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**The Ethiopian Women Conference Coordinator Committee (EWCCC)\***  
**Invites You to attend**  
**International Ethiopian Women Conference March 9-11, 2012**  
**at Howard University in Washington DC**

Ethiopian American women from diverse background are planning to hold a conference focusing on current socio-economic, political challenges, and achievements of Ethiopian women in the homeland and in the Diaspora. The conference will take place during the international woman's month March 9-11, 2012. The theme of the conference is **“Empowering Ethiopian Women and Advancing Their Rights.”**

A number of Ethiopians, and Ethiopian American women and other scholars are scheduled to present papers that will critically examine the status of Ethiopian women at home and abroad. Samples of topics are:

- Empowering Ethiopian Women: Challenges and Opportunities
- The impact of Land Grab on Ethiopian Women & the Environment
- The condition of Ethiopian Women in the Middle East
- Violence Against Women, Women & Poverty in Ethiopia
- Ethiopian Women in Leadership positions
- Emerging Voices - A platform for Young Ethiopian Women..., etc.

At the opening night March 9, 2012, the event will be open to the public and Judge *Birtukan Mideksa* will be honored. The March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> program is exclusively for women of all ages. Detail information will be forthcoming.

For further information please visit our website [www.ethiowomenconference.org](http://www.ethiowomenconference.org) and facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/events/233042740111244/>. Also you can contact Ms. Lemlem Tsegaw, Public Relation Officer for the conference via e-mail – [ltsegaw@gmail.com](mailto:ltsegaw@gmail.com) .

We look forward to seeing you at the conference,

Ethiopian Women Conference Coordinator Committee

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