ETHIOPIA FORUM: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IN ETHIOPIA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Michigan State University

Friday, March 22, 2019, Room 115 International Center
1. Guest arrival: rides from LAN and bus terminals to hotel
2. Informal welcome reception/dinner (venue TBD)

Saturday, March 23, 2019, Room 115 International Center, 8:00 AM
1. Rides from hotel for speakers to International Center (MSU van)
2. Opening remarks, introductions and credits by one of the Ethiopia Forum organizers
3. Welcome remarks by Rob Glew, Professor of Political Science and Associate Dean of International Studies and Programs
4. Welcome remarks by John Metzler, Associate Director of the African Studies Center
5. Call of symposium speakers to the speakers platform

6. Symposium One: 8:30 AM to 12:30 Noon: Chair and Moderator: Abraham Engeda
   b. Getachew Begashaw, Professor and Chair of Economics, Harper College, Good Governance in Ethiopia with Checks and Balances
   c. Almaz Zewde, Professor of Sociology, Howard University, Human Rights in Ethiopia
   d. Berhanu Mengistu, Professor of Public Policy and Administration, Old Dominion University, and Lulsegged Abebe, PhD Independent Consultant Researcher, Peace and Security Expert, Peace, Justice, Truth and Reconciliation in Ethiopia
   e. Haile Larebo, Professor of School of Oriental and African Studies, Morehouse College, What is Ethiopiawinet?
   f. Messay Kebede, Professor of Philosophy, U of Dayton, The Nature and Challenges of Ethnicity: The Case of Ethiopia
   g. Ted Vestal, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Oklahoma State University, Secular Federalism: Applications for Ethiopia

7. Lunch Break: 12:30 to 2:00 PM

8. Call of symposium speakers to the speakers platform

9. Symposium Two: 2:00 to 6:00 PM: Chair and Moderator: Imru Assefa
   a. Berhanu Abegaz, Professor and Chair of Economics, College of William and Mary, Economic Issues: A Model of Partnership-for-Development for a Post-EPRDF Ethiopia
   b. Sisay Asefa, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University, Economic Issues: Agriculture & Food Security
   c. Daniel Teferra, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Ferris State University, Economic Issues: Why Ethiopia Needs a Land Reform Program
d. Asrat Tessema, Professor Emeritus of Business, Eastern Michigan University,  
   *Economic Issues: Prospects and Challenges for Developing Securities Markets in Ethiopia - an Analytical Review*  
e. Tadesse Giorgis, Professor of Psychology, Chicago State University,  
   *The State of Higher Education in Ethiopia: Revisiting Teacher Education*  
f. Daniel Kendie, Professor Emeritus of History, Henderson University,  
   *Regional Integration for Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa*  
g. Solomon Getahun, Professor of History, Central Michigan University,  
   *The Role of the Ethiopian Diaspora*  

10. **Keynote Lecture, Dinner Reception: 7:00 to 10:00 PM, Kellogg Center:**  
   **Chair and Moderator: Sisay Asefa**  
   a. Rides for speakers to Kellogg Center from 6:00 PM (MSU van)  
   b. Dinner and cash bar  
   c. Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Sisay Asefa  
   d. Keynote Lecture: Paulos Milkias, Professor of Political Science, University of Concordia,  
      *Political Conjectures about Transition from Authoritarianism to Democracy and Tasks for Constructing Integrative Federalism in Contemporary Ethiopia*  
   e. Open floor for Q&A and remarks  
   f. Closing remarks and thanks (Organizing Committee)  

**Sunday, March 24, 2019, Room 115 International Center**  
1. Rides from hotel for speakers to International Center (MSU van)  
2. Opening remarks and call of panelists to the platform by one of the Forum organizers  

3. **Panel One: 8:00 to 10:00 AM: Chair and Moderator: Kifle Negash**  
   a. Tekalign Gedamu, Former Minister of Planning, GOE,  
      *Panel: Ethiopia in Transition or at Crossroad*  
   b. Teshome Abebe, Professor Laureate, Professor of Economics, Eastern Illinois University,  
      *Panel: Ethiopia in Transition or at Crossroads*  
   c. Open floor for Q&A and remarks  

4. **Panel Two: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Chair and Moderator: Solomon Getahun**  
   a. Berhanu Abegaz, Professor and Chair of Economics, College of William and Mary,  
      *Roadmaps of Transition*  
   b. Getachew Metaferia, Professor of Political Science, Howard University,  
      *Discussant*  
   c. Brook Hailu Beshah, Adjunct Professor of Journalism, E. W. Scripps School of Journalism,  
      *Discussant*  
   d. Open floor for Q&A and remarks  

5. Lunch at 12:30 PM  

6. Closing remarks and thanks by one of the Forum organizers.