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Ambassador Kassa Tekelebrhan with President Donald Trump

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The Newly - Appointed Ethiopian Ambassador Presented credentials to President Donald Trump

Since Diplomatic relations between the United States and Ethiopia were established on December 27, 1903, Ethiopia has been appointing its Ambassadors to conduct and strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries. At present, the United States and Ethiopia have close diplomatic relationships as friends and partners that anchored on three interconnected pillars: economic growth and development; regional peace and security as well as democracy, governance and human rights.

As part of the long standing tradition, H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekeleberhan, the newly - appointed Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United States of America presented his credentials to President Donald Trump on 24 January 2018 at the White House.

It is believed that the appointment of H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekeleberhan would further elevate the strategic partnership of the two countries to the new level in the spirit of mutual respect and friendship.



Ambassador Kassa and Spouse with President Donald Trump

US Companies briefed on investment opportunities in Ethiopia

A Breakfast round table event with H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekleberhan was held on 25 January 2018 at the US Chamber of Commerce.

On his welcoming remarks, Mr. Scott Eisner, President of U.S.-Africa Business Center at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said that the Chamber has been working in close collaboration with the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to increase the flow of trade between Ethiopia and the US.

Mr. Scott further said that it is with this perspective that the chamber organized this event to introduce the newly appointed Ethiopian Ambassador to major high profile businesses in the US that have invested and those planning to invest in Ethiopia,

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Kassa said that it gave him a great pleasure to meet and speak to at this event with US businesses immediately after he presented his letter of credence, since Economic Diplomacy is one of his top priorities in his mission as a new Ambassador. The Ambassador briefed the participants on the investment opportunities in Ethiopia and called upon the companies to work together to expand their investment in Ethiopia.

Representatives from more than 30 US Business companies, including Boeing, IBM, John Deere, Oracle, Caterpillar, participated in the event.



Ambassador Kassa with Mr. Scott Eisner

Ethiopian to Start Flights to Chicago



Ethiopian Airlines Group, the largest Aviation Holding Company in Africa and SKYTRAX certified Four Star Global Airline announced that it will commence direct flight from Addis Ababa to Chicago effective as of June 09, 2018.

Regarding the launch of the service, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, said that *“Chicago will be the 4th destination in the U.S. and the 7th in the Americas. Chicago is the third biggest city in the U.S. and one of the most important global aviation hubs.”* Tewelde also said that the airlines will be filling a critical air connectivity vacuum as our flights will be the only direct service between Chicago and Africa. Chicago is the main hub of the Star Alliance partner, United Airlines and the flight will be operated together with United to avail the best product for travelers from all over the U.S. connecting to more than 55 destinations in Africa. The flight will further boost the growing economic and people-to-people relations between the U.S. and Africa in general and Ethiopia in particular by enabling greater flow of trade, investment and tourism, Tewelde further said.

The route will be operated with a Boeing 787, one of the most technologically advanced aircraft in the carrier’s fleet family, featuring up-to-date amenities with redefined travel experiences.

Ethiopian is the pioneer African flag carrier starting service to the Americas’ in the 1998.



Pictures from the event

Tripartite Meeting between Egypt, Ethiopia and the Sudan

Prime Minister Hailemariam Dessalegn, President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi and President Omar Hassen al Bashir held what all three participants described as a constructive meeting on issues of mutual interest on the margins of the 30th African Union Summit in Addis Ababa.



Prime Minister Hailemariam Dessalegn, President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi and President Omar Hassen al Bashir during the tripartite meeting

The leaders of the three countries conducted their consultations on the spirit of cooperation, good faith and fraternity. They also stressed that their overall engagement should be based on a principle that underscores "at all levels the three countries should work as one not as three as they have a common destiny."

The meeting was focused on issues of mutual interest with the aim of enhancing and nurturing the tripartite relations and taking these to the next level. To this end, they agreed to meet annually at the level of Heads of State and Government. They also agreed to explore a mechanism to establish a tripartite fund to enhance cooperation among the three countries and work on common infrastructure projects such as railways and roads.

