7th International Conference on African Development (ICAD)

Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development through Good Governance and Global Partnerships with African States

July 27-29, 2012

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
2028 Brown Hall

Daily Agenda at a Glance

LOCATION GUIDE:
Conference Registration will take place in the lobby of Brown Hall.
Sessions, Plenary Lecture, and Keynote Presentation will take place in the Steve and Ann Rhodes Auditorium, room 2028, Brown Hall.
Coffee/Tea Breaks will take place in room 2045, Brown Hall.
Lunches will be served from the Richmond Center in the Fine Arts Building.

DAY 1: FRIDAY, JULY 27

8 to 8:15 a.m. Welcome by Dr. Sisay Asefa, Conference Director; Opening Remarks by Dr. Alexander Enyedi, Dean of WMU’s College of Arts and Sciences

DAY 1 Themes: African Airline and Housing Expansion and Sustainability; Maternal Child Health and language in Education; Challenges to Human Security, Freedom and Corruption in African States

8:30-10 a.m. SESSION I
THEME: African Airline and Housing Expansion and Sustainability

10-10:15 a.m. COFFEE/TEA BREAK

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. SESSION II
THEME: Maternal Child Health and language in Education

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. PLENARY LECTURE

“Partners in Progress: The Rise & Fall of America’s Soft Power in Bilateral Relations with Ethiopia,” Dr. Assefa Mehretu, Professor of Geography, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. SESSION III
THEME: Challenges to Human Security, Freedom and Corruption in African States

4:30 TO 4:45 p.m. COFFEE/TEA BREAK

4:45 to 6:15 p.m. SESSION IV
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: “Land Policy, Agriculture and Food Insecurity”
6:30 TO 9:30 P.M. DINNER AND RECEPTION (featuring Ethiopian food)
Location: WMU Multicultural Center in the Adrian Trimpe Building

**DAY 2: SATURDAY, JULY 28**

**Day 2 Themes:** Challenges to Sustainable Human Development, Capital Flight & Brain Drain in Africa; Public & Private Productivity, Poverty & Inequality; Governance, Developmentalism and Democratization; Faith, Rituals, “Khat”, and NGOs and Women’s Empowerment

**8:15 to 10:15 a.m. SESSION V**
THEME: Challenges to Sustainable Human Development, Capital Flight & Brain Drain in Africa

**10:15-10:30 a.m. COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. SESSION VI**
THEME: Public & Private Productivity, Poverty & Inequality

**12:45 to 1:45 p.m. BUFFET LUNCH**

**1:45 to 2:45 p.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

“The need for interdisciplinary research and education for sustainable human development to deal with Global challenges” Dr. Solomon Billign, Professor of Physics, North Carolina A&T University. See bio and abstract at website: [http://international.whitman.edu/content/view/2652/1787](http://international.whitman.edu/content/view/2652/1787)

**2:45 to 5:00 p.m. SESSION VII**
THEME: Governance, Corruption, Developmentalism and Democratization

**5:00 TO 5:15 p.m. COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

**5:15 to 6:15 p.m. SESSION VIII**
THEME: Faith, Rituals, “Khat”, and NGOs and Women Empowerment

**6:30 TO 7:30 p.m. SESSION IX**
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Transition to Democracy and Freedom for Sustainable Development.

**7:30 p.m. to Midnight CLOSING DINNER (featuring African music and videos)**
Location: Bernhard Center

**DAY 3: Sunday, July 29**

**9:00-11:00 Joint Breakfast Board Meeting**
Invitees: IJAD, CADPR, and EDSA advisory boards
Location: Presidents’ Conference Room, Bernhard Center

**CONFERENCE WEBSITE:** [http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/2738/1859](http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/2738/1859)