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1. Message from the President:

Dear All,

It has been three months since OSA had its 2009 Annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia. It is my sincere convention that OSA members and OSA supporter have been thinking of what we have to do to enhance the Oromo cause. The 2009 OSA annual conference at Atlanta, Georgia was well organized. On behalf of the 2010 OSA Executive Committee, I would like to thank Dr. Abebe Adugna and Dr. Mohammed Hassen Ali for a well done job and their leadership. Several quality research papers were presented for which the OSA Executive Committee and OSA board of directors are very thankful. The following major topics were presented at the conference based on the theme of "**Looking for**

Opportunity in Crisis: The Challenges of Freedom, Human Rights and Sustainable Development in Oromia and Horn of Africa.” The main topics were the role of theology in social justice, Human rights and USA foreign policy, external legitimacy, authoritarianism and state terrorism, the triple enemies of peace and development in Ethiopia. Factors that helped the Ethiopian regimes stay in power, and Environmental pollution.

In 2009, OSA awarded the OSA Distinguished Award to Dr. Asfaw Beyene. Howard University won the OSA Institution Award. The OSA life time award was given to Sheik Mohammed Rashad Abdulle

During the business section OSA General Assembly elected the following new officials:

1. For Executive Committee Dr. Begna Dugassa was elected as President-Elect, while Dr. Mosisa Aga was elected as membership and development Officer.
2. For Board of Directors, Dr. Peri Klemm, Mr. Ibssa Ahmed, and Dr. Guluma Gemedra were elected.
3. For OSA Auditor Mr. Abera Tefera was elected.

The general assembly amended several OSA Bylaws which will be posted on OSA web-site.

As a non-profitable organization, OSA is facing financial hardships. In 2008-2009 financial year, the total income including grants was \$17,861.16. In the same period the total expenses including conference cost and cost of publishing journal of Oromo studies was \$ 13,645.74. As of September 30, 2009 the balance was \$ 4,215.42

In 2009, OSA was privileged to have J/ Daud Ibssa, chairman of Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) at the Atlanta, Georgia annual conference as an honorary guest.

This year the OSA Executive committee has drafted very ambitious goals and would like to challenge all Oromo professionals and friends of the Oromo people to implement these goals. OSA belongs to all Oromos and Oromo friends. Therefore, OSA Executive committee has outlined the following tasks:

1. OSA Executive Committee wants to lead OSA members to produce results in their respective fields and specializations. To achieve this goal OSA EC has proposed to organize OSA members under the following Ad hoc committees and small groups.
 - A. Environmental Group
 - B. Health Group
 - C. Orommuma and Oromo Religions Group
 - D. Economic Group
 - E. Educational Group
 - F. Agricultural Group
 - G. Engineering Group
 - H. Women Group

- I. Youth Group
- J. Leadership Group
- K. Others

2. Implementation of basic ideas.

OSA EC encourages Oromo Professionals to start with simple projects and keep on building. For example, we can start rebuilding the elementary school we attended by organizing a small group, OSA EC has decided to post one article presented at OSA conference per week. To start with we have posted Dr. Getachew Jigi's Key note speech below. Please read and give us your feed back. We appreciate your participation.

Haile Hirpa, PhD
OSA President

2. Dr. Getachew Jigi Demekssa's OSA confirence 2009. Keynote Speech.

Mootuumaa Oromiyya Ijaaruun Dirqama

"OSAn Oromoo beektotaa gosa hunda of keessati amatee waan jiruuf rakko Oromoo hunda furuuf dandeeti waan qabuuf rakko kana keessa akka nu basuu dhamacha beektoon Oromoo hund ilee akka OSA cimnaa dhabatan ni gaafaadha"

Kabajamaa Dura ta'aa OSA DR Ababa Adunya

Kabajamtoota Miseensoota OSA

Kabajamtoota Keessummoota Hirmattoota,

Guyyaa Har'aa kana barreeffama **Tokkummaan Mootuummaa Oromomiyaa Bilisomtee Ijaaruun dirqama** jedhu waltajjii kana irratti dhiheessuu fi rakkoo uummata Oromoo isin waliin mari'achuuf carraa naa kennameef maqaa uummata Oromoo fi GPOn qaama kaanaf galata dhiyeessuu barbaada.

Rakkoo Oromoo hundaa ni beektu, waggaa 20 ol qoorannoo fi xiinxala bala'a fi dheeraan dhihaachaa turuu anis nan dhagaa'a. Kanaafuu ani dhaamsaa fi furmaata maal goonu waan jedhu firemwork xiqqaa waliin dhiheessee yaada namoonni dhiheessan hundaa akka irratti mari'anun barbaada.

Uummatni Oromoo Gaanfa Afriikaa keessatti bilisummaa dhabee rakkoo dhala namaaf hin malle keessatti dararamaa jiru kun beektoota Oromoo irraa abdii guddaa Eegata. Oromoon bilisummaa aragtee biyya isaa irratti abbaa ta'ee beektoota isaa walin guddina biyyaa kara hunda fiduuf of

amantan hojjetee jireenya isaa jijjiiruuf hawwii gudaan nu Eegachaa jira. Fedhii uummta kana fashalesuf diin waan hunda gochaa jira.

Ergaan koo inni guddan Wayyaaneen Qabsoo Bilisummaa fi Qabsoo siyaasaa hunda dabalatee fulaa isaa jijjiree gara waldhaabbdi Amanta, fi Gandatti akka jijjiramuu gochuuf karoora ol'anatti qoopheesun yeroo dheeraaf hojjeecha turan. Karoora isaan kana salphatti kan hojii irraa olchuu kan danda'an Qabsoo Oromoo kessatti ta'ee jira. Uummani biyyati hundi qabsoo bilisummaa fi qabsoo mootuummaa jijjiru dhisaan wal dhaabdee amanta fi Gandan hunda'ee irratti akka xiyefatan godhame. Biyya keessatti saba fi sablamiin hundi lamumman utuu hin tanee, Amantan ykn Naannoon akka wal qoodan, akka wal loolan gocha jiru. Fknf wal dhaabdee amanta Iluabba Bora, Arsi, Wallaga, Harargee kessatti deemsifame. Naannoon ammo Gujii fi Boorana, Somale fi Oromoo, Gumuzii fi Oromoo, Afari fi Oromoo, Amhara fi Oromoo kkf adeemsifama jira. Biyya ala fi dhaabbilee qabsa'oota keessatti ammo Nannoo fi Amanta akka baballatuu gochuun Di'aspora ala hundi fi dhaabbileen siyaasa huda gidutti digumsa geesisa jiru. Ijoollee Oromoo heddun immo erga diina kana utuu hin hubatiin rawwacha jiru. Waan kun asi irratti qoofa dubanee waan xumuruu mitti garu bakka geenye hundatti gocha kana hubachisun barbaachisadha.

Diinni Oromoo soba dhugaa fakkeessee odeessuun aanga'oota addunyaatti michoomee gargaarsaa fi deggersa argatee ittiin waggoota hedduuf nu garboonfate. Oromoon ammoo haqa qabu wal hubachiisee wal tumsuun rakkoo isaa Addunyaatti ibsachuu dadhabuun isaa nama gaddisiisa. Rakkoon kun kan irraa maddu wal tumsuu dhabuu, odeeffannoo wal jijjiiruu dhabuu, caasaa adda addaa diriirfachuu ahanqachuu, miidiyaa fi qunnamtii cicciimaa uummachuu dhabuu, qunnamtii kanuma jirutti iyyuu fayyadamnee yakka diinaa saaxiluu irra olola wal irratti oofuun wal dhadhabsiisuu ta'e. Kottaa haa mari'annuu diina irratti ololuu moo of irratti ololuutu furmata? Yaada furmaataa maddisiisuu fi hojii qabatamaa hojjechuu dhiifnee waan nu diigu odeessuun hojii guddaa taatee jirti, rakkoon kan dubbatamuuf furmata barbaaduuf malee rakkoo odeessuu qofaan furmata ta'uu hin danda'u.

Paltookiin qabsoo akka gargaruuf yaadamee baname utuu dhaaba waggaa 40 diinni ittfayyadamee utuu diiguu fi uummata Oromoo facaasuu argaa jirra. Paaltoki keessaan diinni gugatee ilmaan abbaa tokkoo Oromoo kan wal nyaachisaa jiru, yamuu ta'uu miidiyaan kun faayidaa guddaa akkuma qabu ergaa diinaa dabarsuun illee balaa guddaa qabaachuu isaa hubannee hin jirru. Raadiyoo, TV, fi website dhaan kan odeessu rakkoo, hama, diiggaa, olola, yoo foyyee qabate wareegama qabsa'ootaa dhageenya. Oduun baqattootaa biyya keessaa fi biyya alaa, kan dhaabaa fi kan uummta rakkoo qoofa ta'ee jira. Beekaan keenya kan odeessu rakkoo, hogganni kan odeessu rakkoo! Gabaasa fi ergaan emailiin argannu hundaa rakkoo hima. Mariin godhamu waa'ee rakkoo, xumurri isaa rakkoo dabalataa fi diigumsaa ta'ee jira. Namni walga'ii deemu qoophaa'ee kan dhaqu diguu ykn hooggana balaleefachuuf malee yaada furmataa kan maddisiisu nama murasa ta'aa jira. Nama yaada furmataa haaraa maddisiisu illee inaaffaan yaada isaa dhaga'uu diduun rakkoo uummata hameessa jiru. Uummta keenyaaf fi hegeree Oromiyaaf yaadi dhiyataa turan hundi lafatti gatamanii rakkoon uummatichaa akka itti dheeratu taasifame. Dantaa sabaa fi uummataaf hojjechuun hafee dantaa murnaaf fedhii nam-tokkeef gugachuutu babala'te. Kanaaf adeemsa akkanaa asi irrati dhaabnee Dhaabbilee Oromoo hundi tokkummaan gara yaada furmataa fi hojii qabatama Tokkummaan Ummaanee Mootuummaa Oromomiyaa Ijaaruun dirqama qabna jedha. Dhaamsi koo iini jalqabba kana, muranoo fi murtee keessantuu Oromoo hunda irraa barbadama. Wagga dhufuu utuu hin tanee deebi atatama barbaadna.

