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The Symposium Agenda at a Glance-tentative: Plenary Sessions
(June 18-19, 2005, Saba Hall, The Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

I. Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Technology Issues
(Saturday, June 18, 2005)

8:15 A.M. Registration Opens

8:30-9:00 A.M. Welcoming Remarks:

9:00- 10:30: *Session 1: Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Issues.*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 P.M: *Session 2: Agriculture, Rural Institutions, and Biotechnology*

12:30-1:30 PM: Lunch Break

**1:30-2:30 PM: Invited Lecture: “*Biotechnology and the African Farmer*”
Professor Carl K. Eicher, University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. USA**

2:30 –4:00 P.M: *Session 3: Science and Technology for Development*

4:00–4:30 P.M. Coffee Break

4:30 –6:00 P.M. *Session 4: Human Resource Development I: Education*

II. Economics, Civil Society, Conflict and Globalization
(Sunday, July 19, 2005)

8:45--9:00 AM: Welcoming Remarks

9:00- 10:30 AM: *Session 5: Conflict and Socio-economic development*

10:30-11:00 AM: Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 PM: *Session 6: Civil Society, Federalism and Institutions*

12:30 –2:00 PM: Lunch Break

2:00-3:30 PM: *Session 7: Ethiopia and Africa in the World Economy*

3:30- 4:00 PM: Coffee Break

4:00– 5:00 PM: *Session 8: Women and Development in Ethiopia*

5:00 –6:00 PM: Plenary Roundtable Panel: Participants to be announced

6:00-6:30 PM: Closing Remarks

Preliminary Conference Program

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**Dr. Tsedeke Abate, Director General, EARO, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA**

**DAYI: Agriculture, Natural Resource and Technology Issues
(Saturday, June 18, 2005)**

Session 1: 9:00–10:30AM Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Issues

**Chairperson: Dr. Aberra Deressa, Deputy Director General, and EARO,
ETHIOPIA.**

*Integrated Agricultural Development Strategies in the ANRS: Lessons from
AMAREW Project, Dr. Brhane Gebrekidan, Elias Zerfu, Fekadu Yohannes,
Habtemariam Kassa, and Yitayew Abebe, AMAREW Project, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia*

*Socioeconomic Impact of Export Oriented Agricultural Production on Farmers in
Eastern Ethiopia, Adem Kedir, Alemaya University, Ethiopia*

*Commercialization of Ethiopian Agriculture: The Role of Extension, Dr. Berhanu
Gebremedhin, Dirk Hoekstra, and Azage Tegegne, International Livestock
Research (ILRI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

*The Role of the Private Sector in Forestry in Ethiopia, Dr. Badege Bishaw, College of
Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA.*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: 11:00 – 12:30 P.M: Agriculture, Rural Institutions, and Biotechnology

Chair: Professor Endashaw Bekele, Department of Biology, and Addis Ababa University

The Potentials for Biotechnology Application for Speedy and Sustainable Economic Development of Ethiopia: Present Status, Future Strategies and Actions, Tilahun Zeweldu, Agricultural Biotechnology Support Program II, East and Central Africa, APEP Biotechnology, Kampala, Uganda.

Technological Changes and Institutional Arrangements in the Development of Agro-Pastoral Systems in the Lowland-Highland Interface Areas of Northeastern Ethiopia
Dr. Workneh Negatu, Institute of Development Research, Addis Ababa University.

Institutional Support Services for Market Oriented Development of Ethiopian Agriculture: The Case of Input Supply and Rural Finance, Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin, Dick Hoekstra, and Azage Tegegne, ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Tree Nurseries, Forestation, and Environmental Development in Semen Shewa, Ato Hailu W. Amanuel, Geneva, Switzerland

Lunch Break: 12:30-1:30 PM

1:30-2:30 PM: Invited Paper: “Biotechnology and the African Farmer”, Professor Carl K. Eicher, Michigan State University (MSU) with Karim Maredia, MSU, and Idah Sithole, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Session 3: 2:30 –4:00 PM- Science and Technology for Development

Chair: Professor Amde Amde, The University of Maryland- College Park, USA.

