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**Forum for Ethiopian Scholars & Professionals (FESP)  
10<sup>th</sup> Conference & Colloquia on National Priorities**

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**Penultimate Program (as of 08/28/2021)**

Washington D.C. time	Saturday September 4, 2021
8:30 am	Start of transmission (host media music, videos) Private Zoom Link for speakers, Host, Abbay Media
9:00 am	<b>Call to order</b> <b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Dr. Yohannes Zeleke, Archeologist and Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institute. Washington D.C. <b>Moment of silence:</b> Remembrance of the victims of conflict & atrocity crimes <b>Media Partner:</b> Ato Girum Yilma, Chief Executive Officer, Abbay Media.
9:20 am	<b>Opening and welcome</b> Professor Minga Negash, Metropolitan State University of Denver (Colorado) & University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa). Interim President, Forum for Ethiopian Scholars & Professionals (FESP).
9:40 am	<b>Special Guest:</b> H.E. Dr. Aklilu Habte, Former Minister of Culture & Tourism, and Former President of Addis Ababa University, Washington D.C.
10:00 am	<b>SESSION ONE</b> <b>THEME: National unity, conflict resolution and taming ethnonationalism through decentralization and power sharing in contemporary Ethiopia</b>  <b>Session Chair:</b> Dr. Ashenafi Gossaye, Capital Planning Program Manager at King County, Seattle, WA and Formerly Assistant Professor, Addis Ababa University, Seattle, Washington. <b>Speakers</b> (1) Dr. Tsehai Berhane Selassie, Anthropologist/Historian, Former Member, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, New Jersey. Ireland. <i>“When politics follows tradition to devolve society into chaos.”</i>



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	<p>(2) Dr. Daniel Kassahun Waktola, Associate Professor, Department of Geography/GIS, Austin Community College, Texas. “<i>Cartographic propaganda in Ethiopia.</i>”</p> <p>(3) Ato Gashaw Ayferam, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, Addis Ababa University and, Researcher, Institute of Strategic Affairs, Ethiopia. “<i>GERD and its geopolitical Implications for the Greater Horn of Africa region.</i>”</p> <p>(4) Ato Marew Abebe, Lecturer of Federalism, Debark University, Ethiopia. “<i>Peace building through truth commission in Africa: A Lesson to Ethiopia.</i>”</p>
12:30 pm	<b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Concluding remarks
	<b>Sunday September 12, 2021</b>
8:30 am	Start of transmission (host media music, videos) Private Zoom Link for speakers, Host, Abbay Media
9:00 am	<b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Abbay Media
9:10 am	<p><b>SESSION TWO</b>  <b>THEME: Economic planning, liberalization &amp; macroeconomic governance</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Professor Seid Hassan, Murray State University and Member of Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Economic Advisory Council, Kentucky.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p>(1) Professor Befekadu Degefe, Department of Economics Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. “<i>The dos and do nots of economic liberalizations.</i>”</p> <p>(2) Dr. Zelalem Teklu Chala, Dashen Global Academy and ESAT Awade Economy, Maryland. “<i>The effect of exchange rate liberalization (devaluation) on external trade balance, growth and poverty reduction: A review of the empirical evidence in Sub Sahara Africa.</i>”</p> <p>(3) H.E. Mersie Ejigou, Director, Partnership for African Environmental Sustainability (PAES) and, Former Minister of National Economic Planning, Ethiopia, Washington D.C. “<i>Community and household perception of environmental security and conflict in Ethiopia and other countries: Lessons and policy options.</i>”</p> <p>(4) Dr. Alula Pankhurst, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Addis Ababa University, and Country Director Young Lives, Ethiopia. “<i>The history and current status of heritage assets restitution initiatives in Ethiopia.</i>”</p>
12:00	<b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> concluding remarks
	<b>Saturday September 18 2021</b>
8:30	Start of transmission (host media music, videos) Private Zoom Link for speakers, Host, Abbay Media
9:00 am	<b>Call to order</b> <b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Abbay Media