Waan ani dubadhu kana hin beektan jechuu koo miti garuu, gaaffii, haawwii fi feedhi bilisummaa uummatichi qabu fi hangan irraa quba qabu isiinti dhaamachun fedha. Kanaaf rakkoo uummata kanaa irratti xiyyefannoo gochuun akka irratti mari'annee furmaata barbadnuuf waanan gudunfadhee keessaa xiiqqoo dhiheessuu barbaada:-

1. Rakkoo waliigala fi yaakaa uummata keenyaa irra gahaa jiru.

Uummatni Oromoo Miliyoona 40n lakkaawamuu abba biyyuuma isaa fi mirga hundaa molqamee, seera ittin bulmaataa qabu dhorkamee, qabeenya isaa irratti ormii abbaa itti ta'ee, misooma fi guddina biyyaa keessatti akka hin hirmanne taasifamee jira. Afaan fi aadaan Oromoo akka dhokatu taasifame, tokkummaan isaa diigamee, mirga uumamaan inni qabu irra molqame jira. Oromoo hidhun guyya hara'aa kana ilee daran haamata jira.

A. Mirga uummata Oromoo sarbamee fi dararama irra gahaa jiru;

Dhalli namaa mirga dhalootaa fi seeraan egamuufii qabu qaba. Uummatni Oromoo garuuu biyya isaa keessatti lammii lammafaa ta'uu gadi ta'ee seera addunyaa mirga bineensaa kunuunsuuf labsame illee dhabe jira. Jaarsa jaarti, dhalaa fi dhiraa, beekaa fi wallaalaa barataa fi qootatee bulaan hundi Oromoo ta'ee waan dhalate qoofaf cubbuu fi yakki biyya lafaa hundi irratti raawwatamaa jira.

Waan na namadeese keessaa tokko filannoo wayyaanee darbe irratti nammoota Qinjjit deggeran Finfinnee keessatti ajjeefaman 193 midiyyaa fi uummata Addunyaa biratti yammuu iyyaatamuuf Oromiyaa keessatti wayta lubbuun Oromotaa 400 ol ta'u bade addunyaa jalaa dhokachuu isaa ti.

Mootummaan Ameerikaa goolessitoota/Terrorists/ ittiin lolla jeedhee meeshaa ammayaa fi Konkolaatota ammayaa inni waayyaneef kenne meeshaa ittiin uummata Oromoo fi uummatoota Gaanfa Afriikaa biroo ittiin fixan taasifame. Sirna dimookraasii ittiin ijaarra jechuun gargaarsa wayyaaneen mootummoota dhihaa irraa guurtu sochii dimookraasii ittiin hukkaamsuuf oolfame.

Bulchiinsi pirezidanti Buush diktaatora Ityoophiyyaan walii galee yakka barattootaa fi uummata Oromoo irratti raawwatamee ukkaamsee hambse. Ameerikaan deggersa Diktaatora lubbuu kumatamaa fixaa jiru kanaaf gootu amma illee itti fuftee jirti. Fixiinsi lubbuu geggefamee:-

1. Fincila Diiddaa Garbumaan wal qabatee lubbuun barattootaa fi uummta nagaa dhume guyyaa tokko ifa ba'a,
2. Finfinnee Magaalaa guddittii Oromiyaa jijjiramuu mormachuun lubbuu bade, hiidhaa fi hojii irra ari'amuun;
3. Deggertoota ABO jedhamuun Godina Oromiyya hunda keessatti Oromootni dhoksa fi ifatti dhuman Harargee (Gaara Sufi)tti kan dhuman dabalatee dhokatee hafe;
4. Filannoon wal qabatee Miseensoon WFDO fi OBK Oromiyya keessatti dhoksaadhan halkan guuramanii ajjeefaman fi guyyaa saafaa kan ajjeefaman manatu beeka;

5. Seena biyyati keessati Miseensoon Paarlaama 12 lammi Oromoo irra yeroo tokko dhibamani biyya ba'uun fi uumman kumoota heedun lakka'amu biyya ari'atamu ;
6. Uummtaa fi Uummata Amantaa fi Gosaan walitti naaquudhan walitti buu'iinsa dhalateen kan dhume kuma heduutti lakkaawama;
7. Seeran ala murte malee Oromo 40,000 mana hidhat darbtamu fi murte siyyassan Oromooti du'ii murta'uun isaa bor wayyaanee mal akka isaan eguu waan beekanf.

Mootummaan TPLF diimokiraasiin biyya Itoophiyaa keessatti akka hin hojjenne sababa inni ittisuuf hanga tokko isnii himuun barbaada:-

- a. Mallas Zeenaawwii 'Silent Killer' fixiinsa sanyii hiriya hin qabne waan raawwatee jiruuf yoo tayitaa irra bu'e waan addunyaan kanaan dura hin beeknetu ifa ba'aa;
- b. Mallas qabeenya biyyaattii harka 80% ol deggertoota isaa waliin dhuunfatee waan jiruuf gaafas kunis saaxilamee harkaa bahuuf deema. Waan ta'eef aangoo gadi dhiisuu hin barbaadu; Kubaniyan TPLF 1600 ol ta'uu malaqa biyya basa jiru ;
- c. Sabaa fi sab-lamoota walitti buusuun lubbuu hedduu waan balleesseef gocha duguuginsa sanyiin gaafatamuun isaas waan hin oolle ta'uu waan beekuuf; Lammi biyyati keessa Oromoo qoofaa irra meshaa waraana hikachisun Oromoo ficisisan ;
- d. Deggersa uummataa waan hin qabneef sirna diimokiraasiin filaannoon dhuggaa yoom illee akka jiraatu hin barbaadu;
- e. Lammiiwwan ollaa keenyaa Somaalota sababa tokko malee daangaa ce'ee fixiinsa dhala namaa dalageef akka hin gaafatamneef taayitaa irraa bu'uu hin barbaadu;

Mallas Zeenaawwii fi TPLF filannoo bara 2005 irratti injifatamanii garuu humnaan aangoo irra turan. Uummatni akka isaan hin barbaanne filannoo kana irratti sirriitti itti agarsiise. Aanga'ooti addunyaa keessattuu USA fi UK murtii uummataa kana irra tarkaanfachuun deggersa isaan diktaatora kanaaf godhan nama gaddisiisa. Yakka dugguugaa sanyii dhala namaa irratti Itoophiyaa fi biyya ollaa keessatti raawwatame hundatti kan itti gaafatamu Mallas Zeenaawwii ti. Sababi isaas tarkaanfiin kami iyyuu biyyattii keessatti rawwatamu murtee Mallas malee waan hin rawwatamneef. Kana yammuu jennu namootni gochaan kun yakka ta'uu isaa utuu beekanii murtee kana raawwatan hundi gaafatama jalaa hin bahan.

B. Oromoon Misooma Dinagdee fi Hawaasummaa irraa ala ta'uu isaa;

Qabeenya Oromoo mootummaa Federaalaan guuramee galu keessaa illee Bajata deggersa Naannoo Oromiyaaf kennamu madaala kamiin iyyuu xiqqaa dha. Bajata waggaatti federaala irra Gargaarsa (subside) lammii Tigiraay tokkoof qarshii 500 yeroo ramadamu lammii Oromoo tokkoof garuu waggaatti qarshii 70 hin guutu. Kana keessaa immoo Yeroon bajata gadi dhiisuu daangessuun erga yeroon darbee gadi dhisu, booda immoo hanqina humna raawwachiisu

dhabiinsaan hojii irra oluu dadhabe jechuun Miliyoona hedduu bajata gubate jedhanii naannoo Tigraayitti ergu.

Bu'uura misoomaaf kan oolan karaan, ibsaan, telekomunikeshiniin, bishaan qulquluun, jaal'isiin, diirreen xiyyaaraa, Oromiyaa keessatti oduun malee qabatamaan hojjetame hin jiru. Qonnaan Oromiyaa keessaa Xaa'oo utuu biyyoon hin qoorataminii fi xaa'oo sadarkaa isaa hin egane dhaabbata daldalaa TPLFn gurguramu qotee bulaa Oromootti diriqiin itti gurguruun lafa Oromiyaya summii biyyoo balleessuuf (Soil Acidity) akka saaxilamu godhanii jiru. Misooma qonnaa Oromiyyaa keessaa akka kanaan badee qootatee bulaan Oromoo seenaa isaa keessatti beela hin beekne belaa saaxilamee jira.

