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2012 Theme:
Challenges and Opportunities for Good Governance for Sustainable Development through Global & Diaspora Partnerships with African States

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM AGENDA

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THURSDAY, July 26: Arrival of guests

FRIDAY, JULY 27

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration for all participants

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

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

Chair: Dr. William Rantz, Professor, College of Aviation, Western Michigan University

“Sustainable Housing Development in Gurage Zone, Ethiopia,” Dagmawi Abebe, M.A., Architect Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EIABC), Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

“Sustainability and Expansion of an African Airline: The Case of Ethiopian Airlines,” Sisay Asefa, Ph.D., Western Michigan University; Allen Batteau, Wayne State University; Lisa Whittaker, WMU; Jing Hung-Sying, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan/China

“Aviation Education in Africa,” Bob D. Agiro, student, Department of Maintenance Technology in the College of Aviation, Western Michigan University

Discussants: Dr. Allen W. Betteau, Professor of Anthropology, Wayne State University; Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University; Mr. Ben Asefa, Mechanical Engineer and Structural Analyst, Boeing Commercial Airlines, Seattle, Washington; Mr. Tony Dennis, Graduate College, Western Michigan University

10:00-10:15 a.m. COFFEE/TEA BREAK

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

Chair: Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University
“Trends in Maternal and Child Health in Ethiopia: Evidence from Three Surveys in Ethiopia,” Alemayehu Ambel, World Bank; Wei-Chiao Huang, Ph.D., Western Michigan University

“Ability as a Determinant of Children’s School Health in Ethiopia: Evidence from Ethiopia,” Eskander Alvi, Ph.D. Western Michigan University; Seife Dendir, Ph.D., Radford University, Virginia


Discussants: Dr. Assegedech HaileMariam, Professor of Psychology, Eastern Michigan University; Mr. Yohannes Abebe, Registered Nurse, Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Ms. Aden Asefa, Regulatory Health Manager, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Maryland; Dr. Asrat Tessema, Professor of Finance, Eastern Michigan University

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

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

“Partners in Progress: The Rise and 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

Chair: Dr. Robert Dibie, Dean and Professor of Public Affairs, School of Public and Environmental Affairs

“Economic Development in Northeast Africa: Is "Sustainable" Attainable?,” Getachew Felleke, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Miyazaki International University, Japan

“Genius as Madness: Tewodros of Ethiopia and Sayyid Mohammad of Somalia: A Comparative Inquiry into the Lives and Times of Neguz,” Said Samatar, Ph.D., Professor of History, Rutgers University, New Jersey


“Assessing Public Perception of Corruption and State Capture in Ethiopia,” Berhanu Mengistu, Ph.D., Old Dominion University; Seid Hassan, Ph.D. Murray State University, Kentucky; Tilahun Teklu, Ph.D., Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

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”
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Teferra, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Ferris State University

Discussants: Richard Roosenberg, Executive Director of Tillers International; Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University; Dr. Ahmed Hussen, Professor of Economics, Kalamazoo College; Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Independent Consultant, Virginia

Papers on land issues will be distributed in conference registration packets.

6:30 TO 9:30 P.M. DINNER AND RECEPTION

SATURDAY, July 28

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration

8 to 8:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

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

Chair: Dr. Gezahegne Bekele, Senior Economist, International Affairs and Trade at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Washington, D.C.

“The Roles of Exchange Rate Uncertainty and Political Risk on Foreign Direct Investment into Africa,” Blen Solomon, Assistant Professor and Chair, Business and Allied Sciences Division, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio

“Measurement, Determinants and Consequences of Capital Flights in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Tamrat w. Gashaw, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Warburg College, Iowa

“Brain Drain/Gain and Human Capital Formation: An Empirical Analysis,” Abeba Mussa, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, SUNY-Farmingdale, New York

Discussants: Dr. James Hueng, Associate Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University; Mr. Samuel Asefa, Computer Engineer, Infor Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

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

Chair: Dr. Eskander Alvi, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University

“Poor and Non-poor Africans: Some Uneasy Poverty Arithmetic,” Abu Girma, Ph.D., University of Tsukuba, Japan
“Factors Affecting Firms’ Productivity in Private and Public Sectors in Ethiopia,” Tadesse Wodajo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, St.Louis Community College; Dawit Senbet, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Northern Colorado, Greely

“Is Ethiopia Experiencing an Economic Miracle?” Daniel Teferra, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Economics, Ferris State University, presently teaching at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Discussants: Dr. Getachew Felleke, Miyazaki International College, Japan; Dr. Teshome Abebe, Eastern Illinois University; Dr. Micheal Mamo, Professor of Economics, Gore School of Business, Westminster College, Utah

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” Solomon Billign, Ph.D., Professor of Physics, North Carolina A and T University. See his bio and abstract at the following link: http://international.which.edu/content/view/2652/1787.

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

Chair: Dr. Teshome Abebe, Professor of Economics, Eastern Illinois University


“Federalism, Revolutionary Democracy and Democratization in Ethiopia,” Merera Gudina, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Economics and International Relations, Addis Ababa University

“Developmentalism and Development: Theoretical and Policy Perspectives,” Abu Girma, Ph.D., University of Tsukuba, Japan

Discussant: Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University; Dr. Assefa Mehretu, Professor of Geography, Michigan State University

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

Chair: Dr. Assegedech HaileMariam, Professor of Psychology, Eastern Michigan University
“Politics, Rituals and Metaphors: Repercussion of Symbolisms in Human Interaction and Social Structure in Southern Ethiopia,” Federica De Sisto, Ph.D., Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

“Faith-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Women Empowerment in Nigeria,” Robert Dibie, Ph.D. Professor and Dean of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Kokomo, Indiana; Justine Sam Okere, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Babcock University, Nigeria

“Khat in East Africa Diaspora,” Maureen O’Rourke, Ph.D. Student and Academic Coordinator, Department of Federated History, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark

Discussants: Dr. Dolly Daftary, Assistant Professor School of Social Work, Western Michigan University; Mr. Mohammed Mohammed, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan

6:30 TO 7:30 p.m. SESSION IX
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Building Democracy in African States from the Bottom Up: The Role of the Diaspora

Chair: Dr. Fisseha Eshetu, Research Scholar at CADPR, Western Michigan University, Founding President of Unity University, Ethiopia


“The Lost Opportunity for Ethiopia: The Failure to Move Forward Toward Democratic Governance During the Final Years of Emperor Haile Selassie’s reign from 1969-1974” This lead paper by Professor Theodore Vestal will be distributed commented on by Professor Sisay Asefa. The paper will be made available via conference registration packets.

Discussants: Dr. Thomas Kostrzewa, Adjunct Professor Political Science, Western Michigan University; Dr. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University; Dr. Imru Assefa, Dr. Teshome Tadesse; Dr. Assefa Mehretu

7:30 p.m. to Midnight CLOSING DINNER

Sunday, July 29

9:00-11:00 Joint Breakfast Board Meeting
Editorial board of the new on-line publication International Journal of African Development (IJAD), boardmembers of the Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR), and boardmembers of the Ethiopian Development Studies Association (EDSA) are invited to attend. Breakfast will be provided.
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