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Ethiopian National Priorities Consultative Process



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Plenary Session - Open to the General Public

1:00-1:15 Welcome and Introduction to ENPCP, Ambassador Imru Zelleke, Co-Chair of ENPCP

Session I Civil Society, Civic Organizations and Democratization in Ethiopia

Moderator: Dr. Berhanu Alemayehu

1:15-1:35 Dr. Erku Yimer, ENC - The role of Civil Society in building Democratic Institutions

1:35-1:55 Professor Berhanu Abegaz, Williams and Mary College, Virginia
Citizens Charter: A Manifesto for a Pan-Ethiopian Civic Movement

1:55-2:15 Ato Kefale Mammo Founding President of the Ethiopian Free Press Journalists Association
The role of the free press in building democratic governance
(BeDemocracy Genbata YeNetsaw Press Meena)

2:35-2:55 Professor Minga Negash, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Accountability, Democratic Governance and the African Peer Review Mechanism

2:55-3:10 Coffee Break

Session II Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Democracy

Moderator: Professor Seid Hassan, Murray State University, Kentucky

3:10-3:30 Ato Obang Metho, Solidarity Movement for New Ethiopia
The Wider Concept of Solidarity Movement for New Ethiopia

3:30-3:50 Professor Berhanu Mengistu, Old Dominion University, Virginia
Government Responses to Uninterrupted Ethiopian Conflicts: Past and Present

3:50-4:10 Ambassador Ayalew Mandefro, Vice-Chairman, Ethiopian Forum for Peace Democracy and Development (EFPDD) and Former Career Diplomat - Three National Initiatives for Conflict Prevention

Session III Panel Discussion & Questions and Answers Sessions

Moderator: Ato Betru Gebregziabher, Dejen LeDemocracy, Texas

4:30-6:30 Panelists - CSO Representatives and Individual Members
Ambassador Imru Zelleke, Chairman, EFPDD and Former Career Diplomat
Ato Kidane Alemayehu, Dejen Le Democracy, Texas
Ato Obang Metho, Solidarity Movement for New Ethiopia
Ato Aklilu Wondaferaw, Solidarity Committee for Ethiopian Political Prisoners - Canada
Dr. Erku Yimer, Chairman, Ethiopian National Congress
Ato Kefale Mammo, Founding President - Ethiopian Free Press Journalists Association

Session IV Press Conference:

6:30-7:00 Ambassador Imru Zelleke, Ato Kidane Alemayehu and Dr. Erku Yimer