Tigraay keessatti karoorri Barnootaa, fayyaa, bishaan dhugatii uummata waliin ga'uuf midhaan nyaataan of danda'uu sagantaa addunyaa Miliyeniyeem bara 2015 xumuramuuf karoorfame mootummaan naannoo Tigraayiiif waan hundaa guuteefii ammuma iyyuu xumramee jira. Kan Oromiyaa garuu hin egalamne yoon jedhe hin dogogorre, Miidiyaatti dubachuu fi waan NGO tokko tokko hojjetan jiraachuu ni mala garuu, Godina 17, Aanaalee 200 Gandoota 6200 ol ta'an keessatti manni barumsaa fi Kellaan fayyaa ganda hundaa wal ga'ee jedhame yoo gaafatame nami mirkaneesu hin jiru. Uummati 25,000 Buufata fayyaa tokko uummati 75,000 Hospitaala ammayyaa tokko argachuu qaba kan jedhuu karoorri kun Tigraayi keessatti malee Oromiyaa keessatti hin hojjenne. Jal'isiin Tigraay ganda hundaa keessatti humna mootora xixiqqaan qotee bulaan fayyadamuu Oromoof maaliif hin yaadamne. Horsiisee bulaan Oromoo bishaan dhabe horii isaa wal in dhuma jiru lammii sablammoota biraa hidhachiisanii itti bobbaasuun fixuun maaliif?. Akasiin Oromoo baleessan Oromiyya dhufachuu yaalaa jiru.

Seera barnootaa fi kitaaba barnootaa jijjiiruun barataan Oromoo seenaa naannoo isaa barachuu dhorkamee ol aantummaa Tigraayi fi waa'ee seenaa Aksumii fi tokkummaa empaayera Itiyophiyaa ijaaruu akka barataniif godhama jira. Kitaaba dabbalootna TPLF oogummanin barreessamanii fi Mana maxansaa wayyaanee Meegaatti maxansiifameetu qarshii milyoonaan lakkaawamu itti gurgurataniin ol antummaa Tigraay faarsuun ijoollee keenya ittiin sammuu doomsaa jiru. Oromummaa baleessan Itiyophiyyumma ijaraa jiru.

Lakkobsa Ummataa Oromoo dhoksudhan lakkobsaa dura turee irra ilee gadii hanqisan ka'uudha baajetaa haqa fi bu'uura misoomaa akka hin arganee goodhani jiru ;

Finfinneen irraa Oromiyyan Galii argachuu qabu seeran murta'ee waggoota 18 akka hin arganee TPLF dhorkamee jira OPDOon Oromoof qabsa'uuf dandeeti hin qabdu ;

Afaan Oromoo Afaan Biyyoleessa akka ta'uu falmaa WFDOon gegesa jiru TPLF harkati cufee jira. WFDO filaannoo bara 2010 ti lammi isaa bakka bu'ee wayyanee kan gafatuuf deemu Afaan Oromoo Afaan Biyyoleessa ni ta'aa moo hin ta'uudha? Deebiin TPLF fi OPDOon deebisan jireenya isaan murtessuf deema yoo dhuggan jirteef ?

Sagantaa TV afaan Oromoo qabsoo meeqaan argame hanguma ta'eefuu TV federaalaa irraa biyya alaatti tamsafamu STVO jedhanii guutummaatti sagantaa dhaaba maxxannee wayyaanee OPDO qofa dabarsutti jijjiiruun sana iyyuu biyya keessatti daanggeessan. Miseenstni Paarlaamaa illee uumma keenyaaf akka hin falmneef dhiibamnee biyyaa akka baanu taasifamne. Yeroo ammaa

kana ammoo TPLF sagantaa hunda jijjiiree Sabaa fi Sab-lammii biyya sana keessaa balleesse Impaayeraa jaaruuf fiigaa jira. Labsii dhihoo kana baase keessatti Kitaaba Herregaa ala warri kaan akka jijjiiraman gochaa jiru, kana keessaa barreefami kan dura waa'ee mirga sabaa fi sablammii ibsan, seenaa uummataa fi aadaa fi afaan uummataa calaqqisan hunda jijjiiruuf murteefatanii jiru. Yeroo ammaa kana Oromootni ala jirru seenaa Oromoo, qabeenya, fayyaa fi barnoota kan ilaaluun fuula hundaan barreessinee biyya akka galu taasisuu bannan dhalooti dhufu seenaa Tigraay qofa barachuuf dirqisiifamaa akka jiru hubachuu qabna.

C. Oromoon Qabeenya isaa guutumaatti TPLFn dhunfatamuu fi saamamuu ilaalchisee;

Oromoon maqaaa investimenttiin lafa isaa saamame, uummati lafa isaa irra buqqa'e beenyaa madalawaa hin taaneen ari'amu isaa caalaa abba qabeenyaa lafa isaa fudhatu biratti illee dursi keenameefii akka qacaramu hin taasifamne. Investeroonni lafa fudhatan, ashuura mootummaa naannoof galuu malu miliyoona hedduu hin kafalle, uummati keenya carraa mana barumsaa, buufata fayyaa kkf ykn investera irraa ykn mootummaa naannoo irraa argachuu qaban hin arganne. Waan jedhaa jiru kanaaf Kaaba Oromiyaa hanga Kibbaatti, Baha Oromiyaa hanga Dhihaatti fakeenya hedduu fi kubaaniyaa hedduu maqaa isaanii isnii dhiheessuu ni danda'ama.

Maqaa abbaa qabeenyaa (investerii) jajjabeessuu jedhuun ilmaan Tigraayi I Oromiyaa lafa qonnaa fi albudaa erga qoodatanii booda isa hafe froottan isaanii ykn hiryoota isaanii biyya alaa keessattuu biyyoota Arabbaatti gurgurachaa jiru. Namoota lammii biyyaa ta'an muraasa biyya alaa irraa kottaa lafa fudhaa jechuun lafuma Oromoo Oromootti gurgurachaa jiru. Tooftaa kanaanis siyaasaa isaanii akka deggeran hawwachaa jiru. Akka kanaan nammooti horii fi garaa isaanii jaallatan (money lovers) tokko tokko biyyatti galanii Wayyanneetti harka kennachaa jiru. Inveestimentii Ityoophiyaa dugda duuba dirqama hedduutu jira. Keessaahuu abbootii qabeenyaa Oromoo dirqama dachaatu irra jira. Maallaqa Ityoophiya keessa galchee irratti abba ta'uu yoo barbade waan wayyanneen jettu fi dirqama isheen laattu hunda raawwachuu qaba. Kanaafuu Inveesteriin ykn abbaan qabeenyaa Oromoo biyya keessa jirus ta'e ala irraa Ityoophiyaatti galu hundi OPDO ta'uuf dirqama. Yeroo ammaa immoo qondaalota Mootummoota biyya adda addaa dabalatee maallaqa seeraa ala horatan lafti kennameefii Ityoophiyaa keessaatti investi gochaa jiru, warra kana keessaa Pirezidantii Djibutii, Pirezidaantii Sudaan, Keniyaa, Saudi Arabiya, biyyoota arabaa fi kan biroo hedduutu lafti Oromiyaa akka badhaasaatti kennameefii jira. Wayyaanoti lafa Oromootiin fira bitachaa jiru. Qabeenyan Oromoo TPLF hirachaa jiru fi maqa Investimenttiin gurguraachaa jiru kun seera kamin iyuu haqa qabeesa waan hin tanef bor uummataa Oromoof waan deebi'uuf namoon fi dhaabbileen daldaalaa maqa inveestimentin qabeenya Oromoo samaama jiru kana keessati akka hin hirmane Gummin Paarlaamaa Oromoo balinan akeekachisa cima dabarse jira.

Yakki eenyummaa Oromoo balleessuuuf dalagamaa jiru saamichaa fi lafa isaa irraa buqqisuu kan caale ammoo xuriin waarshaa qilleensaa fi bishaan summeesu, xaa'oo qonnaa biyyoo summeesuu fi kan qonnaa abaaboo ykn daraaraa keessaa lafa Oromiyaa mancaasaa jiru lubbuu lammiiwwan keenyaa hedduu galafachuu irra dabree, hegere Oromoo fi biyya Oromoo balleessuu ta'e jedhamee hojjetamaa jira. Kun ammuma dhaabbachuu baayyee yaadessaa dha. Kan dhaabsisuun qaama qabsoo bilisummaa deemsisaa jirruu ti. Fakkeenyaaf lixa Wallgaa gutuumaa keessatti biyyoon xaa'oon summaa'ee uummati qonnaan bulu rakkoo guddaa keessa jira. Uummata lafti qonnaa isaa manca'e lubbuu isaa baraaruuf qonnaa naannoo bifa isaa jijjiiruun homisha midhaanii irraa gara bunaa, Urgooftuu horsiisa kannisaa fi kkf-tti jijjiiruun dirqama. Eeenyu kana haa godhu?

Yeroo bifaa qonnaa jijjiramuu kana keessa uummati akka hin beelofneef sagantaa gargarsaa (Safty Net) jedhamuu jalatti gurmeessuun jireenyi uummatchaa karaa mootummaa akka wabii argatu Paarlaamaan gaafatamaa turu gurri dhaga’u hin argane. Waan jennu kana hundaaf furmaati Walumaa gala mootummaa kana achi kaafnee uummati Oromoo aangoo politikaa harka isaa galfatee ofiin of bulchu malee saamicha, cunqursaa, gidiraa fi dhiphiin uummata keenya irraa hin dhaabbatu.

