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June 2-4, 2011, Addis Ababa Ethiopia

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An International Conference on the State of Africa
6th International Conference on International Development Studies
(10th Anniversary of bi-annual international Conference on Development Studies-2011)
Conference Objectives, Rationale, Scope, and Venue

The Center for African Development Policy Research at Western Michigan University, in collaboration with local institutions in Ethiopia announce the 6th International Conference on the State of Africa under the theme of “The Challenges and Opportunities for Promoting Peace and Sustainable Development through Regional Integration and Unity within Diversity of Africa” that will convene on June 2-4, 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Conference continues the tradition of five successful past biannual international conferences that convened from 2001-2009 both in USA and Ethiopia. The next or 2011 or 6th International Conference will coincide with the 10th Anniversary of the conference series and will convene in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and the nominal capital of Africa, being the home of African Union, United Nations Economic Commission of Africa and other global organization such as UNDP.

The City is also home to large diplomatic community of African and other states around the world. Africa is the second largest continent in the world with 54 independent states, with a diverse population of one billion constituting over 1000 linguistic groups, that is growing rapidly and facing the most serious challenge of development of the 21st Century in the world in spite of rich cultural and natural resources.

Ethiopia is the second largest African country in terms of population and one of best places for tourist destination due its excellent climate and exceptionally friendly people. Addis Ababa can be reached by the Ethiopian Airlines (EADL) the leading African Airline with daily direct flights from Washington and that is also served by other major world Airlines such as Luftansa, KLM, British Airways, and Turkish Airlines. International Conference participants will have an opportunity to visit major cultural and historical attractions within the city and its vicinity.

Those that have time can arrange travels to major historical and cultural sites around the country including national parks with rare game animals and birds.

Papers are invited in the area of topics listed on the facing page that have scope of Pan-African, regional, and comparative country studies. For information on past conferences and conference updates, please go to the website: http://homepages.wmich.edu/~asefa/

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- The Center of African Development Policy Research (CADPR)
- The African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- The Ethiopian Airlines (EAL), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Addis Ababa University (Selected Colleges)
- New Generation University College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- University of Botswana, Gaborone
- Admas College
- Adama University, Ethiopia
- International Leadership Institute

Research Abstract and Proposal Sub-themes

- Regional Integration and Development
- Democracy and Regional Integration
- Are There Developmental States in Africa?
- Conflict Transformation and Peace building
- Corruption and its Effect on African Economies
- The State of African Economies: Case Studies
- Human Development (Education, Health and Poverty)
- Agriculture, Pastoralism and Food Security
- Ethnic, Clan, and Religious Extremism
- Political Parties and Elections in Africa: Case Studies
- Gender and Youth in African Development
- The Role of African Diaspora in Development of Africa
- The Impact of International Aid on African Economies
- International Development Organizations in Africa
- The Role of Technology (ICT) in Transforming Education and Economy in Africa
- The Role of China in Africa
- The Role of Industrial Nations on African Development
- Migration and Urbanization Challenges
- Justice and Legal System in Africa
- Energy Mining and Environment
- Banking and Financing of Development
- Sustainable Technology and Science
- Manufacturing Companies and Markets
- Tourism and Eco-tourism in Africa
- Media and Freedom of Press in Africa
- The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Africa
- The Challenges Achieving the Union of African States
- The Role of Civil Society and Private Sector in Africa
- Political and Economic Development Relationship
- The State of Human Rights in African States: Case Studies
- Ethnic Diversity and Democracy
- Infrastructure and Housing Development
- Africa/African-American Connection Past and Current
- The Effect of Climate Change in Africa
- The Effect of HIV/AIDS on African Economies
- Federalism in Africa

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