



## The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa

**THEME: Re-thinking Research and Academic Assessment and Evaluation towards Quality Enhancement:  
New Trends and Developments**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Inter Luxury Hotel | አዲስ አበባ :: Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA :: ኢትዮጵያ

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### Program

Time	Events/Activities	Facilitator/Moderator
<b>DAY ONE</b>		
<b>Thursday 23 MAY 2024</b>		
01:30—01:55	Arrival and registration	SMU Team
02:00—02:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	
	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	
	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wondwosen Tamrat (PhD)</b>, President, St. Mary’s University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>H.E. Olusola Oyewole (Prof.)</b>, Secretary-General, Association of African Universities, <b>GHANA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Damtew Teferra (Prof.)</b>, Founding Director, International Network for Higher Education in Africa, University of Kwazulu-Natal, <b>SOUTH AFRICA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>H.E. Mohammed Belhocine (Prof.)</b>, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>H.E. Sheikh Manssour Bin Mussallam</b>, Secretary-General of the Organization of Southern Cooperation, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ato Kora Tushune, State Minister</b>, Federal Ministry of Education, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Master of Ceremony</b> <b>Damtew Teferra (Prof.)</b>		

	<b>Fireside Chat I: University Research for Development</b>
<b>02:30—03:15</b>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Teshome Y. Alemneh (PhD)  <b>Rapporteur:</b> Ayenachew Assefa (PhD)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Solomon Benor (PhD), CEO, Research and Community Engagement, MoE, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ Firew Tegegn (PhD), Deputy Director, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Institute, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ Berhanu M. Abegaz (Prof.), Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemistry, AAU, FAAS, FTWAS, FEAS, <b>USA</b></li> <li>▪ Masresha Fetene (Prof.), Emeritus Professor, Department of Plant Biology and Biodiversity Management, AAU, FEAS, FAS, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ Kenneth Kamwi Matengu (Prof.) Vice Chancellor, University of Namibia, <b>NAMIBIA</b></li> </ul>
<b>03:15 – 03:45</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>03:45 – 04:05</b>	<b>Group Photo, Health Break and Networking</b>
	<b>Fireside Chat II: New Advances in Technology and its Implications on Higher Education</b>
<b>04:05 – 04:50</b>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Belay Kassa (Prof.)  <b>Rapporteur:</b> Tesfaye Tilahun (Assist. Prof.)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Damtew Teferra (Prof.), Founding Director, International Network for Higher Education in Africa, <b>SOUTH AFRICA</b></li> <li>▪ Eyuaalem Abebe (Prof.), Dean of STEM and Cocoa Campus Admin., Eastern Florida State College, <b>USA</b></li> <li>▪ Solomon Negash (Prof.), Kenessaw State University, <b>USA</b></li> <li>▪ Temesgen Kindo (PhD), Duke University, North Carolina, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> <li>▪ Quentin Wodon (PhD), Director of UNESCO-IICBA, <b>ETHIOPIA</b></li> </ul>
<b>04:50 – 05:20</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>05:20 – 05:25</b>	<b>Mekdela Mekuria, Rap up and announcement on next day event</b>
<b>05:30</b>	<b>End of Day One</b>
	<b>DAY TWO Friday 24 May 2024</b>
<b>08:30 - 08:55</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<p><b>Master of Ceremony:</b> Mekdela Mekuria</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Damtew Teferra (Prof.)  <b>Rapporteur:</b> Wondwosen Tilahun</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>N.V. Varghese (Prof.):</b> Research and Academic Assessment in Higher Education in the Global South, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, <b>INDIA</b></p> <p><b>Teshome Y. Alemneh (PhD),</b> Research Translations in Higher Education: Beginning with the end goal in mind?, Indiana University, <b>USA</b></p>

<b>Paper Presentations</b>	
<b>Sub-theme 1: Regulatory Frameworks and Practices in Research and Academic Assessment and Evaluation towards Quality Enhancement in Africa</b>	
<b>09:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b> Abebaw Yirga (Prof.) <b>Rapporteur:</b> Bethelhem Nesibu
	<b>09:30 – 09:45</b> New Dimensions for Re-envisioning Academic Assessment and Evaluation in African Higher Education Institutions: A Critical Meta-analysis, Sileshi Tamene Fikadu (PhD), Wollega University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
	<b>09:45 – 10:00:</b> Diverse Examination Formats and Continuous Assessment Models on Educational Outcomes: Case Study from Private Higher Education, Ethiopia, <b>Yideg Alemu</b> (PhD), Hawassa University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
	<b>10:00 – 10:15:</b> Using Exit Exam as an Assessment Tool: Some thoughts: <b>Melaku Girma (PhD)</b> , St. Mary's University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:35</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>10:35 – 11:00</b>	<b>Health Break and Networking</b>
<b>11:00– 11:45</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Ayenachew Assefa (PhD) <b>Rapporteur:</b> Rediet Samuel
	<b>11:00 – 11:15</b> Institutional Barriers to Inclusive Assessment for Students with Special Needs in Indian Higher Education, <b>Ravindra Kumar Kushwaha, Hemant Kumar Maurya (PhD)</b> , Halim Muslim PG College, <b>INDIA</b>
	<b>11:15 – 11:30</b> Standardizing Excellence: A Global Perspective on Harmonization and Quality Assurance in Academic Assessment and Evaluation, <b>Seid Hussein Muhie</b> , Wollo University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
	<b>11:30 – 11:45</b> Appraising the Technical Quality of Exam Booklets Administered in 20-22 Academic Years at SMU. <b>Daniel Zewdie</b> , St. Mary's University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>12:30 – 01:55</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Subtheme 2: Innovation and Technology in Research and Academic Assessment and Evaluation in African Higher Education</b>	
<b>02:00 – 02:45</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b> Getnet Tizazu (PhD) <b>Rapporteur:</b> Yalew Gorfu
	<b>02:00 – 02:15</b> The Role of Emerging Technologies and Innovation in Academic Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education Institutions in Africa: Implications for Quality, <b>Anduamlak Abebe</b> , Debre Tabor University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
	<b>02:15 – 02:30</b> Computer-Based Testing Practices and Challenges in Selected Higher Education Institutions in Addis Ababa, <b>Manaye Adela</b> , St. Mary's University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
	<b>02:30 – 02:45</b> Challenges and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence Use for Postgraduate Research Students: A Case of ChatGPT Use at the Open University of Tanzania," <b>Joseph Magali</b> , Open University of Tanzania, <b>TANZANIA</b>
<b>02:45 – 03:05</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>03:05 – 03:10</b>	<b>03:00 – 03:10</b> Ayenachew Assefa (PhD) – Highlights (Summary of the Conference)
	<b>03:10 – 03:15</b> Closing Remarks, <b>Tedla Haile</b> , Executive Vice President, St. Mary's University, <b>ETHIOPIA</b>
<b>03:15</b>	<b>End of the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on PHE in Africa</b>