtensae, Freelance Consultant & Senior Expert
- *Reconciling Vocational Training with Micro-enterprises in Ethiopian Cities: Perspective on Impacts, Challenges and Transformative Possibilities*, Tondayi Gondo & Co-authors, Ethiopian Civil Service College, Addis Ababa
- Rapporteur: Ato Tolera Negasa: Adama University Graduate Student, School of Education

**4: 30- 4: 45 PM Coffee/ Tea Break ..... room/area**

**4: 45—6:15 PM Roundtable**

**Roundtable Plenary: Ethiopia & the Greater Horn of Africa ..... room**

Moderator: Dr. Said Samatar, Professor, Department of History, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, USA “Greater Horn Horizon Forum (GHHF) Members on “*Prospects for Regional Economic Integration, Sustainable development and Peace in the Greater Horn of Africa*”: Ms. Sadia Muse Ahnmed (Hargessa, Somaliland): Hodan Isse (Somalia/New York/USA), Sisay Asefa (Ethiopia/WMU/USA). *Will Ethiopia Lead the Greater Horn: Envisioning Ethiopia as an Engine of Socio-Economic Transformation in the Horn of Africa*”

**6:30- 9:30 PM Dinner & Reception ..... room**

DAY 2: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14: Economic Development, Environment, Institutions & Conflict

**8:00 AM -5:00 PM Registration**

**8:00-9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks (H.E. Dr. Abera Deressa, State Minister of Agriculture)**

**9:15-11:15 AM Session 5: Private Sector Development, Employment, Trade & Poverty (concurrent sessions)**

**Session 5A: Business and Private & Public Sector Investment Development.....room**

Moderator: Prof. Dr Frank Witt, Adama University, Dean of school of Business, Adama University

- *Private Sector Development and Employment*, Meskerem Shiferaw, Netherland Development Organization, Addis Ababa.
- *Analysis of Behavior of Private Investment Response in Response to Fiscal Policy Changes in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Fikru Debele, Department of Economics Arba Minch University, Ethiopia
- *Road Transport and Economic Performance in Ethiopia: Evidence from Time Series Analysis*, Gebremeskel Atnafu, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, (sponsored by Ethiopian Development Research Institute-EDRI), Addis Ababa.
- Rapporteur: W/t Hana Yesuye: Adama University Graduate student, School of Business

**Plenary Session 5: Income Poverty & Livelihoods Improvement & Gender Issues.....room**

Moderator: Dr. Atsede Assefa, Speaker, Addis Ababa City Council, Ethiopia

- *The Role of Micro financing in Urban Poverty Alleviation in Addis Ababa*, Tyrnos Gumbo, Ethiopian Civil Service College (ECSC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- *Impact of Urban Shelter Poverty on Urban Environment: A Case Study of Arada sub-city, Ethiopia* by Emaculate Ingwani, ECSC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- *Gender Audit of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia*, Mendida Gemichisa, Adama University, Ethiopia.
- *Problems of Gender Equality in Higher Learning Institutions of Ethiopia with Reference to Technical Universities*, Bedada Mergo, Adama University, Ethiopia

- *Developing the Route to Maternal Survival in Rural Ethiopia*, Ruth Jackson, School of International and Political Studies, Deakin University, Australia
- *Challenges of Teaching Health Care Technology Management in Ethiopia in the Millennia*, Berhanu Gizaw, Bethel Medical College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- *A Dynamic Modeling of Gebrehiwot's Thinking on Ethiopian Development Problems*, Alemayehu Geda & Abraham Abebe, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Rapourters: Ato Frezewd Lemma (lecturer): Adama University, School of Engineering & Information Technologies & Dr. Abdissa Kurki (lecturer) Adama University, School of Health

**11:00 AM -1:00PM Biodiversity, Land Tenure & Environmental Management: Concurrent**

Plenary Session 6: Biodiversity, Land Conservation and Environmental Policy..... room

Moderator: Professor Endashaw Bekele, Department of Biology, Addis Ababa University.

