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Conference at a Glance



Time	Event	Location
Thursday, August 16—Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food Security Issues		
<i>(in conjunction with "Managing Natural Resources for Sustainable Agriculture in African Highland Ecosystems" Workshop)</i>		
7:30–5:00 P.M.	Registration	Sangren Hall
8:15–8:30 A.M.	Welcome – Opening Remarks	Room 2304
8:30–10:30 A.M.	Session 1: Natural Resource Management I	Room 2304
10:30–10:45 A.M.	Refreshment Break	Lobby
10:45–12:45 P.M.	Session 2: Natural Resource Management II	Room 2304
1:00–2:15 P.M.	Lunch and Keynote Address	Bernhard Center, South Ballroom 2 nd Flr
<i>The State of Agricultural Research in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Ethiopia</i>		
2:30–4:30 P.M.	Session 3: Agricultural Technology and Markets	Room 2304
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4:45–6:45 P.M.	Session 4: Food Security and Food Aid	Room 2304
6:45–7:15 P.M.	Dinner (on your own)	
7:15–8:30 P.M.	Session 5: Roundtable	Room 2304
<i>Key Research and Development Issues in Natural Resources & Agriculture</i>		
Friday, August 17—Human Resources, Economics and Technology Issues		
7:30–5:00 P.M.	Registration	Fetzer Center
8:15–8:30 A.M.	Welcome – Opening Remarks	Kirsch Auditorium
8:30–10:30 A.M.	Session 6: Human Resource Development I	Kirsch Auditorium
10:30–10:45 A.M.	Refreshment Break	Lobby
10:45–12:45 P.M.	Session 7: Human Resource Development II	Kirsch Auditorium
1:00–2:15 P.M.	Lunch and Keynote Address	Room 1035-45
<i>Financial Sector Reforms in Pre-Emerging Economies in Africa: Lessons and Opportunities for Ethiopia</i>		
2:30–4:30 P.M.	Session 8: Macroeconomic Development and Private Sector Reform	Kirsch Auditorium
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4:45–6:45 P.M.	Session 9: Science and Technology for Development	Kirsch Auditorium
7:30–10:00 P.M.	Dinner/Social Gathering Catered by Gojo Restaurant.....	Wesley Foundation Building
Saturday, August 18—Institutions, Politics and Diaspora Issues		
9:00–5:00 P.M.	Registration	Sangren Hall
9:45–10:00 A.M.	Welcome – Opening Remarks	Room 2304
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12:00–1:30 P.M.	Lunch Break (on your own)	
1:30–4:00 P.M.	Session 11: The State of the Ethiopian State	Room 2304
4:00–4:15 P.M.	Refreshment Break	Lobby
4:15–7:00 P.M.	Session 12: Roundtable	
<i>The Diaspora and the Development of Ethiopia: Challenges and Opportunities</i>		
7:30–9:00 P.M.	Closing Banquet.....	Radisson Hotel, The Glens
9:00 P.M.–1:00 A.M.	Concert Featuring music by Hana Shenkute	



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Thursday, August 16, 2001—AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, & FOOD SECURITY ISSUES
(in conjunction with "Managing Natural Resources for Sustainable Agriculture in African Highland Ecosystems" Workshop)