Sagantaa qabeenya uumamaa fi uummata Oromoo Oromiyaa keessaa balleessuu kana keessatti Bosonni Oromiyaa guutumaatti fkn. bosonni Baallee, Arsii, Gujii, Harargee, Iluu Abbabooraa, Wallagaa fi bakkoota biroo akka badu taasifamaa jira. Bineensotaa fi qabeenyi uumamaa biroos kana keessa dhabamaa jiru. Gocha lammiiwwan Oromoo fi qabeenya uumama Oromiyaa mancaasuu kana saaxiiluun dhaabbilee miti- mootummaa qabeenya kana baraaruuf hojjetan waliin sochii cimaan hatattamaan godhamuu qaba. Wayyaneen Hoji fi Ta’iitan biyyati ifaati Tigroota qoofan akka Oganamuu godhamee jira. Haaluma kana sochii biyyati Malas jaalati Minsterootan hojeetama ture bakka 5ti qoodani hundu Malas jala erga galanni booda malas jalati namoota lammi Tigiray tananti guyya guyyan akka gabbasan godhaman jiri. Yaaka Fixiinsaa Sanyi wayyanen Geesisuf deemtuuf of qopheesu. Sababi isaa Humni waraana biyyati ilmaan Tigiree qoofa ta’ee jira. Ajaajooti Waraana Ol’anannon biyyat hundi Tigree ta’ee jira, kanaafu furmata hatatamaaf qoophee addaa goochuu qabna. Gocha kana of irra facisuuf Oromoo qoopha’aa hin jiru. Kanaaf atataman jeequmsa dhaabbilee Oromoo giduu jiru kana dhaabnee, qabsoo gara diinati deebisu qabna.

2. Dhaabbilee siyaasaa Oromoo giddutti rakkoo mulatu

Dhaabbileen siyaasaa Oromoo walaba ta’an baay’achuu fi ijaramuun uummata Oromoof sodaa miti, caaraa dha malee, biyya keessaa fi biyya alaa dhaabbilee Oromoo jirachuun karaa hundaa bu’aa qaba, Garuu dhaabbilee heedumeesuun qoofa isaati bu’aa hin qabu. Dhaabbilee bayyachuun matan isaa malatoo wal shakuuti. Hawaasi biyya hin ijaarratin jiruu fi qabsootti jiruu fi diina tokkoo waliin qabu jaarmayaa siyaasaa baayyifate ilaalchaan yoo qoodame rakkoo qaba. Ammoo dhaabbileen Oromoo jiran baayyeen isaanii gandaa fi gosa irratti ijaaraman yoo ta’eef adeemsi akkanaa tokkummaa sabichaaf balaa qabaata. Hawaasi ilaalchaan qoqqoodame tokkummaan bilisummaa isaaf lolachuu irratti dhibdee qabaata. Inni biyya keessa jiruu rakkoo uummata keenya irra ga’uu iyyaachuun, eenyu uummata keenya irratti yaaka hojjetaa akka jiruu galmeesuun, saamiicha qabeenya Oromoo irratti geggeefamaa jiru eenyu akka hojjetuu fi kkf yaakoota uummata keenya irratti raawwatamaa jiran addunyaaaf kan gabaasan jiraachuun, galmee seenaa booriif ni gargara.

Waldaan Maccaa - Tullama fi Waqeefanaan dhorkamee qabeenyi isaa saamamee maqaa Oromoon qaami socho’u tokko illee dhabamee jeennaan maal goonu jechuun waggaa lama guutuu Jaarsoolii Oromoo fi Hayyuu Oromoo walitti waamuun marii’achisuu egalle. Lammii Oromoo ABO jedhamanii mana hiidhaa jiraniif biyya keessatti nami iyyatuuf, barattoota Oromoo eenyumaa Oromoof yunivarsiitii hundaa keessatti fincilaa jiraniif, kan akka dhaabbatti Oromoof iyyatuuf hin turre. Obbo Bulchaa Dammaqsaa dabalatee jaarsoolii duraan siyaassa keessa hin seennu jeedhanii turan rakkoo kana erga hubatanii booda dulluma keessa humna isaanii fi qabeenya isaanii hundaa utuu wal irra hin kutin falmii mirgaa irratti gummaachaa jiru. WFDOn Qabsoo egalee ja’aa lama keessatti yaaka Mootummaa TPLF ummataa fi hawassa adunyati biiratti saxiludhan wayyaneeeti yaadoo ta’ee, Paarlamaa keessatti mirga saba keenyaf falmachuu fi mootumma morormuunkana

ummani keenya mootummaa diiduu fi irratti finciluu akka danda'uu barsifne jira. Guyya gaafa ijaramee kasee waregama lubu bayee bassa jira. WFDOon akka dhaabbile biirroo Degersa Di'aspora biyya ala irra dhabun isaa humna fi degerssa ummataa gutuu qabu akka itti hin fayadamne goodhe jira.

Dhaabbillee ala jiran immoo fuulaa tokkoon qabeenya xiqqoo jirtu itti gargaaramee humna jiru qabsoo irra akka oolfatutu barbaadama. Qabsoo bilisummaaf godhamuu keessatti dhaabbillee adda addaa jirachuun bu'aa isaa irra balaa isaatu hedduumata. Qabsoo bilisummaa biyyootni gaggeessan Palastiin, Afganistan, Zmbabuwe, Angola, Somalee kkf akka ragaati dhiheesuun ni danda'ama. Tokkumaa Oromoo fi bilisummaan Oromoo kan hin hafnee ta'uu isaa qabsa'oon uni tokko jeedhan qabsoo irratti wareegaman seena tokkumaa Oromoo Diggan iaanin barreesan darban dhaaloon hara'aa harkan haquu yaala jiran. Ani waanan dubachuu fedhu waan gochuu qabnu irratti. Biyya tokko keessaatti dhaabbilleen siyaasaa yaada addaa addaa qabaatan jiraachuun diimokraasii dagaagsuuf, dorgommi babal'isuu fi hojii saffisiisuuf barbaachisaa dha. Qabsoo bilisummaa keessatti garuu humna namaa fi qabeenya muraasa jirtu tamsaasuu irra iyyuu gufuu walitti ta'uu fi icciti baasuun diinaaf wal saaxiluu kkf balaa hedduu qaba.

Biyya Itiyoopiyaa keessatti filannoo bara 2005 irratti WFDO, KUO, OPDOon fi Oromoon dhunfaan dorgoman akka dhaabbilee Oromootti sagalee Oromoo gargar qoodanii bakka mursati kan injifataan horma turan. Fakkenyaaf Bushooftuu keessatti WFDO, KUO, OPDO fi Oromota dhuunfaa 9 ta'an fi Qiniijitit. Waligalatti namooti 13 dhihaatanii Oromoo harki 90 guddaan ol Oromoo filatee garuu sagaleen bakka 12 qoqqoodamaa waan tureef Oromooti dorgoman injifachuu hin dandeenye. Dhaabotiin Oromoo kana irraa barumsa argatanii hanga bilisummaa Oromoo dhugoomutti humna isaanii tokko taasisuun dirqama. Warri dhuguma bilisummaa Oromoo barbaadan tarree tokko irra dhaabbachuun barbaachisaa dha. Ummati kenyas kana barbaada. Dhaabbillee Oromoo lama biyya keessaa haal duree tokko malee akka isaan wal ta'an kan dirqisise uummata. Kanaafuu dhaabbileen Mirga hiree of ofiin murteefachuu, feedhii Oromoo hunda fi dantaa uummatichaa irratti wal ta'uu qaban.

Dhaabbileen Oromoo Dadhaabina qaban siirfachu qabu insi, Humna ta'uu dadhabuu, Miseensa namusa fi hubanoo qabu horachuu fi to'aachuu dhabu, of gamagamu dhaabbu, seera dhablumaa fi namusaa dhabuun babalachuu, ecitiin egamu dhaabuun, hawwasaa ofi duka hirirsu dadhabuu, media isaan to'aachu dhabuu, hawwasaa akka qoodamu kara banu, rakko dhunfaa dhaabban wali qabsisu- rakko dhaabba hawwasan waliti hidhu, kana darbee rakkon kun hanga ini biyya galuti caalisan ilaaluu. Ummataa abbaa qabsoo ijoolee gootaa dhaalchee qabsooti irra wareegee wal dura dhaabuun dhaabba ni baleessa malee hin cimmisuu. Goochaan kun atataman siirachuu qaba. Dhaabbillee yaada ummataa kana hin fudhane, tokkummaa saba keenya tiksun qabsoo bilisummaa irrati kan hin xiyyefanee lammi Oromoo hundan balalefatamu qabu.

