

Afar Forum Conference Programme 2018



THEME: BRIDGING THE GAP: CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FACING THE AFAR PEOPLE

DAY 1: THURSDAY 26 JULY, 2018

Moderator: Omar-Hayish Hilal, Former Chairman of Afar Forum

09:00 – 09:30 Registration/ Tea /Coffee

09:30 – 09:40 Welcoming and opening remarks by M. Nouman Moussa Chairman of Afar Forum

09:40 – 09:50 Welcoming speech by Miss Nasro Habib, Member of Afar Forum Preparatory Committee in Belgium

09:50 – 10:10 On the Challenges and Opportunities of the Afar People by Amine Moussa, Vice Public Relations Officer of Afar Forum

10:10 – 10:30 Current Human Right Abuses on Red Sea Afar People by M. Ismael Gabayta, Chairman of Red Sea Afar Human Rights Organization

10:30 – 11:50 Social and Economic Impact of Charcoal Production by M. Mohamed Datona, Researcher

11:50 – 12:10 Waiting for Afar Superman: Crisis of Leadership in the Afar Community by M. Hassan Chehem, Public Relations Officer of Afar Forum and Chairman of Afar Youth Association

12:10 – 12:30 Fundraising Announcement for School in Obock, Members of Working Group in Belgium

12:30 – 12:45 Gallamo Project Update Cab-Ramid Egla M. Omar Aboubaker

12:45 – 13:00 Bruxelles-Afrique De l'Est (BADE) Miss. Amina Mohamed Hassan

13:00 – 13:30 Discussions and Questions

13:30 – 14:20 LUNCH BREAK

14:20 – 14:40 The Use of Social Media by Afar Youth by M. Akadar Ibrahim, Director of Afar Information Center

14:40 – 15:00 Current Human Right Situation in Afar Region of Ethiopia by M. Gaas Ahmed, Chairman of Afar Human Rights Organization

15:00 – 15:20 Afar Pastoralist People Vs Change by M. Mohamed Datona, Researcher

15:20 – 15:40 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15:40 – 16:30 General Discussions and Questions (End of day one)

DAY 2: FRIDAY 27 JULY, 2018

Moderator: Hassan Chehem, Public Relations Officer, Akadar Ibrahim Ahmed, Director of Afar Information Center

09:00 – 09:20 Registration/ Tea /Coffee

09:20 – 09:50 Current Situation Between Ethiopia and Eritrea: Advantage and Disadvantage for the Afar People in Eritrea by Mohamed Balua, Foreign Relations for Eritrean Afar National Congress (EANC)

09:50 – 10:10 Discussions and Questions

10:10 – 10:40 La Question Afar à Djibouti à la Lumière des Evolutions Positives dans la Corne d'Afrique by M. Maki Houmed-Gaba, Représentant de l'ARD en Europe

10:40 – 11:00 Discussions and Questions

11:00 – 11:30 Changing Political Landscape in Ethiopia and the Position of Afar People's Party by Abdallah Abdo, Secretary General of Afar People's Party

11:30 – 11:50 Discussions and Questions

11:50 – 12:20 Current Political Situation and the Struggle of Red Sea Afar Democratic Organisation by Yasin Abdellah, RSADO Representative in Europe

12:20 – 12:40 Discussions and Questions

12:40 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 14:30 Current Situation in Ethiopia by M. Omar Alimirah, Chairman of Afar Liberation Front

14:30 – 14:50 Discussions and Questions

14:50 – 15:10 The Absence of Traditional Leaders in the Struggle for Afar People Rights by M. Bourhan Yacoub

15:10 – 15:30 Reform Challenges and Future Development by Dr. Maknun Ashami, lecturer/consultant, Birkbeck, University of London

15:30 – 16:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK/AF Group Photo

16:00 – 16:30 General Discussion and Questions (End of day two)

DAY 3: Saturday 28 July, 2018

20:00 Cultural event by Bruxelles-Afrique De l'Est (BADE)