Challenges of Good Governance and Leadership for Sustainable Development of African States

August 14-16, 2014
Room 2028 Brown Hall
Western Michigan University

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Thursday, August 14: Topics: Governance, Institutional Transformation and Interdisciplinary Research

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“False Consciousness as a Major Hindrance to Control of Corruption in Africa,” Dr. John Ouko, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan

“Examining the Outcomes of Balance Scorecard Application in Selected Sectors as an Integral Tool for Institutional Transformation in Oromia Regional State,” Dr. Tolla Berriso and Daniel Beyera, Adama Science and Technology University, Ethiopia.

“Governance as Conventional Wisdom,” Dr. Joel Mort, University of South Africa; Dr. Michal Fux, University of South Africa, and Dr. E Thomas Lawson, Western Michigan University.

4 to 5:30 p.m.  Session 2: Round Table

Interdisciplinary Research Proposal on “Africa in Mind (AIM).” (Invited participants)

Moderator: Dr. Joel Mort, University of South Africa

Participants: Dr. Paula Kohler, Dr. Sisay Asefa, Dr. Bilinda Strait, Dr. Mariam Konate, Fredah Mainah, Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Dr. Thomas Lawson, Dr. Donald Meyer, Rebecca Solomon, Dr. Assefa Mehretu, Dr. David Huffman, Dr. William Cobern, Dr. Katherine Joslin, Dr. Amos Beyan, Dr. C. James Hueng, Dr. Donna Talbot, Dr. Michelle Metro-Land, and Participants from Botswana, Ethiopia, Borkina Faso, and South African University via internet.
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**Friday August 15:** Topics: Principal Agency, Governance Challenges in Land, Natural Resources Use, Nutrition and Economic Development

**8:30 to 9 a.m.** Opening and Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics and Dr. Paula Kohler, Associate Vice President for Research, Western Michigan University.

**9 to 10:30 a.m.** Session 3: Governance of Land and Natural Resources and Principal Agency Problems in Governance

**Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Hussen,** Professor of Economics, Kalamazoo College.


“Principal-Agency Problems of Governance in the Horn of Africa: Propensities for Malevolent and Hegemonic Traps,” Dr. Assefa Mehretu, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University

“Governance and Economic Development,” Dr. Daniel Teferra, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Ferris State University, at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

“The Significance of Whole Grain Teff for Improving Nutrition: From Injera to Ready to Eat Porridge by Using Extrusion Cooking Technology,” Helen T. Zewdie, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**10:30-10:45 a.m.** Coffee Break
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10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  Session 4: Sustainable Governance Innovation, Regional Integration and Political Culture

Moderator: Dr. Assefa Mehretu, Michigan State University

“ICTs and Regional Economic Integration: An Anticipatory Scenario for the Greater Horn of Africa,” Dr. Ali Noor Mohamed, Professor, Arab Emirates University

“Governance and Private Investment in Africa,” Dr. Idrissa Ouedraogo Pr, Centre d’Etudes, de Documentation et de Recherché Economies et Social, Pascal Kouman, Laboratoire d’Analyse et de Politique Economiques, Burkina Faso, West Africa.

“Examining the Political Violence of the 1970s through Cultural Practices and Norms of Ethiopian Society,” Dr. Solomon Getahun, Associate Professor of History, Central Michigan University

12:15 to 1 p.m.  Lunch (Buy/Bring your own), WMU Bernhard Center

1 to 2 p.m.  Session 5: The Role of Civil Society and Elders in Governance and Conflict Resolution

Moderator: Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics

“Kenyan and Ethiopian Sages on Good Governance and Conflict Resolution,” Dr. Gail M. Presbey, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan

“Frontier Regions and Governance Challenges: The Case of Ogaden, Ethiopia,” Dr. Tibebe Eshete, Michigan State University
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“Can Mobilizing Civil Society Accelerate Development? A Look at Experiences from Ethiopia and Other African Nations,” Dr. Teshome Tadesse, South Carolina State University

2 to 3 p.m. Session 6: Key Note Address: “Innovating Sustainable Governance in Africa: Removing Persistent Social Capital and Institutional Deficits”

Dr. Mammo Muchie, Research Professor of Innovation Studies at Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa (Introduction by Dr. Sisay Asefa, WMU).

