



# Vision Ethiopia 12<sup>th</sup> Conference (Virtual)

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## **The Imperatives for Collaboration among Ethiopia's Ethnic Groups to Ward Off Existential Threats**

***April 19, 2023, May 6, 2023, and May 13, 2023  
11:00AM – 2:00PM EST***

Ethiopia's ethnic groups have been under attack by Oromumma extremist forces since Abiy Ahmed usurped power following the collapse of the TPLF vicious rule through a popular uprising. The genocidal violence against Amharas in the Oromia, Gumuz and other regions; the interminable attacks against the people of Somali, Wolaytta, Sidama, Gmabella and Afar; the encirclement of Addis Ababa; and the recent crackdown against the Guraghe zone are testimonies of the brutality of the Oromumma campaign of ethnic cleansing, extermination, and expansion. Having instigated a devastatingly horrific fratricidal war between the brotherly people of Tigray and Amhara, Abiy Ahmed has now embarked on a sinister ploy of disarming the various regions to incapacitate them from defending themselves against further attacks and subjugation.

Vision Ethiopia, an independent and non-partisan association of Ethiopian scholars and professionals, has organized this webinar with a view to creating a forum for speakers from the various ethnic groups in Ethiopia to assess the need to forge a strong coalition against the ongoing Oromumma onslaught. We encourage all those who stand for justice, peace, and democracy to join the dialogue and help formulate a viable path forward to ward off the imminent catastrophe.

The Conference will be conducted in three separate sessions on the following dates:

**Session 1:** Saturday, April 29, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST

**Session 2:** Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST

**Session 3:** Saturday, May 13, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST



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## Conference Agenda

April 29, 2023, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Session 1

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Dr. Getachew Begashaw

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:**

- Dr. Demissie Alemayehu

**Panelists:**

- Ato. Afework Agedew
- W/O Eyerusalem A. Burqa
- Dr. Mesfin Mulugeta
- Ato. Shimelis Kintacho

12:30 pm – 12:40 pm

**Break**

12:40 pm – 1:45 pm

**Questions and Answers**

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

**Closing Remarks**

- Dr. Demissie Alemayehu



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## Conference Agenda (Cont.)

May 6, 2023, 11 am – 2:00 pm

### Session 2

11:00 am – 11:15 am

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Ato. Berhanu Zergaw

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

#### Panel Discussion

##### Moderator:

- Dr. Getachew Begashaw

##### Panelists:

- Dr. Ahungena Alemayehu
- Ato. Ojulu Obala
- Ato. Yussuf Yasin

12:30 pm – 12:40 pm

#### Break

12:40 pm – 1:45 pm

#### Questions and Answers

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

#### Closing Remarks

- Dr. Getachew Begashaw



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May 13, 2023, 11 am – 2:00 pm

## Session 3

11:00 am – 11:10 am

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Dr. Demissie Alemayehu

11:10 am – 12:30 pm

### Panel Discussion

#### Moderator:

- Ato. Berhanu Zergaw

#### Panelists:

- Ato. Bekele Wario
- Dr. Data D. Barata
- Dr. Haile Larebo
- Ato. Temesgen Mengistu

12:30 pm – 12:40 pm

### Break

12:40 pm – 1:45 pm

### Questions and Answers

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

### Closing Remarks

- Dr. Getachew Begashaw