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9:10 am	<p><b>SESSION THREE</b>  <b>THEME: Culture, heritage conservation and accountability</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Dr. Yohannes Zeleke, Archeologist and Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p>(1) Dr. Alemseged Beldados, Associate Professor of Archaeology, Addis Ababa University &amp; Director of Addis Ababa University Press. “ <i>Heritage conservation challenges during times of conflict and instability: Part I.</i>”</p> <p>(2) Ato Shegalem Fekadu, Lecturer, Gondar University, Ethiopia. “ <i>Heritage conservation challenges during times of conflict and instability: Part II.</i>”</p> <p>(3) Dr. Yohannes Gedamu, Lecturer of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia. “<i>Cultural politics and conflict resolution challenges in contemporary Ethiopia.</i>”</p> <p>(4) Professor Minga Negash, Metropolitan State University of Denver &amp; University of the Witwatersrand; Dr. Lulseged Ayalew, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Greensboro, and Dr. Yohannes Zeleke, Research Associate, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C. “<i>Extinction and the accounting for heritage assets in developing countries: A research agenda.</i>”</p>
12:00 pm	<b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Concluding remarks
<b>Saturday September 25, 2021</b>	
8:30 am	Start of transmission (host media music, videos) Private Zoom Link for speakers, Host, Abbay Media
9:00 am	<p><b>Call to order</b>  <b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> Dr. Abate Getahun, Associate Professor of Applied Ling and Communication, Chairperson of National Heritage Restitution, and Former President of Wollo University.</p> <p><b>SESSION FOUR</b>  <b>THEME: Agriculture and food security</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Dr. Zelalem Tefera, Associate Professor of Sociology and Deputy Director of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University.</p>
9:10 am	<p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p>(1) Dr. Assefa Gebre-Amlak, Former Dean of Hawassa University and Emeritus Professor of Entomology at Colorado State University Extension, Colorado. “<i>The state of agricultural education and extension services in Ethiopia.</i>”</p> <p>(2) Dr. Mulat Demeke, Former Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University, and Senior Policy Officer, United Nations’ Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Kansas. “<i>Food security: Lessons for Ethiopia</i>”,</p> <p>(3) Dr. Tsedeke Abate, Author/Researcher, Founder of Home-Grown Vision, Former Director General of the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, and Principal Scientist at International Maize and Wheat</p>



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	Improvement Center (CIMMYT). Ethiopia. <i>“Would the green revolution ever come to Africa?”</i> (4) Dr. Dejene Makonnen, Former President of Alemaya (Haramaya) University of Agriculture, Colorado. <i>“Agriculture and food security in contemporary Ethiopia: A perspective from agronomy.”</i>
12:00 pm	<b>Master of Ceremony (MC):</b> concluding remarks
12:10 pm	<b>Vote of thanks and closure:</b> Dr. Ashenafi Gossay, Secretary General, Forum for Ethiopian Scholars & Professionals (FESP), Seattle, Washington.
12:20 pm	<b>Brief remarks and video availability:</b> Abbay Media

**Guidelines**

The Forum for Ethiopian Scholars and Professionals is pleased to announce that the 10th conference will be held virtually. These guidelines are intended for all conference participants (i.e. speakers, session chairs, master of ceremony and the general online audience) to **establish minimum standards and expectations** to ensure a productive and successful conference and colloquia. **The conference will be transmitted live.** Hence the standards and etiquettes required for formal online meetings will be applied.

**Guidelines for Session Chairs**

Session chairs and presenters should connect to the conference using a **Private ZOOM link** that will be sent by Abbay Media and FESP. Please **do not** share the link with another person. All speakers must test their audio and video and ensure that they can share their Power Point and other material that they want to use for their presentation. **Please ensure that your video is of television quality** (good lighting, uncluttered background & business or traditional attire).

