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### PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

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<td>Ato Girma Wake, CEO, EAL (Ethiopian Airlines)</td>
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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**

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| 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  
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| 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

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

3:00-5:00 PM: Registration

DAY 1: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009: Agriculture, Food Security, Education & Gender

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

8:00-8:30 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks

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

10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 AM Session 2: Agriculture, Livestock & Food Security: Smallholder Livestock Commercialization

1:00 -2:15 PM Lunch Break

2:30-4:30 PM Session 3: Challenges of Higher Education & Research (Plenary)
• 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 Ahmed (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
• 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
• 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, Tynos Gumbo, Ethiopian Civil Service College (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
• Rapoporters: 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 Dibie, 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 Constantinon, Faculty of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University & Center for Human Security, Addis Ababa.
  • 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

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

Ethiopia Local Organizing Committee
Tadelle Yifru, Office Manager & Assistant to President (Program Manager)
Alemayehu Bekele, Adama University (Deputy Program Manager)
Bogale Tessema, Head International Office, Adama University
Frank Witt, Adama University, Dean of school of Business & Management, Adama University
Tagu Zegaw, Adama University (University Public Relations)
Mulugeta Feseha, Dean College of Development Studies, AAU
Tewodros Teshome, Faculty of Business & Economics, AAU
Ayalew Kanno, Academic VP, New Generation University College
Tirusew Teferra, Dean, College of Education, AAU
Tola Beriso, Adama University
Elizabeth Ayalew, Assistant Professor, Addis Ababa, University
Berhanu Sisay, Acting President, Unity University, Addis Ababa
Sisay Asefa, Professor, Western Michigan University (Conference Chair)
Hebert Eichele, Professor & President, Adama University (Ex-officio)
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)