7:30–5:00 P.M.	Registration	Sangren Hall
8:15–8:30 A.M.	Welcome – Opening Remarks.....	Room 2304
8:30–10:30 A.M.	Session I — Natural Resource Management I.....	Room 2304
	Chair: Professor Ahmed Hussen, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan	
	<i>Soil and Water Resource Degradation Factors Affecting Productivity in the Ethiopian Highland Agro-Ecosystems</i> Dr. Paulos Dubale, Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization-EARO, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	
	<i>Deforestation and Land Degradation in Ethiopian Highlands: A Strategy of Physical Recovery</i> Dr. Badege Bishaw, Oregon State University, Oregon, USA	
	<i>Comparative Study of Cyanobacteria of Desert and Semi-desert Crusts of Two Continents: Africa (Ethiopia) and North America (USA)</i> Mr. Melaku Mesfin and Dr. Jeffery Johansen, John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio	
	<i>Deforestation, Wood Famine, and Environmental Degradation in Highland Ecosystems of Ethiopia: Urgent Need for Actions</i> Dr. Demel Teketay, Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization (EARO), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	
	<i>Environmental Degradation and Conflict in Borkena Area, Shewa</i> Mr. Berhanu G. Balcha, Aalborg University, Denmark	
	Comments: Dr. Demel Teketel, EARO; Professor Ahmed Hussen, Kalamazoo College	
10:30–10:45 A.M.	Refreshment Break.....	Lobby
10:45–12:45 P.M.	SESSION 2 — Natural Resource Management II	Room 2304
	Chair: Professor Rashid Hassan, University of Pretoria, South Africa	
	<i>Determinants of Farmer Perception of the Severity and Yield Impact of Soil Erosion: Evidence from Northern Ethiopia</i> Dr. Berhanu Gebre-Medhin, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Addis Ababa, and Dr. Scott Swinton, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan	
	<i>Decision Making on Manure Use and Fallowing as a Soil Fertility Maintenance Technique in the Northern Highlands of Ethiopia: The Case of Ankobar District</i> Ms. Senait Regassa and Professor Werner Doppler, University of Hohenheim, Germany	
	<i>Community Resource Management: The Case of Grazing Lands in Northern Ethiopia</i> Dr. Berhanu Gebre-Medhin, ILRI; Dr. John Pender, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC and Dr. Girmay Tesfay, Makelle University, Ethiopia	
	<i>Pastoralism and Development Policy Orientations in Ethiopia</i> Mr. Ayalew Gebre, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands	
	<i>An Economic Analysis of Agricultural Solid Waste Management in Eldoret City, Kenya, East Africa</i> Dr. Timothy Sulo, H.K. Maritim, and I.K. Rop, Moi University, Kenya	
	Comments: Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University; Professor Rashid Hassan, University of Pretoria, South Africa	
1:00–2:15 P.M.	Lunch & Keynote Address	Bernhard Center, South Ballroom 2nd Flr
	<i>The State of Agricultural Research in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Ethiopia</i> Professor Gebisa Ejeta, Purdue University	
2:30–4:30 P.M.	SESSION 3: Agricultural Technology & Markets.....	Room 2304



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Chair: Dr. Eleni Gabre-Madhin, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC

Peasant Supply Response in Ethiopia: A Farm Level Production and Profit Function Analysis

Mr. Abrar Suleiman, The University of Nottingham, England

Some Strategy Options for Enhancing Maize Technology Adoption: A Simulation

Mr. Bedassa Tadesse, Western Michigan University

Of Markets and Middlemen: Transforming Agricultural Markets in Ethiopia

Dr. Eleni Z. Gabre-Madhin, IFPRI, Washington DC

Financing Small Farmer Development in Ethiopia

Mr. Hailelul Getahun, Hermitage, Tennessee

Emerging Informal Land Rental Markets: A Quest for Equitable and Efficient Land Tenure Systems

Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University

Comments: Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University; Dr. Livingston Musuro, Africa University, Zimbabwe; Dr. Eleni Gebre-Madhin, IFPRI

4:30–4:45 P.M.

Refreshment Break..... Lobby

4:45–6:45 P.M.

SESSION 4: Food Security and Food Aid Room 2304

Chair: Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University

Food Security and Vulnerability in Rural Ethiopia: A Development Perspective

Dr. Alemayehu Lirenso, University of Phoenix, Northern California Campus

Giving to the Poor: Targeting Food Aid in Rural Ethiopia

Dr. T.S. Jayne, Professor John Strauss, Dr. Takashi Yamano, and Mr. Daniel Molla, Michigan State University

The Effects of Food Aid and Household Composition on Child Farm Labor Supply in Rural Ethiopia

Dr. Takashi Yamano, The World Bank, Washington DC

Improving Aid to Africa

Dr. Paul Clements, Western Michigan University

Comments: Professor John Strauss, Michigan State University; Professor Endeshaw Bekele, Addis Ababa University; Dr. Imru Assefa, Michigan State University; Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University

6:45–7:15 P.M.

