Preliminary International Call for Papers and Participation
The 4th International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies (ICEDS)
THE CHALLENGES OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ETHIOPIA & THE HORN OF AFRICA, August 3-5, 2007

Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR)
Western Michigan University (WMU), Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:


The Horn of Africa is a sub-region of Africa which comprises of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, and Djibouti. The Greater Horn sub-region also includes Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The Horn is one of the most strategic areas of Africa and the global economy. It is a bridge between Africa and the Middle East, as well as the oil fields of the Persian Gulf. It is culturally and historically rich region of the world with great natural resource potential. It is a region of diversity in culture, languages, and religions. In spite of these potentials, it is currently one of the poorest and unstable sub-regions of Africa. The region suffers from conflicts within and among the states caused by internal and external factors.

The objectives of the conference are to: 1. Raise awareness about and understand the critical issues that affect the sub-region, 2. Provide a forum for constructive and informed dialogue on key policy options for sustainable peaceful conflict resolution for future development and progress, 3. Exchange research papers by scholars and researchers on the various dimensions of the Horn of Africa, and 4. Build consensus on policy options that are crucial for future progress toward peaceful conflict resolution, development, peace and democratic governance both among states and within the states. The Symposium is intended for academics, policy makers, investors, and donors and others interested in contemporary issues in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa.

The 4th International Conference will convene on August 3-5, 2007 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. No funds are available at this time for conference travel and related expenses of participants. Past participants have managed to get their own external research and travel support. Prospective participants in the 2007 conference are also urged to do the same. Participants of accepted proposals and abstracts or papers can ask for a letter of support or invitation from conference organizers to prospective funding agencies. Conference registration for participants including presenters and session chairs will have registration fees reduced or waived. Conference organizers will try to find inexpensive accommodation. Details will be released after the April 1, 2007 deadline of proposals and abstracts. Papers can have a sub-regional scope or can focus on the specific states of the Horn: Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, and Djibouti including those within the Greater Horn of Africa: Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.
SUBMISSIONS:
The Conference Conveners invite proposals on the following broad range of issues and topics related to the conference theme: “THE CHALLENGES OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ETHIOPIA & THE HORN OF AFRICA”

- Agriculture and Natural Resources Management
- Education and Health Issues in Development
- Institutions for Economic Growth and Development
- Private Sector and macro-economic Performance
- Regional Economic Integration and Trade Issues
- Science and Technology for Development
- United States Policy on Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa
- Managing Ethnic, Clan, and Religious conflicts
- Building democratic institutions for successful elections
- Historical & cultural Origins of Conflict & lessons for Peace building
- The Role of the Diaspora in Development
- Other related issues to the conference theme

Each contributor is invited to complete and submit the participation form (on the next page) and one page typed double-spaced copy of the proposal. Abstracts that do not include completed Participation Form will be regarded as incomplete and will not be accepted.

Please send all abstracts by e-mail to the CADPR Conference Coordinating Office at WMU attn: SISAY.ASEFA@WMICH.EDU Please, checks the WMU/CADPR website for registration, specific venue, and other information.

The latest date to submit abstracts and proposals is April 1, 2007. Authors of selected abstracts will be informed by May 1, 2007. The latest date to submit completed draft papers will be May 15, 2007. Accepted papers will be published in a reputable and referred social science journal and/or published in Conference Proceedings as in past practice of the series.

Please send all abstracts or proposals by April 1, 2007 to:

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PROPOSED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FORM

I would like to participate in the Conference as follows:

--------- Present a Paper (abstract/paper enclosed)
--------- As a symposium co-sponsor (Please contact me at: e-mail:------------------
--------- As a representative my organization and/or business: e-mail:------------------
--------- Attend only. Please send me the final Conference Program

PERSON(S) SUBMITTING PROPOSAL/REQUESTING INFORMATION:

Name: ------------------------- Title: -------------------------
Organization: ---------------------- Address: -------------------------
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