3. Rakko Diaspora (Hawwassa biyya ala) Keessaa jiru.

Hawaasaa ykn Diasporan biyya nagaa fi biyya demokraataawwa keessa jiratu Uummataa keessa ba'ee kan nagaa fi mirga dhaabee garbama jalati jiratu sana harka qabee rakkoo keessa basun dirqama lammummaati jeena. Garuu haali mullacha jiru kara hunda faalaa ta'ee jira. Waan hunda caalaa dursa kan argachuu qabu rakkoo Uummataa Oromoo fi Ormiyya walgalati. Miseensoon dhaabba kami iyyu waan hunda duraa rakkoo Uummataa isaanf dursa keenu qabu. Itti ansee

dhimmaa dhaabba isaa isaan itti dabaluun dhimmaa Oogana ykn Miseensoota isaani irratti hojeechuu qabu. Sababi isaa Ogaani ni jijirama, dhaabbilee sadarka tokko irratti baduu ni mala, kan hin jijiramnee fi kan itti fufu lammii Oromootti inni iyuu tanan yoo xiyyeefannoo keenuuf banee balaa guddan mudaachuu mala. Kanaaf Diasporan ala jiru waan hunda caalaa Uummata irra dhaalatee biyya jiruu fi tokkummaa Oromoof dursa keenuu dhaabbilee Oromoo ilee tokkummaa isaan cimmsani bilisummaa Uummataa isaanf akka qabsa'aan dhibba gochuu qaba. Diasporan Oromoo rakkoo Uummataa isaa utuu beeku rakkoo xixiqoo dhaabbilee keessa jirtu afarsuun lammi isaa biyya keessa diinan du'aa jiru irratti falimachuu irra of qusachuun seena birratti akka nu gaafachisu beeku qaba. Lammin Birroo hagami akka isaan dhaabbilee isaan biyya keessa fi biyya ala irratti qabsa'aa jiranf tumsa, deggersa fi kabaja isaan wali qaban ijaan arga jira. Oromoo ilee of jalaa hirirsuf waan hunda goocha jira. Hawaassi ala jiru dhaabbile hidhanoon lola jiran akka deeggersi guddan barbaachisu beekke, dhaabbile biyya keessa kan kara nagaa qabsa'an ilee deggersa isaan barbaachisu hunda goochuun dirqama. Biyya keessatis ta'ee boosoonatti qabsoon godhamuu deeggersa diaspora barbaachisa. Lammin Oromoo ala jiruu 200,000 socho'ee qabsoo bilisummaa yoo waan hunda deggere bilisummaan keenya hin faagatu. Deeggersa tokko ilee utuu hin godhin yoo namoota mursa irra bilisummaa egna tatee bilisummaan hawwii qoofa ta'uu malti. Diina irratti akka hiirira hin banee qaami nu dhorkuu yoo jiratee ergama diina qoofa. Qabsa'oota Oromoo kalleessa laga fi amantan utuu wal hin qoodiin wal birra dhabbatan, wal dukka beela'aan, waliin diina dura dhaabatani Oromuummaa isaaniif wareegaman kayyoo isaan bakkan ga'uun nu irra egama.

4. Fedhi, gaaffi fi dhammsi uummata Oromoo keessaa

Uummatni Oromoo erga garbofamee kaasee qabsoo irraa of qusatee hin beeku. Addunyaa kana irratti lammiin akka Oromoo bilisummaa isaaf hanga danda'ee qabsa'aa jira. Carraa isaa ta'ee baroota qabsoo bilisummaa geggeese hundaa keessa diinni isaa gargaarsa meeshaa fi tumsa biyya alaa yammuu argatan Oromoon argachuuf hin milkoofta malee loluu dhadhabee ykn sodaatee miti. Uummati Oromoo uummta goota. ABO illee rakkootu quunnamaa jira, yoo haqaan ilaallee rakkoo uummata Oromoo waggoota dheeraaf mudatant isas mudachaa jira malee loltuun Oromoo ykn qabsa'ootni Oromoo qabsoo laaffisanii miti. Lola ABOon geggeese keessatti warri lubbuun jiran dubbachuu danda'u, Oromoon sodaa tokko malee wareegama hedduu akka kafale shakkii tokko malee dubbachuu dandeenya. Qabsoon kun waggoota dheeraaf itti fufee kan jiru illee qabsoo haqaa fi wareegama qaqqaalii waan baaseef, fedhii fi gaaffiin uummata Oromoo waan hin deebi'in jiruuf.

Fedhi fi gaaffin uummata Oromoo gabaabaa fi ifaa dha, Bilisummaa fi Abba Biyyumaa isaa mirkaneesuu qofa. Ofiin of bulchuu barbaada. Sababi isaa immo mootumoota Itiyoophiyaa dhufaa darba itti wal jijjiiran waan garboofatanf. Mirga isaa irra ejetan, Qabeenya isaa saaman. Abbaa biyyaa fi abbaa qabeenyaa keenya kan taanu, mirgi keenya eegamuu kan danda'u, afaanii fi aadaan keenya kan kabajamu yoo bilisoomnee ofiin of bulchuu dandeenye qofa dha. Kana mirkaneefachuu immoo qabsoo ABO waggaa dheeraaf geggeessaa jira. Kaayyoon Adda bilisummaa Oromoo utuu gaaffii taayitaa ta'ee gaafa mootuummaan Dargii kufee mootumaa keessaa qooda fudhate taayitaa qooddatee sirna jiru keessatti hojjeta ture. Ykn immoo deggersa uummataa dhabee akkuma dhaabbilee biroo dhabama ture. Uummati kun dhaaba kana irraa utuu abdi hin kutatin kan duukaa cichee jiruuf kaayyoo haqaa waan inni hordofuu fi gaaffiin uummata Oromoo deebii argachuu dhabuu irraa ti. Dhaabbilee Oromoo Bilisummaa Oromoo hin deggere

kam iyyuu umuriin isaanii gabaabaa fi deggersa Uummataa kan hin qabne ta'uu isaanii qabatamaan mirkanaa'ee jira.

Uummatni Oromoo abba biyyaa akka ta'uuf Dhaabbilee Oromoo fi qabsa'oota Oromoo gumaachuun murteessaadha. Sababi isaa waan jaallannuuf ykn jibbinuuf utuu hin taane Oromoon ijjoolee isaa kan itti dhabee fi Qabsoo kana jiraachisuuf waan hundaan waan itti dhadhabeef. Qabsoo kana asiin ga'uuf fi addunyaatti beeksisuuf wareegama qaqqaalii hedduutu itti bahe. Kanaaf Qabsoon lubun heedun itti waregamee kana bakka ga'uun dirqama. Keesumati Madda qabsa'oota Oromoo hunda kan ta'ee ABO dhabota siyaasaa biro irraa adda kan godhu namtokkeen ykn namooti muraasi qofti dhunfatanii akka barbaadanitti oofuu kan hin danda'amne ta'uu isaa ti. Eenyuumaa keenyaa iyyuu kan nu barsise ABO ta'uu haaluu hin dandeenyu. ABO fi dhaabbilee Oromoo walaba mirgaa fi haqa saba isaaniif dhaabbatan wajjin marii gochuun, tokkummaan hojjatanii tokkummaa sabaa keenyaa eeguun gaafatama seenaa fi dirqama hamileetu irra jira. Tokkummaan hojjechuuf akka walii galus abdi guddaa qabna. Kanatu mootummaa Oromiyyaa ijaaruu nu dandeesisa. Qabsoon Oromoo Kaayyoo bala'aa fi Ummataa bala'aa irratti kan ijaarame waan ta'eef Oromoo hundi abdi utuu hin kutatin waggoota 40 qabsoo itti fufe jira. Biyya Oromoo fi Mootuummaa Oromiyya ijaru ala furmata birra hin jiree isiinti dhamatu.

Dhaamsi ummataa kana Diasporan, Hayyuun, walistoon, abbotii qabeenya Oromoo hundaan nu qaqaba nu diirmadha jecha jiru.

Dhaabbilee Oromoo ergaa Wayyaanee of duubaa hin qabne tokkummaan qabsoo geggessuu qabu, garuu farreen tokkummaa, loote seentota(infiltraters) wayyaanee irraa of eeggachuu barbaachisa. Oromoon yeroo ammaa kana waan inni qabuu fi itti obsu tokkummaa isaa waan ta'eef dhaabbilee Oromoo tokkummaa uummatichaa eeguun hunda irra murteesaa ta'uu isiin dhamatu. Diinni Oromoo qoodee biituuf karooraan waan hojjetuuf akka utuu hin beekin diinaaf karaa hin banne of eegannoo guddaa gochuun barbaachisaa dha. Fedhiin uummataa bilisummaa ta'uu isaa erga amannee bilisummaa dura wal qooduun bilisummaa barbaadamu hanqisuu akka danda'u hubachuun nama hin dhibu. Kanaa ala diina dhiisanii wal dura dhaabbachuun ajeechaa, reebicha fi samiicha fi wareegama guumaa hin qabne baasuun Oromootti yeroo dararaa dheeresuu ta'uu isaa dhamatuu.

Humnaa fi qabeenya Oromoo diinni itti faayyadamaa jiru dantaa Oromoo fi bilisummaa keenyaaf itti fayyadamuu qabna. Amantaan mana Waqqaatti lubbuu keenyaa fayyisuuf lafa irratti illee lubbuu keenya salphattee rakkachaa jirtuuf nu qaqqabuu qaba. Oromoon Musiliama, Kiristaana, Waqeeffataa hundi Oromummaa isaatti qixxee ajeefamaa jira. Kanaafuu amantaa fi lagan utuu wal hin qoodin wal bira dhaabbatee tokkumman bilisummaa uummata isaaf lolachuu qaba. Uummani bilisummaa hin qabne amantin isaa akka hin kabajamne kan waaqeeffatan yammuu bakka itti waaqeeffatan humnan irraa ari'amanii fi dhorkaman agarree mirkaneeffannee jirra. Walumagalati Oromoo biyya keessa kan barbaddu Tokkumma Oromoo, Bilisummaa Oromoo, Tokkummaa dhaabbilee siyyassa Oromoo hirmana lammi Oromoo hundan Abba Biyumma isaa deefachudha.

