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Objectives and Scope of the Conference

The Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education and the Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR) at Western Michigan University (WMU) announce the 4th International Conference on the Challenges of Peace and Development in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa planned for August 2-4 on WMU’s Kalamazoo campus. The biennial conference continues on a tradition founded when the first was convened in August 2001 at WMU, which was followed up by the co-sponsorship of the Institute of Development Research (IDR) at Addis Ababa University in 2003 and the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) in 2005.

Ethiopia, with 75 million people, is the second most populated country in Africa and is located in Northeast Africa, also known as the Horn of Africa. This area includes Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, and Djibouti, and Greater Northeast Africa includes Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The sub-region 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 a culturally and historically rich region of the world with great natural resource potential. It is a region of great 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 and violence within and among the states caused by internal and external factors.
The objectives of the conference are to:

1. Raise awareness about and enhance the understanding the critical issues that affect Ethiopia and Northeast Africa
2. Provide a forum for constructive and informed dialogue on key policy options for sustainable development and peace
3. Foster the exchange of research papers by scholars and researchers including graduate students on the various dimensions of development
4. Build consensus on policy options that are crucial for future progress toward conflict resolution, development, peace building and democratic governance both among states and within the states of the Horn, including understanding the relationship between the United States and Northeast Africa States
5. Organize panels or sessions on various topics of the general conference theme including peace building and conflict resolution

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