Solar Energy for Domestic and Process Water Heating in Ethiopia, Dr. Demis Alemu, Faculty of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Standardization of Concrete Making Materials in Ethiopia, Dr. Abebe Dinku, Faculty of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Precast Concrete Beams and Slabs for Low Cost Housing in Ethiopia, Dr. Girma Zerayohannes, Faculty of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Innovative Application of Science and Technology for Gender Equity, Dr. Birhanu Gizaw, College of Telecommunications and Information Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

4:00-4:30 P.M. Coffee Break

Session 4: 4:30- 6:30 PM. Human Resource Development: Education

Chair: Professor Tirusew Tefera, Faculty of Education, Addis Ababa University

Conflict of Ethnic Identity and the Language of Education Policy in Contemporary Ethiopia: An Evaluative Analysis, Professor Teshome Wagaw, The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI. USA

Library and Educational Access for Progress (LEAP): Libraries as Enablers of Development, Dr. Solomon Negash, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, USA

E-Courses for Economic Development of Ethiopia, Dr. Nega Debela, Marshall University, West Virginia, USA.

A Survey of Financial Management and Budgetary Systems of Two Institutions of Higher Education: Addis Ababa University & Ethiopian Civil Service College- A Comparative Case Approach. Dr. Yalew Engidayehu, College of Education, Addis Ababa University.

Invited Lecture: 6:00-6:30PM: “Challenges and Opportunities of Establishing Private Institution of Higher Education in Ethiopia: The Case of New Generation University College (NGUC), Mr. Mathew Gichele, President, NGUC, Ethiopia.

**DAYII: Economics, Politics, Conflict and Globalization
(Sunday, June 19, 2005)**

8:45-9:00 A.M. Welcoming Remarks

Session 5 (9:00-10:30): Conflict and Socio-economic development

Chair: Dr. Alemayehu Geda, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University.
Does Conflict Explain Ethiopia’s Backwardness? Yes! and Significantly.
Alemayehu Geda, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Electoral Systems, Ethnic Conflict, and Party Systems Volatility in Africa: Implications for Ethiopia, Professor John Ishiyama, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, USA

Ethno Development in Post-Conflict Ethiopia: The Post 1991 Period” Mr. Gemechu Debela, Massey University, New Zealand.

An Inquiry into the Role of Personal Wealth in the Pastoral-Agropastoralist Conflict Resolution in Yerer and Daketa Valleys, Eastern Ethiopia, Dr. Ayalneh Bogale, Alemaya University and Benedikt Korf, University of Liverpool, UK.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 6 (11:00-12:30PM): Civil Society, Federalism, and Institutions

Chair: Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. USA

Fiscal Federalism and Its Discontent: Theory and Policy, Dr. Abu Girma Moges
A&A Optimum Solutions, Ibaraki, Japan.

Democracy and Development: Lessons from Turkish Experience Applied to Ethiopia,
Mr. Paul Henze, Historian, Bethesda, Maryland, USA

Multiethnic Federalism and the Secession Clause of Its Constitution, Alem Habtu,
Department of Sociology, Queens College/CUNY, Flushing, NY. USA

*NGOs/CSOs in African Development- Challenges, Opportunities: Planning for Self-
Extinction?* Mr. Gezeahegn Kebede, Oxfam-Great Britain, Kenya.

“Breaking with the Past? An Analysis of Ethiopia’s 2005 Elections” Leonardo R.
Arriola, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, USA, & Visiting
Researcher, Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Lunch Break: 12:30-2:00PM

**Session 7: 2:00 -3:30 PM: Poverty and Inequality in the Global Economy: Ethiopia
and Africa in the World Economy**

Chair: Dr. Assefa Admassie, Ethiopian Economic Research Institute (EERI), Addis Ababa.

*A Broader Perspective of Poverty and Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa: The
Importance of Social Indicators*, Dr. Paulo Silva Lopes, African Department,
International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., USA.

*New Partnership for Africa’s Development and the Commission for Africa as a New
Approaches in Africa’s Development in a Globalizing World*, Dr. Livingstone Musoro,
London Metropolitan University, UK.

Determining the Direction of African Trade, Dr. Habtu Woldu, University of Texas at
Dallas, Texas, USA

Ethiopia in the World Economy: Is Pro-Poor Globalization Possible, Dr. Kenneth Reinert,
George Mason University and Rural Development Consortium, Northern Virginia, USA

Coffee Break (3:30-4:00)

Session 8: (4:00-5:00 PM): Women and Development in Ethiopia:

Chair: Dr. Astede Assefa, New Generation University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Are the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Feasible? Can the UN Deadline be met for Education and Gender in Particular, Meskerem Shiferaw, United Nations Fund for Population, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Effect of Fertility on the Labor Supply of Married Women in Ethiopia, Blen Solomon and Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Plight of Ethiopian Refugee Women in Sudan, Dr. Solomon Getahun Addis, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

6:00- 6:30 PM: Closing Remarks: Dr. Brhane Gebrekidan, Bahirdar, Ethiopia.

Conference Dinner and Intertainment- The IBEX Hotel, Addis Ababa