- *The Potential of Biodiversity for Sustainable Development of Ethiopia*, Kassahun Embaye, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- *Non-Governmental organization and Environmental Policies in Ethiopia*, Robert Dible, School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indian University-Kokomo, Indiana, USA
- *Preference to Forms of Land Conservation Investment: The Role of Poverty, Tenure Security & Market Incentives: A Case Study from Amhara Region*, Genanew Bekele & Fredrich Schneider, University of Dubai & University of Linz, Austria
- *Challenges and Opportunities for Water and Environmental Management in Addis Ababa*, Ishumael Sango, Ethiopian Civil Service College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Rappeurter: Ato Eshetu Tekle (lecturer), Adama University Staff from School of Humanities and Natural Sciences

**1:00-2:30 PM Lunch & Key Note Address (Dr. Berhanu Sisay, Acting President, Unity University**

**2:30- 4:30 PM Session 7: Human Security, Culture, Institutions & Conflict Management**

**Session 7: Regional Security, Conflict Management and Transformation**

Moderator: Dr. Tesfaye Tafesse, College of Development Studies, AAU Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- *Ethiopia & The Greater Horn of Africa: Strategic Trajectories to Achieve Middle Income Status in 2020*, BT Constantinos, Faculty of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University & Center for Human Security, Addis Ababa.
- *Benefit Sharing Framework in Trans-boundary River Basins: The Case of Eastern Nile Sub-Basin*, Tesfaye Tafesse, College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University
- *Toward Comparative Geographic Narratives in Dealing With Differences in Human Identity in the Horn of Africa: The Case of Ethiopia*, Assefa Mehretu, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
- *From Conflict Escalation to Conflict Transformation: Actual and Potential Role of Stories and Story telling among marginalized Occupational Minorities in Southern Ethiopia*, Federica De Sisto, University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland.
- *The Impact of Contested Governance on the Development of South Sudan*, Elke Grawert, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies, University of Bremen, Germany
- *The Role of Community Development in Strengthening Civil Society Organizations in the Horn of Africa in Areas of Ethnic & Religious Conflict*, Claudette Carr, School of Integrated Health, University of Westminster, London, UK.
- Rappeurters: Ato Samuel Kassahun (lecturer): Adama University, School of Humanities and Natural Sciences & Ato Fantahun Taye (lecturer): Adama University, School of Humanities and Natural Sciences

**4:30-4:45 PM Coffee Break..... room/area**

**5:00-7:30 PM: Khat Economy Culture (Roundtable Panel 2A)-Concurrent Roundtables ..... room**

**Roundtable A:** Moderator Ezekiel Gebissa, Associate Professor, Kettering University, Flint, Michigan, USA

- Roundtable Topic: Culture & Economic Significance of Khat, by Ezekiel Gebissa, Kettering University, Flint, Michigan, USA & Panelists include discussion on a topic of “*Chewing Over the Issue of Chat*” by Dr. Maureen O-Rourke, Department of History, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, USA

**8:00- 12:00 PM Dinner & Ethiopian Music Entertainment..... room**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Departure of International Guests & Local Tourist Excursion

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**Collaborating Institutions**

Adama University, Adama, Oromia State, Ethiopia  
Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Ethiopian Airlines (EAL), Addis Ababa  
Ethiopian Development Studies Association, (EDSA) USA  
New Generation University College, Addis Ababa  
Unity University, Addis Ababa  
Western Michigan University, USA  
Greater Horn Horizon Forum, Djibouti

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Mathew (Mathew) Gichile, President, NGUC (Ex-Officio)

**Relevant Websites:**

<http://www.adama-university.net/> (Adama University, Ethiopia)  
<http://www.aau.edu.et/> (Addis Ababa University)  
<http://international.wmich.edu> (WMU-HIGE/CADPR)  
<http://www.greater-horn-horizon.org/>, (Djibouti, Horn of Africa)  
<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~asefa/> (Program Director website linked to AU)  
<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/luxury/property/overview/index.html> (Sheraton Addis Hotel)  
<http://www.world66.com/africa/ethiopia/adama> (Adama Travel Guide)