Dinner (on your own)

7:15–9:00 P.M.

SESSION 5: Roundtable Room 2304

Key Research Issues in Natural Resources & Agriculture

Chair: Professor Gebisa Ejeta, Purdue University

Agricultural Research System of Ethiopia: Past History and Future Vision (discussion paper)

Mr. Tesfaye Zegeye, EARO

Dr. Eleni Gabre-Medhin, IFPRI

Dr. Paulos Dubale, Soil Scientist, EARO

Dr. Badege Bishaw, Oregon State University

Professor Rashid Hassan, University of Pretoria, South Africa

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Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University

Dr. Demel Teketay, Director of Forestry Research, EARO

Dr. Berhanu G. Medhin, ILRI

Ms. Senait Regassa, University of Hohenheim, Germany

Reporteurs: Professor Sisay Asefa and Mr. Bedassa Tadesse, Western Michigan University



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Friday, August 17, 2001—HUMAN RESOURCES, ECONOMICS & TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

7:30–5:00 P.M. Registration Fetzer Center

8:15–8:30 A.M. Welcome – Opening Remarks.....Kirsch Auditorium

8:30–10:30 A.M. SESSION 6: Human Resource Development IKirsch Auditorium
Chair: Professor Teshome Wagaw, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Human Resource Investment Strategies in Japan and Ethiopia: A Comparative Perspective
Dr. Getachew Felleke, Miyazaki International College, Miyazaki, Japan

Determinants of Fertility in Ethiopia: Is Having More Children a Blessing?
Mr. Bedassa Tadesse and Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University

Women's Education in Ethiopia
Dr. Alem Habtu, Queens College, CUNY, NY

*Education and Language Policy in Contemporary Ethiopia: Reversing the Quest of Centuries and Pressing
Toward Uncharted Future*
Professor Teshome Wagaw, The University of Michigan

*Looking at African Value Systems Through Cultural Dimensions: How Do African Countries Culturally Differ among
Themselves and the United States?*
Dr. Habte G. Woldu, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Regional Disparities in Primary Schooling of Ethiopia: Implications for Policy-Making and Educational Planning
Mr. Degarge Minale Lakew, Addis Ababa University

Comments: Dr. Alem Habtu; Dr. Getachew Felleke, Dr. Asegedech Hailemariam

10:30–10:45 A.M. Refreshment Break Lobby

10:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M. SESSION 7: Human Resource Development IIKirsch Auditorium
Chair: Professor Daniel Teferra, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan

Social Sector Development in Ethiopia: Education and Health Issues
Mrs. Meskerem Shiferaw, Ethiopian Social Relief and Development Fund, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Health and Sanitation in Gondar: The History of the Public Health and Training Center, 1950-90
Mr. Solomon Getahun, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Obstacles, Controversies, and Prospects Surrounding Child Abuse Management in Addis Ababa
Mr. Getnet Tadele, Amsterdam School of Social Science Research, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Promoting Child Protection through Community Resources: Care Arrangements for Ethiopian Aid Orphans
Dr. Steven Varnis, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders: Are We Neglecting the Agents of Change?
Dr. Asegedech Hailemariam, Eastern Illinois University

HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia: The Epidemic and Social, Economic and Demographic Impacts
Dr. Helmut Kloos, University of California, San Francisco Medical Center

Comments: Dr. G.M. Mesfin, Pharmacia Corporation; Mrs. Meskerem Shiferaw; Dr. Haregua Getu, ENAHPA; Professor Mamo Muchie, Aalborg University, Denmark

1:00–2:15 P.M. Lunch and Keynote Address: Room 1035-45
**Financial Sector Reforms in Pre-Emerging Economies in Africa: Lessons and
Opportunities for Ethiopia**
Professor Lemma W. Senbet, University of Maryland-College Park

