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Two Symposia in U.S. on Eritrean women's role in war and peace

WASHINGTON, DC – As it celebrates the 35th Anniversary of its founding in 1979 and this year's International Women's Day, the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) in North America will host two symposia in March--one on Saturday, March 7, 2015, in Arlington, Virginia, and another on March 14, 2015 in Oakland, California.

The symposia, with the theme “**Eritrean Women's Exemplary Role in War and Peace: A Global Perspective,**” will attempt to tell the dual struggle Eritrean women, both inside and outside, waged to simultaneously liberate themselves from foreign rule as well as backward traditional gender discrimination. The meetings will highlight how, against all odds, Eritrean women were able to transform traditional patriarchal society and achieve major victories in terms of securing the liberation of their country. There will also be presentations on the exemplary role of Eritrean women in nation building and an opportunity to hear from the organization's members and leadership on the major achievements of the NUEW in the past thirty-five years.

The panelists will address a variety of topics, from the role of Eritrean women in mobilizing their communities, to balancing dual identities in the Diaspora, and Eritrea's progress in ensuring gender equality and empowerment of women including its commitment to international covenants, and the national efforts to reduce maternal, and child mortality, gender disparity in education, as well as women's participation in elected bodies in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and more. There will also be a discussion on the role of young Eritrean-American women and how they are working to keep the legacy of their mothers and older sisters.

The agenda for the one-day symposia will be available a week before the respective programs on <http://www.dehai.org/nuew-symposium/>

Attendees will be registered at the door. Admission to the symposium is free.