One of the most important responsibilities of session chairs is ensuring that sessions and presentations start and finish on time, without any exception. We request session chairs to pay attention to the following:

- (1) Please ensure that your connection is working. Allow enough time for the technicians to get you connected. **Try to be available early** (Abbay Media will be available one hour before the start of the conference to check your settings).
- (2) Introduce all speakers at the beginning of the session. Please no long vita. It should not take more than one minute to introduce a speaker.
- (3) Do not try to answer questions that may be directed to the speakers. Monitor the chat line (if it is open) and watch the feedback from Facebook participants which will be forwarded to you by Abbay Media technicians. Select sensible questions and direct the questions to the speakers. Ignore all malicious comments and unidentified communications.
- (4) Promote collegiality and respectfulness during Q & A, and at all times.
- (5) Please put your cellphone on silent mode and read text messages and reminders that may come from the conference committee and Abbay Media technicians.



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- (6) Alert presenters five minutes and one minute before the end of their time, and you should stop the speaker on time.
- (7) Do not paraphrase what a speaker or the speakers have said and refrain from giving your opinion or talking about your research/experience or your organization. You might want to give additional references to the audience for research.
- (8) Please note the difference between a “Session Chair” and a “Moderator”. A session chair is “responsible for clearly communicating expectations and logistical information about the session” while a moderator is “responsible for guiding the direction and flow of discussion”. You are a session chair and not a moderator.

### **Guidelines for a Master of Ceremony (MC)**

- (1) The Master of Ceremony (MC) is the host of the Session (colloquium on a specific theme). He/she formally introduces the Session Chair. He/she monitors the agenda and ensures that the event runs smoothly. He communicates with Abbay Media technicians and the Chair of the Conference Committee. The ability to make the audience feel at ease and create a good atmosphere are the primary roles of an MC. He/she should have strong time management skills and may use appropriate sense of humor.
- (2) The Master of ceremony must not make remarks about specific speaker or provide his/her own interpretation of the issues that are being discussed. He/she should refrain from making an opinion as each colloquium is populated by experts in the field.
- (3) He/she shall not use the forum for advertising or interjecting an activity that is not on the schedule, without consulting the conference committee.

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All presenters are reminded that the purpose of their presentation is to contribute to policy formulation and implementation. Your presentation must end with two/three doable concrete policy proposals. The policy must have been tried and tested and, benefit all Ethiopians. The conference is not a platform for promoting a speaker’s organization or business or unfounded opinion. As such, all presenters are expected to be non-partisan, and should have no conflict of interest, whatsoever. It is not a forum for advocacy, however worthy your cause might be. It is not a forum for rationalizing conflict, sectarianism and separatism.

Presenters are requested to make note of the following:

- (1) Please ensure that your presentation is of high quality, focused and understandable by non-experts in the field, the general public, and policymakers.
- (2) To reach a larger audience please note that the language used in the conference is Amharic. Presenters who are unable to speak the Amharic language may present their work in English. Your power point can be in either Amharic or English.
- (3) Both qualitative and quantitative research methods are welcome, Avoid anecdotal evidence and case-based generalizations. The forum is not created for canvassing support. Stick to the paper/abstract that has been reviewed.



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- (4) To the extent possible, avoid complex mathematical/statistical modelling, technical jargons, abstraction, crude generalizations, and inflammatory, offensive or divisive language..
- (5) Address individuals, political organizations, institutions, governments and social groups using their formal names, ranks, titles, etc. and the way they would like to be called.
- (6) Keep your presentation to 25 minutes and, allow time for questions and answers. Try to get your key messages across as early as possible. If your presentation is longer than the allotted time, you will run the risk of being cut off, without communicating the essence of your paper.
- (7) Always remember that you are taking other speakers' time and disrupting the flow of the conference when you go beyond the time allotted to you.
- (8) Limit your answers to the question(s) directed to you and answer them in two minutes or less.
- (9) Please note that the event will be transmitted live and recorded. It will be available for public viewing for an indefinite period. While the intellectual property rests on the speaker/presenter the copyright to the material belongs to FESP and Abbay Media.
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- (1) Make sure that your question is relevant to the theme of the session.
- (2) State your full name (no pen name), your institutional affiliation, the country where you are, and identify the speaker to whom the question is addressed to.
- (3) As a matter of courtesy, be brief and ask only one question. No long comments will be entertained. Do not send file attachments.
- (4) If you are given the opportunity to ask your question verbally, you should be on video.
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