2:30–4:30 P.M. SESSION 8: Macroeconomic Development and Private Sector Reform Kirsch Auditorium



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Chair: Professor Asrat Tessema, Eastern Michigan University

The Macroeconomics of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia: Internal Balance and Fiscal Response-An Alternative Framework
 Mr. Getnet Alemu, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

Economic Reforms and Structural Change in Ethiopia since 1991: An Enquiry
 Dr. Prabhakar Reddy Tada, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, India

Exports, Liberalization and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa
 Dr. Seid Hassan, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky

Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: Implications for Ethiopia
 Mr. Adugna Lemi and Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University

Recent Macroeconomic Developments in Ethiopia
 Dr. Alemayehu Geda, Addis Ababa University (presented by Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Western Michigan University)

Smallholder Coffee Production and Marketing in Ethiopia under Market Liberalization
 Mr. Hayyalu Shiferaw, Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands

Comments: Dr. Michael Mamo, Western Michigan University; Dr. Selashe Kebede, Workinesh Spices Inc.; Dr. Seid Hassan, Murray State University; Professor Asrat Tessema, Eastern Michigan University

4:30–4:45 P.M. Refreshment BreakLobby

4:45–6:45 P.M. SESSION 9: Science & Technology for Development Kirsch Auditorium

Chair: Professor Amde Amde, University of Maryland-College Park

The Impact of Government Policies on the Development of ITC in Ethiopia
 Dr. Dawit Bekele, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Distance Education Initiatives for Ethiopia
 Dr. Abebe Kebede, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC

Distributed Energy Generation Technology for Developing Countries
 Mr. Yared Mengistu, General Motors Powertrain, Wixom, Michigan and Ms. Haeran Fisseha, Netfish Corporation, Santa Clara, California

Possibilities and Constraints for Small Hydropower Development in Ethiopia
 Mr. Zelalem Hailu, Dresden University of Technology, Germany

Conservation, Agriculture and Health: Linking Traditional Knowledge, Community and Technology
 Professor Evelyne Cudel, Michigan State University

Comments: Professor Abraham Engeda, Michigan State University; Professor Amde Amde, University of Maryland-College Park

7:30–10:30 P.M. Dinner & Social Gathering with Ethiopian Food Wesley Foundation Building

Saturday, August 18, 2001 — Institutions, Politics and the Diaspora Issues
The Institutional Environment for Development: Challenges &



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	<i>From Marxism-Leninism to Ethnicity: The Sideslips of Ethiopian Elitism</i>	
	Dr. Messay Kebede, University of Dayton, Ohio	
	<i>Bureaucratic Neutrality and Ethnic Federalism: Implications for Ethiopia</i>	
	Professor Berhanu Mengistu and Ms. Elizabeth Vogel, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA	
	<i>Perspectives on Economic and Political Reform in Ethiopia: The Critical Role of Building Enabling Institutions for Economic Development</i>	
	Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University	
	<i>An Alternative Approach to National Development</i>	
	Dr. Daniel Kendie, Henderson University, Arkansas	
	<i>Development without Dependency: The Role of Non-Western Expatriates in the Development of Ethiopia</i>	
	Dr. Fikru Gebrekidan, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan	
	Comments: Dr. Getachew Felleke, Miyazaki International College, Japan; Dr. Messay Abebe; Mr. Paul Henze; Mr. Teshome Tadesse, Michigan State University; Professor Sisay Asefa; Professor Teshome Abebe	
12:00–1:30 P.M.	Lunch Break (on your own)	
1:30–4:00 P.M.	SESSION 11: The State of the Ethiopian State	Room 2304
	Chair: Professor Assefa Mehretu, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan	
	<i>Nationalism as a Contingent Event: Some Reflections on the Ethio-Eritrean Experience</i>	
	Professor Mesfin Araya, City University of New York (CUNY), New York	
	<i>Reflections on Development in Ethiopia</i>	
	Mr. Paul Henze, The Rand Corporation, Washington DC	
	<i>The EPRDF and the Crisis of the Ethiopian State</i>	
	Mr. Aregawi Berhe, Leiden University, The Netherlands	
	<i>The Elite and the Quest for Peace, Democracy, and Development in Ethiopia: Lessons to be Learned</i>	
	Mr. Merera Gudina, Addis Ababa University & Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands	
	<i>Ethiopia, the TPLF and Roots of the 2001 Political Tremor</i>	
	Dr. Paulos Milkias, Concordia University, Canada	
	<i>Eradicating Poverty and Violence in Ethiopia: Toward a New Analytical Perspective</i>	
	Professor Mammo Muchie, Aalborg University, Denmark	
	Comments: Professor Harold Marcus, Michigan State University; Professor Daniel Teferra; Dr. Getachew Begashaw; Dr. Mulatu Wubneh, Eastern Carolina State University; Professor Assefa Mehretu.	
4:00–4:15 P.M.	Refreshment Break..... Lobby	
4:15–7:00 P.M.	SESSION 12: Roundtable.....	Room?
	<i>The Diaspora and the Development of Ethiopia: Challenges & Opportunities for the 21st Century</i>	



