

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Ethiopia-Michigan Collaborative Consortium (EMC2)

ETHIOPIAN FUTURES MOVING FORWARD

JULY 11-14, 2017

The Horn of Africa
Regional Environment
Centre and Network
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



This conference will explore the Ethiopia-Michigan collaboration in ways that include areas in the humanities, science, engineering, mathematics and social sciences.

This event will bring together faculty and student partners in Ethiopia and the University of Michigan to develop interactions in an open and welcoming environment. With over 125 registered attendees, this conference will offer wonderful opportunities for engagement to strengthen relationships, or to meet new partners to build new connections. We will discuss the achievements and challenges of ongoing collaborative work between Ethiopian and University of Michigan colleagues, and develop new insights into Ethiopia and its future.

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You are welcome!



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Coordinated by the University of Michigan African Studies Center and Addis Ababa University

*In partnership with the following institutions:
Addis Ababa University; Ethiopian Public Health Institute; St. Paul's Millennium Medical College; University of Gondar; University of Axum*

"Ethiopian Futures: Moving Forward"

July 11-14, 2017

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 11 – Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel, Menelik II Ave, Addis Ababa 1164

4:30pm » Welcome Reception

American-style BBQ celebration for all registered conference attendees.

- *Opening remarks at 5.30pm with Prof. Oveta Fuller, Prof. Wuletaw Chane, Prof. James Holloway*

Wednesday, July 12– Horn of Africa Regional Environmental Centre and Network, Addis Ababa

“Defining the Future of Ethiopia Through Ethiopian Lenses”

9:00am » Welcome Remarks

- Professor ADMASU TSEGAYE, President, Addis Ababa University
- Dr. MARK SCHLISSEL, President, University of Michigan (Video)

Moderator:

Prof. A. OVETA FULLER, 2016-17, Director, African Studies Center, University of Michigan

9:20am » Unconference plan overview

Prof. TODD AUSTIN, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan

9:30am » Keynote Addresses *“How the Future is Grounded in the Past”*

- H.E. Professor YIFRU BERHAN MITKE, Minister of Health, Federal Republic of Ethiopia
- H.E. Dr.-Ing. GETAHUN MEKURIA, Minister of Science and Technology, Federal Republic of Ethiopia
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10:45am » Panel *“Defining Ethiopia’s Priorities and Needs for the Future: Ethiopian Perspective, Needs, and Offerings”*

Panelists:

- Dr. ZERIHUN ABEBE, Provost, St. Paul Millenium Hospital
- Dr. AHMED HASSEN, Director, Institute of Ethiopian Studies
- Prof. ESAYAS GEBREYOHANNES, Scientific Director, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology
- Prof. MERSHA CHANIE, Vice President, Research and Community Service, University of Gondar

Moderator:

- Professor JAMES HOLLOWAY, Vice Provost of Global Engagement, University of Michigan
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12:00pm » Lunch and group discussions on *“Defining the Future”*

Topics of discussions will be determined at the end of the panel

Attendees have lunch during the first round of topic discussions

12:00pm - 1:15pm Group discussions by table-topics

1:15pm - 2:30pm Table-topic swap

2.30pm » Coffee Break

3:00pm » Lightening Talks: “Reflecting on the Past, Defining the Future”

Facilitator:

AMY CONGER, Assistant Vice Provost of Global Engagement, University of Michigan

1. Exhibiting Ethiopia: Opportunities and Challenges

AHMED ZEKARIA, Chief Curator, Museum of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University

RAYMOND SILVERMAN, Professor, History of Art, African Studies, and Museum Studies, University of Michigan

2. CIRHT: Past and Future

LIA TADESSE GEBREMEDHIN, M.D., MHA, Program Director, Center for International Reproductive Health Training, University of Michigan

MENGISTU H. DAMTEW, M.D., In-country Program Director, CIRHT-Ethiopia

3. Postpartum Family Planning Utilization and Determinants in Addis Ababa

JESSICA MILNE, Health Behavior and Health Education MPH program, University of Michigan

ALULA TEKLU, M.D., MPH, Research Coordinator, Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Innovation Fund

4. Evaluating Impacts of Large-Scale Land Transactions on Socio-Ecological Land Systems in Ethiopia

ALEMAYEHU AYANA, Research Director, Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute

DAN BROWN, Professor and Interim Dean, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan

5. Experiences Starting and Maintaining International Collaborations between U-M and AAiT

TODD AUSTIN, Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan

FITSUM ASSAMNEW ANDARGIE, Lecturer, School of Electrical & Computer Engineering, AAiT

6. Evaluating Perceptions of Vaccine Necessity in Health Centers in Addis Ababa

NINA MASTERS, Global Health Epidemiology MPH program, University of Michigan

YEMISRACH ABEJE, Lecturer in Public Health, St. Paul's Hospital millennium Medical College

4.15pm » Unconference Planning for Day 2: Topics, Locations, Report-out planning

Prof. TODD AUSTIN, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan

5pm » Closing

Thursday, July 13 - Various sites, or Horn of Africa

“Developing/Growing Collaborations”

8:00am » Group meetings at planned locations in Addis Ababa

3:30pm » Guided tour at the National Museum of Ethiopia

5:30pm » Conference dinner at Lucy Lounge and Restaurant

Friday, July 14– Horn of Africa Regional Environmental Centre and Network, Addis Ababa

“Bringing It All Together, and Plans for the Future”

9:00am » Progress reports from Day 2 and going forward

Moderator:

Prof. TODD AUSTIN, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan

10:45am » Coffee Break

11:00am » Panel: *“Important things to know in planning collaborations”*

Moderator:

Prof. VALERIA BERTACCO, Associate Dean, Physical Sciences and Engineering, University of Michigan

Panelists:

Prof. KASSAYE BEGASHAW, Archaeology and Heritage Management, Addis Ababa University

FITSUM ASSAMNEW ANDARGIE, Lecturer, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology

Prof. RAYMOND SILVERMAN, History of Art, African Studies, and Museum Studies, University of Michigan

Prof. GETACHEW SHUNKI TIBBA, Vice President for Research, Community Services and Collaboration, Mettu University

ZERIHUN GETANEH WORKNEH, Lecturer, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology

12:00pm » Lunch and Afternoon Session: *“Going Forward”*

Moderators:

Prof. A. Oveta Fuller, Microbiology and Immunology, University of Michigan Medical School, Director, African Studies Center, 2016-17

Dr. Wuletaw Chane, Clinical Service Director, Addis Ababa University School of Medicine

2:00pm » Group engagement: *“Getting to Know You”*

3:45pm » Coffee Break

4:00pm » Conference summary and closing remarks

- Professor JAMES HOLLOWAY, Vice Provost of Global Engagement, University of Michigan

5:00pm » Conference Close