



(PLEASE BE ON TIME AS THE PROGRAM WILL START PROMPTLY)

7:00PM-8:30PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Hailu Mengesha, Chairman, TDA Los Angeles Elementary School Building Committee

PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of the Diaspora in Promoting the Development of Tigray

Panelists:

Mr. G.E. Gorfu: The Role of Education in the Development of Tigray

Mrs. Almaz Fesseha: The Role of Women in Facilitating Development of Tigray

Mr. Luel Mehari: The Role of the Diaspora in the Development of Tigray

Dr. Michael Abraha: The Role of the Youth in the Development of Tigray

Moderator:

Dr. Kiros Berhane: Introductions, Summary and Synthesis

8:30PM-9:00PM (Dinner will be available)

FUND RAISING STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Tewolde Aregay; Mr. Woldegebriel Tessema; Mr. Yemane Retta

9:00PM-1:00PM

ETHIOPIAN CULTURAL MUSIC AND DANCE

Artists: Berhane Haile and Mulu Hailu

Profile of Panelists and Moderator

Dr. Michael Abraha is currently working for Kaiser as a pharmacist in Livermore, California. He holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He previously worked as a Research Associate for several biotech companies after obtaining a BA degree in Biochemistry from UC Berkeley.

Dr. Kiros Berhane is an Associate Professor of biostatistics at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He got his Ph.D. degree from University of Toronto (Canada), after obtaining his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), and University of Guelph (Canada), respectively. He was previously on faculty at the University of Pittsburgh (USA), following a postdoctoral fellowship at The Johns Hopkins University (USA).

Mrs. Almaz Fesseha is a Senior Civil Engineer working for San Diego County & registered Civil Engineer in California. She holds a B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering from Addis Ababa University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Seismology & Earthquake Engineering from Japan.

Mr. G.E. Gorfu is a well known Poet, Author, Philosopher, Educator and Vocational Trainer of Electronics and Digital Computers. He has worked for many years in Post Secondary Vocational Training, teaching and administration in the Los Angeles area, after studying electrical and electronics engineering at the North-East-London Polytechnic University, England.

Mr. Luel Mehari is currently working as a supervisor for Delta Airlines, Ground Support Division in San Diego, California. He is a holder of two diplomas in the field of Agriculture and Digital Technology. Mr. Luel Mehari has been very active for several years in the San Diego area in TDA related activities and has extensive experience in mobilizing the Diaspora towards supporting developmental activities in Tigray, Ethiopia.