



Upcoming Workshop

How to Achieve Lasting Peace in the Horn of Africa

A panel of scholars and area experts will explore ways to bring about lasting peace to the war-ravaged Horn of Africa this weekend at a workshop organized as part of the 2018 Eritrean Festival in Washington, D.C.

The program, titled “**The Horn of Africa: The Quest for Peace Continues**,” is set for this Saturday, July 21, 2018, from 1 to 3pm, at 332 Hawaii Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017.

Serving on the panel will be: Mr. **Andargachew Tsige**, head of the secretariat, and member of the executive committee of Ginbot 7; **Prof. Asmerom Legesse**, noted anthropologist and historian; and **Prof. Habtamu Gudo**, professor of journalism.

The workshop, which is being held at a time when the winds of positive change are blowing in the Horn of Africa, is expected to generate fresh ideas that can help the peoples and nations of this region to chart their ways out of the long-standing quagmire characterized by perpetual conflict, standoff and mistrust.

The Horn of Africa, which is situated at a crossroads of economic activity and migration, has become a growing center of instability. Increased traffic from different camps through the region creates not only a security concern for the countries in the Horn, but also business interests and competition for the resources in the region.

Efforts to develop the region have been severely impeded by the absence of peace. Peace is a prerequisite to development.

But, why is the region in a continuous state of instability and political quagmire? What are the causes for the situation? What are the factors impeding development in this region? What are the external and internal forces destabilizing the region and for what purpose? What role can the international community play to help the people of the region?

The workshop will explore these and similar questions with a focus on the principal challenges facing the region by bringing together as speakers scholars, regional experts, and opinion makers with direct experience in the Horn sub-region of Africa.

Everyone is invited