5. Maal gochuu akka qabnu fi yaada furmaataa

Bilisummaa ni barbana? Tokkummaa Oromoo cimmisu ni barbana? Erga kana ta'ee dhaabbileen Oromoo tokkummaa Uummaani Mootummaa Oromiyya ijaaruf rakkoon guddan hin jiru. Rakkoo kanaa olitti dubbane seenaaf ol kaa'uuf utuu hin taanee maal goonu jennee furmaata akka itti barbanuuf. Waan as dhufneefis fedhii uummata keenyaa ija itti gochuuf yaada wal jijiruu erga ta'ee hunda keenya wal irrati utuu hin tanee diina irrati qabsa'uuf hamurteefanuu. Rakkoo odeessuu gofa utuu hin taane gara hojiitti haa deemnu jennee wali gallaa taanaan fulaa hundaa humna Uummachuu, dirree lolaan, dirree siyaasaan, ijaarsaa fi hawaasaa hiriirsuun, quunnamtin, diplomaasii fi jaarmiyota mirga dhala namaaf falman ijaaruun, madda dinagdee uummachuu fi karaa hawaasummaan, kara hunda socho'uu qabna. Walumaagalatti tokkummaa dhaabbilee Oromoo fi fedhi Uummataa Oromoo hunda kan ta'ee Mootummaa Oromiyaa hundeesuf jaarmiyaa fi dirree nu hojjechisuu danda'uu ijaaruun amma. Kun waan yeroon itti kennamu miti. Har'aa ykn bori ganama Oromiyyan yoo bilisoomtee Tarsiimo fi saganta kami irratti hojjena?. Kun dirqamaa Hayyuu Oromooti malee, Qabsa'aa dirree irraa jiru ykn Uummata siirna garbuma jala ture kana irra egun siir miti. Hundi keessan akka na hubaachaa jirtan abdiin qaba. Waan hin olle har'a itti yaaduun barbaachisaadha, hawaas Aaddunyaas taanan adeemsa keenyaaf qophi keenya ilaalee nu bira dhaabbata. Yoo nuti waan bu'aa fi hiika qabu hojjetaa hin jiru ta'e, ofii keenyaan dhimma keenya geggeeffachuu fi ofiin of bulchuuf dandeettii hin qabnu ta'e garuu waan nu bira dhaabbatuuf jiran natti hin fakkaatu. Buddeen nama quubsu Eelee irraatti beeku jedha mitii ree Oromoon. Biyya Oromoo fi mootummaa Oromiyaa ijaarra eenaa jennu mootummaa akkamii ijaaruuf demna. Sirna mootummaa akkamiitu seenaa, aadaa fi egeree Oromoof tolaa dha jennee bilchinaan yoo irraatti hin mari'atin, akkuma mootummoota Itiyoophiyaa heerota mootummoota biroo akka jirutti garagalchinee ittiin deemna yoo jenne dhibdee akka qabaatu asuma irraa beekuun gaarii dha. Mootummaan Oromiyaa ijaaramuu qaba jennee dubbannu mootummaa walaba ta'ee fi sirna dimokrasii irratti hundaa'e akka ta'u wal nu hin falamisiisu. Haa ta'u malee sirna dimokraasii amayya fi sirna ittiin bulmaataa Oromoo (sirna Gadaa) akkamiin wl simsiisuu dandeenya isaa jedhu irratti hayuun Oromoo balinan irrati hojeechuu qabu.

Uummati Oromoo bilisummaa barbaada kanaaf wayyaanee dura dhaabbatee wareegama kafalaa jira erga jennee fedhiin Oromoo bilisummaa ta'uu irratti walii gallee xumuraachuu qabna. Kana hunda gochuuf qabsoo wal irra hin cinee goone bilisumma keenya dhugomsudha. Kana booda akkuman bara 2006 TV Eritrea irrati dubadhe Oromiyyan akka biyyati Oolaa ishee kan barbadee waliin Federeshin ykn Konfederation Uummatootaa Gaanfa Afrika waliin hundeeffachu ni dandesi jeedheen ture. Onga'oon Wayyaanee fi Eritrea immo kanuma xiinoo jaalisan isaan jalati federeshnin akka buulu nu barsiisu yalaa jiru. Namoon Oromoo fi Oromiyya maliif akka barbaadan waan beeknuuf, nama nu waliin jirachuu feedhu dura mirga keenya kabaju qabida ittin jenna.

Kanuma waliin mootummaan Oromiyaa ijaaramuu qaba ennaa jennu yaadi Mootummaan Oromiyaa ijaaramee jira jedhu (OPDON) Uummtaa sobu yaalaa jira. Kanaaf mootummaan maqaa Oromoon Oromiyaan bulchaa jira jedhu mootummaa kittallayyoo wayyaanee ta'uu isaa iffati ibsuun barbaachisaa dha. Mootummaan suni ofiifuu mootummaa bilisa akka hin ta'in kan koloneeffataan achi kaawwate collaborator/kittillayyoo/ ta'uu isaa ragaan saba Oromoo caalee hin jiru. Mootummaa Oromiyya ijaarun nu hin barbaachisuu wari jeedhan yoo jiratan immo waara qabsoo hin egalin ykn waara qabsoo gurguratee qoofaa. Malee Uummani Oromoo Bilisummaa fi Mootummaa Oromiyya feedha.

Qabsoo kana furgaasuuf furmaati biraa dhaabbilee Oromoo tokko ta'uu qabu. Dhaabbileen Oromoo biyya keessaa wal ta'uun Uummata biyya keessaa gammachisee jira, kan biyya alaas wal ta'uu wan isaan dhorku hin jiru. Dhaabbilee siyaasaa kaayyoo adda addaa qaban silas tokko ta'uun hin salphatu. Kanneen kaayyoon isaanii wal fakkaatuu fi walitti dhihoo sababa isaan adda addaa deemaniif hin jiru. Fedhii murnaa fi ilaalcha siyaasaa xixiqqaan addaan qoodamuun kaayyoo bilisummaa isaa guddichaaf bakka kennuu dhabuu irraa adda miti.

Lubbuun Oromoo rasaasa wayyaanneen, wal dhabbii Uummtooa naannoon, xurii warshaa fi abaaboon dhuma jiru, barattoota barumsa irraa ittifamaa jiran, ajeefamuu, ari'amuu, Oromummaa isaatiin yakkanii hojii dhorkachuu fi hojii irra ari'uu kun dhaabbachuu qaba. Rakkoon nutti heddumatu illee fedhii bilisummaa Uummatni keenya qabu guutuuf falmachuun dirqama. Biyyi keenya tokkoo, hireen keenya tokkoo, diinni keenya tokkoo waan ta'eef waan walii galuu nu dhorku hin jiru. Teenyee qabsaa'oota komachuu dhiifnee, lammii irratti wal irratti duuluu dhiifnee diina irratti duuluu Eegaluu qabna. Wal irratti barreessuu dhiifnee diina irratti barreessuu, lammii irrattii loluu dhiifnee diina irrattii loluu, wal irratti guufuu ta'uu dhiifnee diinatti guufuu haa taanu. Wal iyyaachuu dhiifnee waliif dirmaachuu murteefachuu qabna.

Kana gochuuf immoo furmaati maali ? Oromoo karaa hundaa fi dandeettii isaa hundaan wal gurmeessee waan tokko hojjechuu qaba. Bilisummaa fi biyya Oromoo ni barbaanna erga ta'ee humna tanee bilisummaaf lolu qabna. Warri waraanaa of duuba yaadu dhiisee gara fulaa duraatti akka bobba'uuf fi of duuba millaachuu, yaada'uu dhiisee murannoon fi abdiin lolaaf bobba'uu qaba. OSA'n Giddugaleessa beektoota fi Hayuulle Oromoo hundati Jarmiyyan kun Oromoon rakko inni keessa jiru kana keessa basuuf humna isaa hundan tokkummaa fi bilisummaa isaa akka mirkana'uu hojeechuu qaba. OSG, ORA kkf irraas Oromoon abdii guddaa qaba, dhaabbileen mirga dhala namaaf falman biyya alaa fi biyya keessatti Oromoof falmachuu qabu.

Eegaa maaliif akka qabsoofnuu fi bilisomnee maal akka hojennu dursinee beekuu fi bu'uura kawachuun barbaachisaa qofa utuu hin taane dirqama. Addunyaan rakkoo Uummataa keenyaa kana hubannoo ga'aa hin qabu. Seenaa keenya sirna Habaasha jalatti awwalamee waan tureef seenaa keenya dukkana keessaa ifatti baasuun yakka nu irratti dalagame kana saaxiluu fi of ijaaruu qabna. Innis yeroon isaa amma. Humna taanee yoo ol baane malee bakka amma jirru kanatti ormi dhimma keenya hordofuuf waan rakkatu miti. Waraanaan, Siyaasaa, qabeenya hundaa horachuun, humna namaa fi qabeenya Oromiyaa hundaa fayyadamuun bilisummaa barbaannu argachuu qabna. Fedhii fi hawwii qofa utuu hin taane yammuu hojiin argsiifnu addunyaan ofuma isaatii nu gaafachuu egala. Kun ta'uu baannaan utuu miidhamuu keenya arganii cal'isu. Kanaaf furmati isaa kan nu ajeesaa nu samaa jiru of irra kaafnee angoo politikaa harka keenya galfachuu dha.

Walga'iin Oromoo bakka itti wal morminee addan baanu utuu hin tane bakka itti rakkoo Uummata keenyaa hubannee wal hubachiifnee, yaada furmaataa qabatamaa irratti mari'annee murtee dabarsiinee kaanu ta'uu qaba. Dhaabbilee, koreelee fi jaarmiyoti Miti-Mootumma Oromoo adda addaa yaada murtee kana akka hojii qabatamaatti hiikan karaa itti argsisutuu nu irraa eegama.