3 to 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Break

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Session 7: Plenary Session: “Ethiopia’s Democratic Transition: Opposition Politics and the Role of the Diaspora”

Dr. Merera Gudina Jefi, associate professor of political science and international relations at Addis Ababa University and, Reagan Fascell Democracy Fellow from Mar 2014 - Aug 2014 in Washington DC. Chairman of the Ethiopian Federal Democratic Unity Forum (MEDREK), (Introduction by Sisay Asefa)

4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Session 8: Round Table Discussion on Religion and Politics. Moderator: Dr. Robert Dibie, Professor, Indiana University- Kokomo.

Participants: Ada Uche (University of North Carolina), Tibebe Eshete (Michigan State University), Sisay Asefa (Western Michigan University) E. Thomas Lawson (Western Michigan University-Emeritus Distinguished Scholar of Comparative Religion), Joel Mort (University of South Africa,) Mariam Konate (Gender and Women’s Studies), Onaiwu Ogbomo (Africana studies/History), Dr. Timothy Ready (Walker Institute).
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**Saturday, August 16:** Topics: Transforming an African Science and Technology University, Youth Capacity, Employment, Child Labor, Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education, and Food Security

**8:30 to 9 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics and Director of CADPR, Rebecca Solomon, Director of Administration and International Student Advocate, WMU

**9 to 10:30 a.m.** Session 9: Youth Employment Capacity and Child Labor

Moderator: Dr. Donald Meyer, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University.

“Building and Youth Capacity for Employment in Ethiopia”, Dr. Robert Dibie, Indiana University Kokomo

“Determinants of Child Labor in Africa: A Study of Young South Africans,” Professors of Economics Dr. Kofi Achiampong, Western Michigan University, and Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Western Michigan University

“The Role of Over-education on Wage Determination in South Africa’s labor Markets,” Ochas Pupwe, Western Michigan University and Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Western Michigan University.

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Session 10: Special Plenary Presentation: “Challenges and Opportunities of Transforming African Science and Technology University”
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**Professor Jang Gyu Lee**, President of Adama Science and Technology, University, Adama City, Ethiopia. (Introduction by Dr. Sisay Asefa)

11:45 to 12:30 p.m. Served Lunch Break (Brown Hall Area)

12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Session 11: Governance Challenges of Promoting Research, Academic Diversity, Inclusiveness and Health Education, and Empowerment of the poor Moderator: Dr. Mariam Konate, Western Michigan University

“Health Care Delivery in Nigeria: A Case for Data Driven Health Education and Leadership in Africa,” **Dr. Amos Aduroja**, Western Michigan University

“Challenges Facing Women in US Higher Education: The Case of Faculty of Color,” **Fredah Mainah**, Western Michigan University

“Resilient States, Engaged Societies & Legal Empowerment of the Poor”, **Dr. C. B. Constantinos**, Professor of Public Policy, Addis Ababa University presented by **Dr. Sisay Asefa**, Professor of Economics, WMU

2:00 to 4 p.m. Session 12: Agriculture, Food Security, Nutrition and Economic Development - Moderator Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University.


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“A Framework towards technology creation in Africa for socio-economic development” **Yao-Martin Donani**, University of Nottingham, UK

4 to 5 p.m. **Session 13: Round Table Discussion on Education and Health** - **Moderator: Dr. Tadesse W. Giorgis**, Chicago State University.

**Participants:** Dr. Paula Kohler (AAVP Research), Dr. Sisay Asefa (economics), Dr. Donna Talbot (education leadership), Dr. Mariam Konate (gender and women’s studies), Fredah Mainah (leadership), Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang (economics), Lisa Whittaker (aviation), Dr. Assefa Mehretu (geography), Dr. Mammo Muchie (innovation studies), Dr. Amos Aduroja (health education), Dr. David Huffman (chemistry), Dr. Sherine Obare, (chemistry).

6:30 to 10 p.m. **Closing Reception and Entertainment**

**at WMU’s Bernhard Center**
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