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The Ethiopian Diaspora: A Preliminary Survey, Mr. Solomon Getahun, Michigan State University

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Comments: Ms. Aynalem Tebeje, AHEAD; Mrs. Wongelawit Tefera, Pfizer Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Professor Assefa Mehretu; Professor Sisay Asefa

Reporteurs: Mrs. Wongelawit Tefera, Pfizer Corporation; Mr. Yohannes Abebe, Health Professional

**7:30 P.M.–1:00 A.M. Banquet Dinner, Music Entertainment & Dance Radisson Hotel, The Glens
Featuring the eminent Ethiopian vocalist/music artist Ms. Hana Shenkute**

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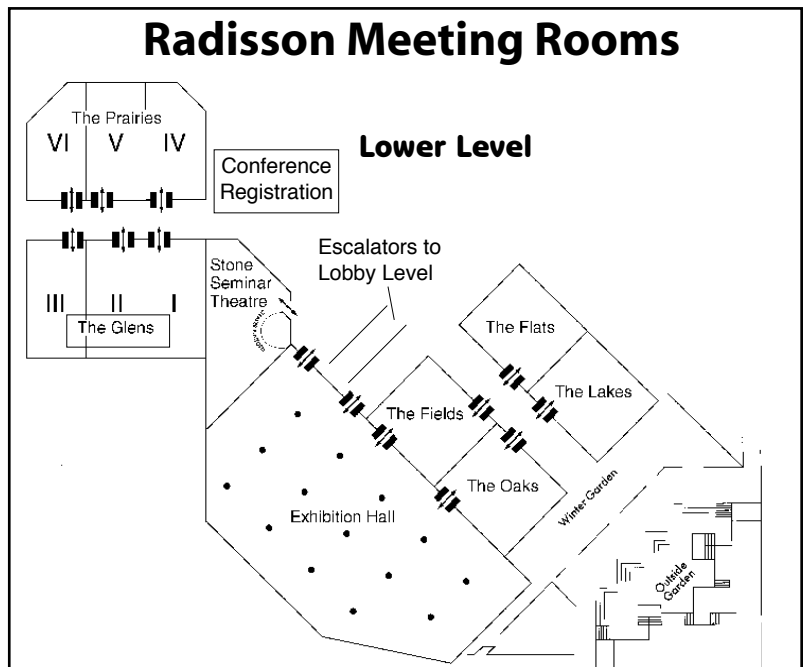
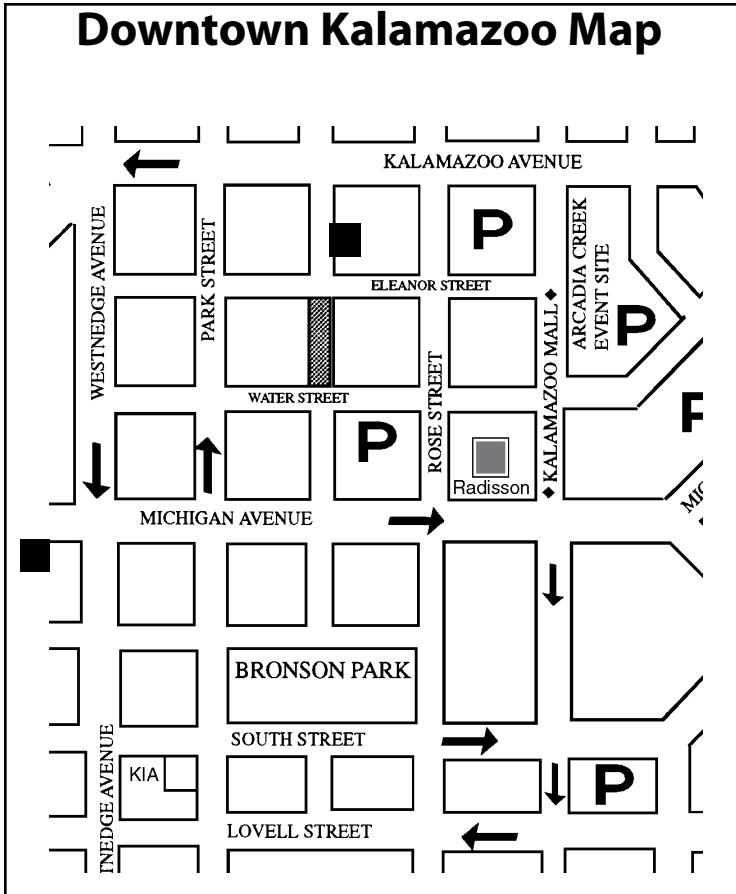
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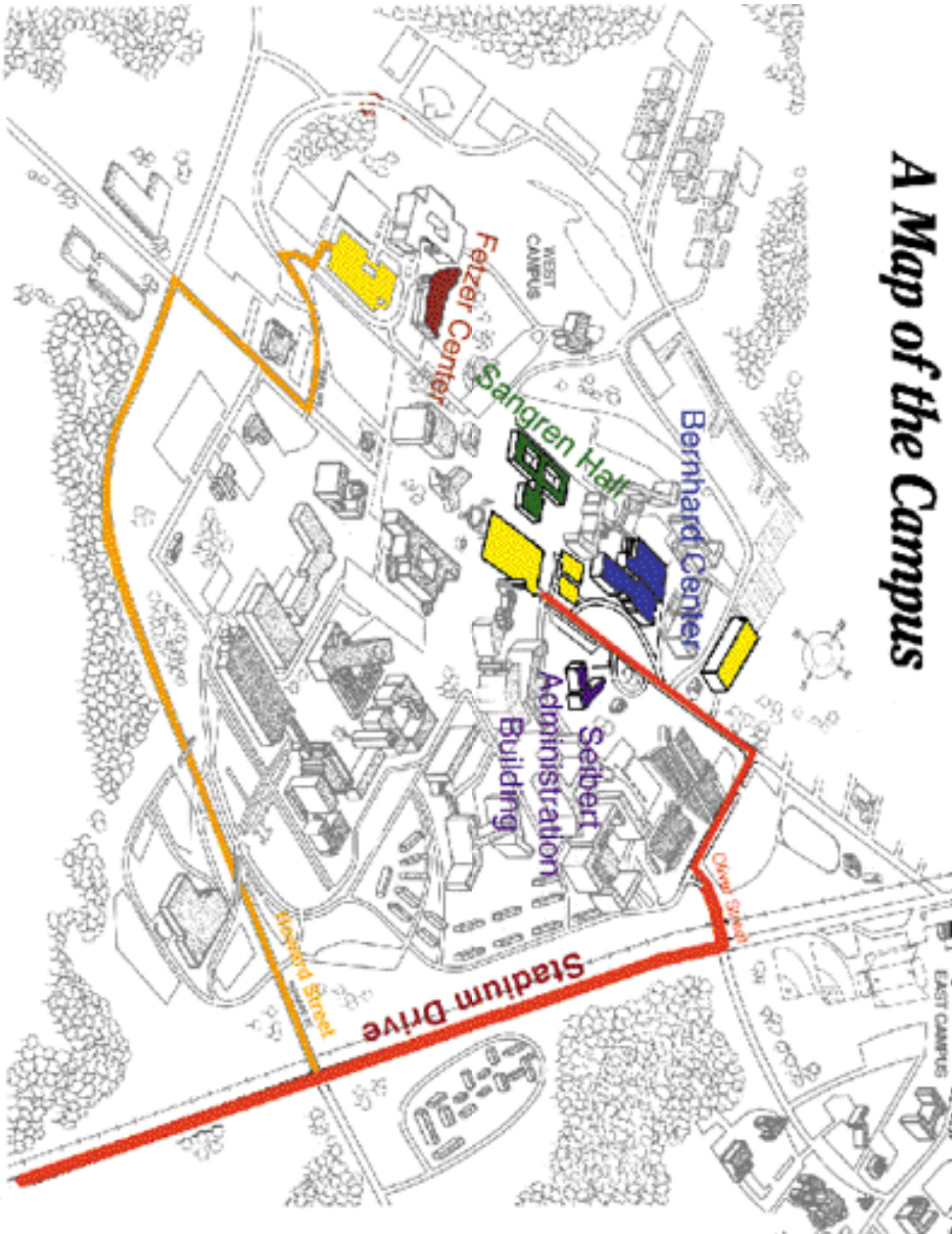
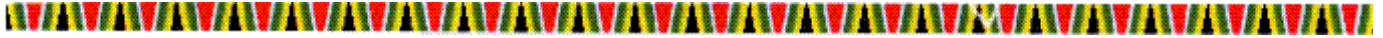
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Remarks from the Conference Program Chair