Dhaabotiin Oromoo gara garaa hojii qabatamaatti akka seenan fi warri miidiyaan wal irratti ololan akka dhaaban nuti illee olola dhaabbillee Oromoo diiguuf adeemsifamu dura dhabbachuuf qophii ta'uu keenya waadaa waliif haa galu. Yeroo Wayyaanneen Oromuumaa cabsaa jirtu kana keessatti

ilmaan Oromoo immoo tokkummaa Oromoo tiksuum dhaabbilee Oromoo wal dura dhabbatan walitti fiduudhaan seeraa fi heera Oromiyaa qopheesuudhaan fedhii Uummataa Oromoo irratti kan hundaa'e mootummaa Oromiyaa gadi dhabbuuf bu'uura kaa'uun dirqama.

Oromoon nama taa'ee namaa qequu fi komatuu utuu hin tanee ilmaa qabsa'ee waregma basee bilisomsuu barbada. Jarsaa hanga ijoleetti, Proffesara hanga walalatti Oromoon bilisumaaf haabobanu, Ogani Qabsoo cimman diree qabsoo irra argama malee Magaala Adunya keessa miti. Kanafuu diree qabsootti haasosonu, Oromiyya haa ijaruu. Kanaaf imoo tokkummaa fi wal amantaa cimmaa marii fi wal galtee irrati hunda'een har'aa Hayuuleen samuu Oromooti jedhamnuu miseensoon OSA waan Oromoo dandamachisuu danda'uu tokko murteefane deemuu qabna.

Dhaabbileen siyyassa Oromoo, Hayuuleen Oromoo fi bakka bu'oon haawwasa Oromoo Rakko biyya Oromiyya jiru fi haala Oromoo keessa jiru xiyyefannoo keessa galchuun haala dure tokko malee murtee atataman murteefachuu qaba,

1. Dhaabbilee siyyaassa Oromoo, hayuuleen Oromoo fi bakka bu'oon Oromoo argaman Tokkummaa tiksuu fi Bilisummaa Oromoo bakkan ga'uuf, Oromiyya Bilisoomtee ijaaruuf wal galuu qabna.
2. Dhaabbilee Siyyaasaa Oromoo fi maqaa Oromoon kan ijaaramee qami kami iyuu Olola biffa kami iyuu wal irrati akka hin deemsifne wal galuun, media qabsoo Oromoo, Dhaabbilee Oromoo fi qabsa'oota Oromoo irrati olola adeemsisu waliin akka hin dhaabane fi wal tanee dura dhabachuuf wal galuu qabna.
3. Dhaabbilee Oromoo Tokkummaa Uummata keenya tiksun Oromiyya Bilisoomtee ijaaru wal galee dhaabbilee hunda mariiachifnee atataman wal galtee Ol'anaa goochuu fedha keenya fi qoophi ta'uu wali galuu qabna.
4. Mootummaa Oromiyyaa Ijaaruuf feedhi Uummataa Oromoo ta'uu hubanee dhaabbile Oromoo feedhi fi hawwii saba keenya bakkan ga'uuf diina irrati akka hojeetan jajabeesu qabna.
5. Dhaabbi maqaa Oromoon deemu kami iyuu qabsoo dhaabbile Oromooti guufu ta'uu fi olola kami iyuu irrati demsisu badi ta'uu hubatee, qabsoo fi olola diina Oromoo qoofa irrati akka adeemsisu hubachisuu danda'uu qabna.
6. Dhaabbile biyya keessa kara nagaa mootumma Ityoophiyya waliin waan hojeetanf hariiroo yoo hin qabanu tanee ilee lammi keenya diinan ajeefama jiru dura kan birra ga'aan isaan waan ta'aanf haawwasi Oromoo ala fi biyya keessa jiru tumsa fi deggersa barbaachisu akka isaan godhu deggersa ni gona.
7. Haawasii Oromoo biyya keessa fi biyya ala jiran hojii haawasuma fi walgargarsa tokkumman akka hojeetan, rakko Oromoo irrati hirira ykn gargarsa gaafataman akka wal qoodumsa tokko malee akka hirmatan ta'ee, dhaabba Oromoo miseensaa ta'aanf immoo akkata dhaabbichaaf kakuu galani hoji dabalatan gargaruu mirga fi dirqama dhunfa nama sana egamuu qaba.

8. Dhaabbilee Oromoo Hariiroo Oromoon biyya hoola fi Uummatoota Oromoo waliin jirachuuf deeman irrati imammataa ifaa ta'ee qabachuu qabu.
9. Dhaabbilee Oromoo Tarsimoo walo tokko hanga humatanti dhimma kana hordoof Dhaabbilee siyyassa, Hayuuleen fi Hawassa Oromoo bakka hundati hirmana isaan akka godhan gochuun murtee tokko irra ga'uu qabna.

Weerarrii fi jeequmsi Malas Zenawi Uummata Oromoo, biyya Ityoophiyaa fi gutuumaa Gaanfaa Afrika irratti deemsisa jiru kun xumura kan argatuu Uummani Oromoo biyya Ityoophiyaa keessati abba biyya ta'ee nageenyaa amansisa fi tasgabbi yoo gadi dhaabbe qofaa. Uumman Gaanfa Afrika keessatti heedumnan beekamuu kun rakko isaa dhoksinee rakko biraf furmaata barbadaun of gowoomsudha. Ilmaan Tigraay immo humna waraanaa isaan Meeshaa amayaa fi nama isaani qoofaa ijaaran lammi keenya fixuuf qoophi xumuratan jiru. Amaa ilee namoon hedduun gaafi Oromoo ukamsaan diimokraasiidhan rakkon Ityoophiyaa furmaata argata jechuun guyyaa safaa nu sobu yaalu. Eritrean ilee rakko keessaa dabaretee utuu beektuu rakkoon Oromoo biyya Ityoophiyaa keessatti hikamuu qaba gara jeedhuutti deema jirti. Guyyaa hara'a kan kana kaafneef weerara wayyanee balla Oromoo irratti godhamuf deemu kana of irra qoolachuu tokkon tokkon Oromoo waregama lubu dabalatee lammii isaa irratti gumachuuf akka of qoopheesun isin gaafachuu feedha. Rakkon keenyaa unumaa inis tokkummaa dhabuu, wal caabsuu keenyaa. Wayyaaneen kan sodatu tokkumma keenyaa malee qawee miti. Kanaaf immo haruma dhaabbilee Oromoo tokko ta'uu keenyaa yoo labsane waayyaanee akka moonu shaakii tokko hin qabu. Diimokraasiin Ityoophiyaa Oromof furmaata hin ta'uu jene Waregama hunda kafalee Uummata keenyaa Bilisoomsuun Mootummaa Oromiyaa ijaruu qoofa.

6. OSAn Rakkoo Uummataa Oromoo Kana Hiikkun Oromoo Salphina Irra Olchuu Qaba.

Uummati Oromoo OSA atamti ilaala? Oromoon hara'aa yamuu bakka bu'aa dhabbee harka Uummataa murasa keessa jiru kanati ani qaba kan jeedhu keessa OSAn isaa tokko. Dhaabbilee Oromoo waan isaan hojjechuu malan ilee kan barreesuf, wara Paarlamaa jiranf ilee seera Oromoof faayaduu kan qooratee qopheesuf OSA dha jedhen amana Uummani Oromoo. Gummin Paarlamaa Oromoo ilee OSAn furtuu rakko Oromootti jedha. Diinii ilee OSAn waan Oromoof malu hunda keessati Oromo Stratgisti Group jedhani amanu. OSAn hoo mali irra jira? Wal-dhabdeen dhaabbilee Oromoo facaasaa jiru kun isin hayuu kana birrati ilee caalaqisee siyaasaa isiin sodaachisee Siyaasaa fi Koreenti fagooti jeetani mana cufatani moo? Oromoo salphina keessa basuuf caaraqaa jirtu?. Kan biyyaati adeema jiru isin ibsuu yaalen jira. Yamuu biyyaat kun hundii nama keenyaara gaa jiru asiti Diasporat amoo mal hojjetaa jira? OSAnis maal hojeechuuf karoorfatee ture? Maal hojjechuufis qopha'ee jira?, OSAns immo dhaabba siyaasaa miti garuu siyaasaa ala immo miti. Siyaasaan ala yoomi iyuu ta'uu hindanda'uu. Keessatu immo maqaa kana qabatee, Oromoo Uummataa biyya isaa fi mirga isaa molqamee qabsa'aa jiru irra kana dhaalatee jarmiyan OSA ani siyaasii Oromoo yoo na hin ilaalu jedhe dogogora. Wal dhaabdee dhaabbilee siyaasaa Oromoo siireesu danda'uu qaba. Wal dhabdee qooratee rakko hiikuun (Conflict resolution) hojii Ogeesootaf fi dirqama namoota beekumsa amayyaa qabaniti. Saayinsin Conflict hin qoorane, mirga fi haqa Uummataaf hin falmanee addunya irra hin jiru. Beekumsi fi hojjin qoorannoo hayyuu Oromoo yeroo kami iyuu caalaa hara'aa nu barbaachisaa. Gababatti OSAn Uummata isaaf waan hojjechuu qaba jeene yaanuu:-

