The 5th International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies 2009

A Multidisciplinary Conference on the Challenges to Peace and Development in Ethiopia & Northeast Africa

July 23–25, 2009

Western Michigan University
BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Center for African Development Research (CADPR) in collaboration with Addis Ababa University and the New Generation University College, and the Ethiopian Development Studies Association (EDSA) announce the 5th International Conference on the Challenges of Peace and Development in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa, also known as the Greater Horn of Africa. The conference continues the tradition of four successful bi-annual conference series organized from 2001 to 2007. Previous conferences have convened in Ethiopia with collaboration of local institutions of higher education and research in 2003 and 2005. The 5th conference is planned for July 23–25, 2009 in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. With a population of 80 million people, it is located in the Greater Northeast Africa that comprises of Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda. The sub-region is a strategic area of Africa and the global economy. It is a bridge between Africa and the Middle East, as well as the oil fields of the Persian Gulf. It is a culturally diverse region of the world with rich natural resource potential. In spite of these potentials, it is one of the poorest and most unstable sub-regions of the world, suffering from conflicts and violence within and among the states. The objectives of the conference are to provide a forum for an informed discussion on key development issues. It is intended for scholars, researchers, graduate students, development policy professionals, private investors, donors, and others interested in the development issues in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will be in Addis Ababa. Addis Ababa is the capital city of Ethiopia that can be regarded as a nominal capital of Africa due to the fact it is home of the Africa Union (AU) and United Nations Economic Commission of Africa, as well as large diplomatic community of nations around the world. The specific conference venue and date will be announced in the near future. Addis can be reached by major airlines such as KLM/NW, Lufthansa, British Airlines, and the Ethiopian Airlines. The Ethiopian Airlines (EAL) is the leading African Airlines that connects Africa to the many countries of the world. Conference organizing team will try to negotiate reduced fairs for groups traveling from the Diaspora through EAL or other airlines.

SUBMISSION TOPICS

The Program Committee invites one-page proposals or abstracts on following sub-themes:

- Agriculture, Environment and Food Security
- Education, Health, and Nutrition
- Private Sector Development and Employment
- Governance, Institutions & Civil Society Organizations
- The Hydropoltics of the River Nile and Water Security
- Science and Technology for Development
- Challenges and Prospects for regional Economic cooperation
- The state of Ethiopia and Northeast Africa: Socio-economics & Politics
- The Role of the Diaspora in the Development of Ethiopia and Northeast Africa
- A Forum on leadership: civil society, business and political leaders
- Forum on Capacity Building in Higher Education
- U.S. policy on the Horn of Africa

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The aim of the conference is to: 1. Provide a forum for constructive dialogue on policy options for sustainable development and peace, 2. Exchange research papers by scholars and researchers including graduate students on the various dimensions of development, and 3. build consensus on policy options crucial for future progress toward conflict resolution, human development, peace building, economic cooperation, and democratic governance within and among states. Selected papers will be published on a Conference Proceeding. Few papers following a peer review will be considered for publication in refereed volume of proceedings.

Each prospective participant is invited to complete and submit the participation form (on the next page) and one page typed double-spaced copy of the Abstract by April 1, 2009 followed by a full paper by May 1, 2009. Abstracts can be to Sisay Asefa at e-mail: sisay.asefa@gmail.com with copies to mulufy@idr.aau.edu.et and ccbmeea@ethionet.et, or by Fax to 269 387 5637.
CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
The 5th International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies (5th ICEDS 2009)
THE CHALLENGES TO PEACE & DEVELOPMENT IN ETHIOPIA & NORTHEAST AFRICA
July 23–25, 2009
Addis Ababa University, College of Development Studies
New Generation University College, Ethiopia
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, USA

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FORM
(Please complete the following form and send it by e-mail or fax below)

I would like to participate in the Conference as follows:

☐ Present a Paper (abstract/paper enclosed)

☐ As a representative my organization and/or my business: E-mail ________________________________

☐ Attend only. Please send me the final Conference Program

☐ Member of Ethiopian Development Studies Association (EDSA)

PERSON(S) SUBMITTING PROPOSAL/REQUESTING INFORMATION:

Name ____________________________________________ Title ____________________________________________

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Please send all final abstracts and full papers by May 1, 2009 to:
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