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Ethiopian National Priorities Consultative Process



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*Ethiopian National Priorities Consultative Process  
Cordially Invites the General Public to  
A Conference of National Importance  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 A.D.*

*From 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.*

*Westin O'Hare Hotel - 3 Miles from O'Hare Airport  
6100 North River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018*

*ENPCP is a consultative body composed of Civic Organizations and individuals launched 15 months ago:*

- *To bring together concerned individuals and right-based civic organizations to pick up the shattered pieces of the democratic movement of 2005 into a structured, coordinated, and unified movement with clear articulation of purpose to drive the democratization process to fruition*
- *To organize a National Priorities Consultative Process, not to replace but to complement existing civic and other right-based groups*
- *Not to be a political opposition party competing for state power*
- *To struggle for a full-fledged democratic governance, respect for human rights and rule of law in a united Ethiopia*
- *To struggle for a free and fair election in a prospering economy*

*The Chicago Conference will bring together many civic leaders, academics and former career diplomats to discuss national priority issues as a bridge to a National Convention that ENPCP is coordinating to call during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010. We request all civic minded individuals and rights based Civil Society Organizations, to pass the word, to join us and participate and learn more about ENPCP initiatives. Attached below is the Conference Program. Come and ask what we can do together for Ethiopia.*

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## Chicago Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

At The Westin O'Hare Hotel, 6100 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018

Telephone: 1-847-698-6000 and Reservation: 1-866-716-8104

### 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 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 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