The leaders also agreed to discuss all issues regarding the GERD through the existing Tripartite National Committee involving the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Water Resources and they should report the outcome to the leaders in one month's time.

Prime Minister Hailemariam described the discussions as "very constructive, sincere and frank", and said they would continue in this "very considerable brotherly spirit." He stressed that the three leaders should continue as one not as three countries: "we have to see ourselves as one". The Nile should bond the three countries together in cooperation rather than confrontation. President El-Sisi said that one important thing that spoke volumes was "our determination and willingness to cooperate and that we have engaged in this relationship in a constructive manner."

The three leaders underlined that they were fully committed to maintain the spirit of cooperation based on a win-win approach to meet the needs and aspirations of their peoples. In this context, they reiterated that the Agreement on the Declaration of Principles (DoP) on the GERD Project was a milestone to which the three countries were committed. The Agreement on the Declaration of Principles was signed on March 23, 2015, in Khartoum, and commits Egypt, Ethiopia and the Sudan to ten principles on The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.

The Ambassador's Engagement



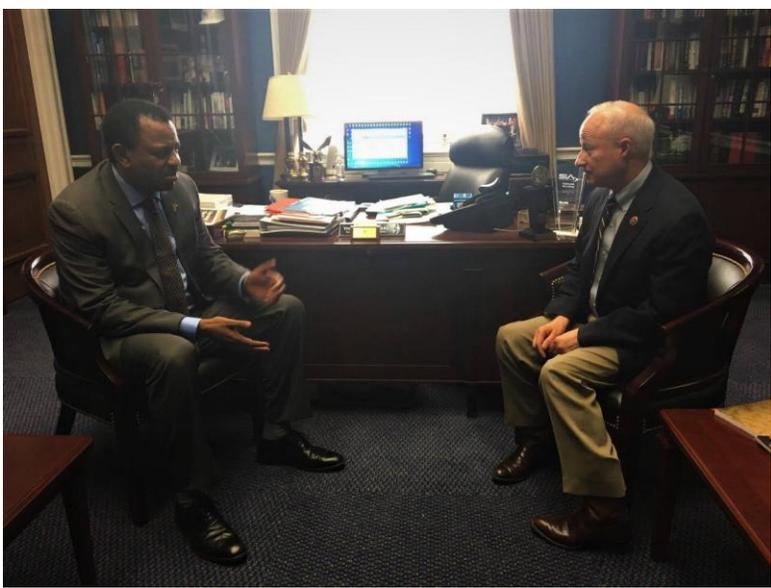
H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekelebrhan with Senator Todd Young (Jan 18, 2018)



H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekelebrhan with Senator James Inhofe (Feb 05, 2018)



H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekelebrhan with Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (Feb 05, 2018)



H.E. Ambassador Kassa Tekelebrhan with Congressman Mike Coffman (Feb 05, 2018)



H.E. Ambassador Kassa with Board Members of American Jewish Community at a diplomatic lunch event (Jan 30, 2018)

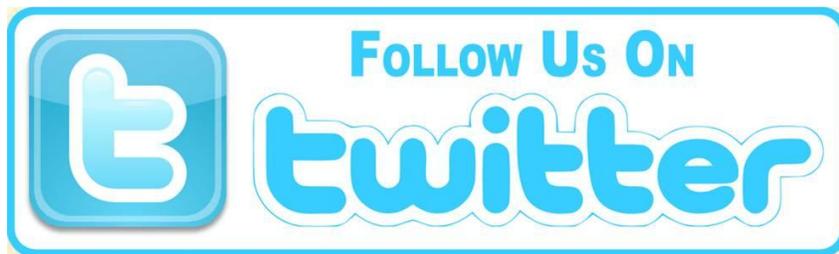
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