Welcome to the International Conference on Contemporary Development Issues in Ethiopia. Let me first thank all the participants, who came from many parts of the world to participate in the conference. The conference program, which features 12 sessions, about 50 papers, and some 90 participants promises to be a major academic conference. I want to extend special thanks to the participants who have responded to our open international Call for Papers made on the Internet almost one year ago. The conference would not have been possible without their response and cooperation. A special thanks must go to the Western Michigan University academic departments and units which have provided financial support to make the conference possible. I am thankful to the members of EAF executive committee as well as the various session chairs for their cooperation, and support in the process of organizing this conference.

What motivates such a conference or why a conference on African development issues in general and on Ethiopia in particular? First, I believe development is the greatest challenge of Africa for the 21st century. Ethiopia, with a population of about 60 million and second most populated country in Sub-Saharan Africa, is an important country. Historically, Ethiopia took a key leadership role in the de-colonization of Africa and in fostering the unity of African states. It was a co-founder in 1963 and is home of Organization of African Unity (OAU), which is aimed at promoting economic unity of African states. Ethiopia is also home to important international and pan-African economic institutions such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Development in this conference is viewed as a multi-dimensional process that requires an interdisciplinary approach. It is as a process that leads to the improvement of the quality of human life through access to resources, income, education and health services. Development also includes the human need for freedom of expression and mobility of resources in search of opportunity, and the need for the institutional framework that makes this possible. Most of the sessions and papers of this conference are focused on Ethiopia, but with important implications for the rest of Africa and other developing nations with similar conditions.

Development policy can be greatly improved and informed by objective examination of both the current realities and their historical evolution in Ethiopia, as well as the comparative experiences of other developing countries that have succeeded in alleviating poverty and achieving unity within diversity. The challenge of development in Ethiopia and in many African states is the alleviation of poverty and the achievement of unity with diversity, peace, and justice. It is my hope that this conference will help inform strategies and policies for meeting that challenge. Finally, it should be noted that the conference provides an academic forum of free expression, and that the opinions and views expressed in the various sessions are not necessarily shared by the organizers and supporters of the conference. Thank You.

Professor Sisay Asefa
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Department of Economics