

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges and the Human Potential.

## Reflections on Leadership, Modern Society, and the Importance of Values

**January 20, 2023 (Friday)**

**Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa**

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All times in EAT; digital participants can register here: <https://bit.ly/3X5Jq3j>

- 4:30PM *Arrival and registration of participants*
- 5:00PM **Setting the Stage**  
**Hiwote Tadesse**, AU Project Manager, KAS
- 5:05PM **Keynote Speech**  
**HE Ambassador Eshete Tilahun**, Director General for European and American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 5:20PM **Panel Discussion**
- HE Dr. Dima Negewo**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations and Peace Affairs, House of Peoples' Representatives
- HE Assoumani Y. Mondoha**, Ambassador of the Union of the Comoros
- HE Ambassador Eshete Tilahun**, Director General for European and American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mesenbet Shenkute**, President of the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce
- Bitania Lulu Berhanu**, First Special Adviser on Youth to EU Commissioner Urpilainen
- Frank Priess**, Deputy Head of the Division European and International Cooperation, KAS
- Dr. Stefan Friedrich**, Head of Department for Sub-Saharan Africa, KAS
- Moderation: **Eyerusalem Bekele** & **Benno Müchler**
- 6:45PM **Closing Remarks**  
**Benno Müchler**, KAS Country Representative Ethiopia/AU
- 7:00PM **Reception**

**Introduction:** Following the supposed “End of History” some 30 years ago, many parts of the world witnessed long periods of growth and stability. Mobility and technology connected the world and accelerated globalization. In Africa, starting with the millennium, conflict seemed to be finally on the losing end.

In view of the current challenges, concerns, and threats to the world, these times seem distant. Populism, pandemics, and eventually war have shaken governments and societies. Preventing the negative consequences of climate change remains largely unsolved. Barely noticed outside the African continent, eight unconstitutional changes of government over the past two years brought back a reality that regional heads of state had hoped to have left behind. Moaning under the pressure of high inflation and price increase, people around the world call for a break.

Did the world get off track? If so, through what? Are politics no longer able to deliver?

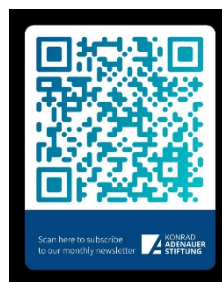
Driven by the conviction that human being is at its best when he can make use of his full potential, Konrad Adenauer Foundation wants to reflect in a panel discussion with political decision-makers, experts, and civil society leaders on pressing global issues and envision some answers for the future. How do societies select better leaders? Which role do political parties play? How to bring in the young generation? And why are values so important?

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