1. Dhaabbilee Oromoo waggoota sagal (9) wal hirani diina dhisan wal irrati dula jiru. Bara darbee kasee amoo gara hawaasaatti ilee ce'ee nu facaasaa yamuu jiru kana furmaata mali itti yaane jira? Baruma barana wa'ee rakko tokkumma Oromoo odeesuu qoofa utuu hin tanee itti hojjene furmaata irra ga'uu qabna. Hawaasni fi haayyuu kan rakkina saba issa hin qoranee, hikufiis hin tatafane gati hin qabu jechuun barbaachisa nati fakkata. Qooranno geggesun hojii OSA yoo ta'ee ilee Faca'iinsa dhaabbilee Oromoo giddituu dhalateen waldhaabdii gara Uummtati ce'aa jiru kana dhaabbuf furmaata barbaadun dirqama OSA ta'uu qaba akka miseensaa tokkotis akka jarmiyya tokkotis. Kanaaf Gummin Paarlamaa kan jenuu OSAan rakkina jarmiolee Oromoo keessa jiru kana hikuuf qormata tokko godhe, namas jarmoolees waliti waame waan kun akka balinan mari'atame hikkamuf hojii kana fudhatee akka itti fufu gaafadha.
2. Oromoon maal barbaada? Akkuman gararaati caaqaasu yaale Oromoo bilisummaa qoofaa akka barbaadu isinif mirkaneesun barbaada. Gaafiin nu fulldura jirus akkamiti bilisummaa kenya argana waan jedhu akka ta'e hubane Tarsimmo fi karoora Bilisummaa tartiba hojii qoorannoo irratti hunda'e Uummata keenya fi dhaabbilee keenyaf lafa ka'uun dirqama lammumatti. OSAan Uummataa isaa diinii meeqa irratti wal nyachaa jiru kana beekumsa fi dandeeti missensoota isaa hunda fayyadamee Oromoo abba biyya gochuun seena hara'aa bareesuu qaba.
3. Waan qoorannu hundi kan hojii irra oluu yoo Eenyumman Oromoo jiratee fi biyya Oromoo yoo ijaramee qofaa. Kun ta'uu banan ija qooranno keenya bakka itti hojii irra olchinu hin qabnu. Ga'een hayyuu Oromoo OSA jalatti gurma'aan irraa Eegamu hedduu dha. Ogeesotnii fi Hayyuun Oromoo hundi waan baraten wal gurmeesee Tarsiimoo (manifesto) Oromiyaa qopheesee dhiyeesuu qaba. Kun amma iyyuu wixinnen (framework) isaa lafa jira. Oromiyaan biyya akkamii ijara? Seeraa fi Heera attamiin haa bultu?; Paarlaamma akkamii haa qabattu? Sirna dinagdee/imaammata dinagdee/ akkamii haa qabattu? Saba fi sablami Oromoo waliin jirachuu malan irratti imammataa Oromiyaa ifaa ta'ee lafaa qabachuu kan jedhu fi kkf: lafa qabaachuu qabna. Maqa Gummii Paarlaamaa Oromoo wixinne Tarsiimoo Oromiyaa barreefama fulla 200_300 ta'uu qopha'ee jira. Wixinne kan Ogeesi Oromoo hundi ogumma isaan jechun Ogeesi Seera, Barnootaa, Fayyaa, Qoonaa, Dinagidee, Hooraa, Hawwasummaa, Seenaa, Aadda, Waraana, Bulchinsaa, Kunnunsa naannoo fi kkf OSA jalatti damee dameen gurma'ee dandeetti isaa muxannoo biyya hunda irra waliti fidee akka Oromiyaf ta'uuti qoophefachuun amma.

Walumagalat Gumiin Paarlaamaa Oromoo Imanaa inni OSAti keenu, OSA fi dhaabbilee Oromoo hunda waliin hojjechuun, Tokkummaa Oromoo tiksuun wal dukka hirirsu, Dhaabbilee Oromoo walti fiduun diina irratti akka xiyyeefatan gochuu, Tarsiimoo Bilisummaa Oromoo bakkan ga'uu danda'uu qoopheefachuu, Manafeestoo Oromiyyan bilisoomtee itti hojjeetuu qoopheefachuun Motuummaa Oromiyaa ijaaruun dhimmota bodeeti hafan yoo ta'ee ilee bor utuu hin tanee har'aa murteefanee hojii irra olchuu qabna. Oromoon hara'aa dhaabba cimma fi tokkummaa Oromoo tikisuu ni danda'aa jeedhu keessaa OSAan isaa hangaafa. OSAan Oromoo beektotaa gosa hunda of keessati amatee waan jiruuf rakko Oromoo hunda furuuf dandeeti waan qabuuf rakko kana keessa akka nu basuu dhamacha beektoon Oromoo hund ilee akka OSA cimnaa dhabatan ni gaafaadha.

Hayyuun Oromoo kanneen qaanqee qabsoo bilisummaa qabsiisanii fi qabsoo bilisummaa Oromoof warri wareegama baasan, akkasumas nutis of barree akka mirga keenyaaf falmannu warri nu taasisan hundi maqaa Uummata Oromoon galatni keessan bilisummaa haa ta'uun jedha.

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Dear Amy,

On behalf of the 2009 Oromo Studies Association (OSA) local conference organizing committee, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and Georgia State University Research Foundation, INC. for making \$ 3000 grant for our conference. Out of the University Center's conference hall rental of \$3, 330, your generous grant covered \$ 3,000 for our small scholarly organization. We are deeply indebted to you for your support. GSU Research Foundation, INC. has been providing support to advance the scholarly mission of OSA. It was with the support of GSU Research Foundation, Inc. that we were able to organize two successful conferences both in 2004 and 2009. Your support has been a major source of encouragement to our members. The leadership of our association and our entire members are thankful to you and the GSU Research Foundation, INC. for your timely support. The 2009 OSA Conference was held on Georgia State University campus, August 1 -2, 2009.

The 2009 OSA Conference final program was printed with GSU Research Foundation, Inc. logo, in reorganization of the generous grant we received from your office. As you will note from the attached program, there were two distinguished keynote speakers, namely Professor William Robinson of University of California-Santa Barbara and Dr. Getachew Jigi, former member of the Ethiopian Parliament. Obbo Dabassa Guyyo of Kenya, the foremost authority on traditional Oromo philosophy's presentation on the holistic Oromo conception of peace marked the high point of our conference. According to his presentation, peace for the Oromo was not the absence of war or conflict. It was harmonious relationship among humans, the divine and the environment.

The world famous authority on traditional Oromo philosophy brought to the attention of OSA conference participants, the danger that hangs over the people of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, if the current environmental degeneration is not reversed and the pollution of rivers, and lakes are not stopped without delay.

The 2009 OSA conference had 8 panels at which 32 scholars presented their research papers. When compiled, the conference proceedings will generate new ideas, new perspectives and policy proposals, an original approach for prevention of the spread of HIV_AIDS and controlling environmental pollution, which is much needed for educational purposes. By all measure, the 2009 OSA conference was a very successful one. I say this, among others, for the following reasons.

First, the 2009 OSA conference attracted hundreds of participants from several cities in the United States, Canada, Europe and Africa. A good number of our conference participants also came from around Atlanta, including, former and current GSU students. Both days the conference started and ended with traditional Oromo prayer and blessings by Christian, Muslim and traditional Oromo religious leaders. On Saturday, August 1, the conference started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 7:30 p.m. with lunch and coffee breaks during the day. On Sunday, August 2, it started at 11:00 a.m. and ended at 7:30 p.m. with lunch and coffee breaks during the day.

Second, the 2009 OSA Conference brought to GSU campus, leading scholars in the fields of African, Ethiopian and Oromo studies, who were joined with medical doctors, scientists, engineers and human rights activists. They shared their specialized knowledge of issues affecting the Oromo and other people of Ethiopia and neighboring countries in the Horn of Africa.

Third, among others, there were a high-powered discussions on: 1) the role of theology in social justice in East Africa; 2) " the plight of women in War times: helping women survive war crimes; 3) The HIV/ AIDS in Sub-Sahara Africa ; 4) Public Health impacts of high fluorine in water and soil in the Horn of Africa; 5) Environmental pollution in Ethiopia and other countries in the Horn of Africa.

Fourth, a number of scholarly papers were also presented on several centuries enduring relations between the Oromo and other people in Ethiopia, Oromo history, culture and language, the importance of press freedom for development of tolerant political culture in Ethiopia and other countries in the Horn of Africa , the urgent need for revitalizing indigenous ideas about democracy , grounded in the philosophy and world view of Oromo and other people of Ethiopia and the need for exploring indigenous systems of peacemaking and peacekeeping in the troubled region of the Horn of Africa.

Fifth, the 2009 OSA conference broadened the debate, expanded options and produced information about the current condition of the Oromo people in Ethiopia. The conference also emphasized the importance of respecting human rights in Ethiopia and other countries in the Horn of Africa, and generated fresh scholarly ideas that will enhance the search for democratic governance, peace with justice, political stability and economic development and establishment of functioning federal system in the region of the Horn of Africa.

Finally, OSA fully acknowledged in its newsletters and the final conference program, the financial contribution it received from your office. Your generous grant was also acknowledged by the president and the

chairperson of OSA Board of Directors at the beginning as well as at the end of the 2009 OSA Conference. It will also be acknowledged in the October 2009 issue of [the Journal of Oromo Studies](#) , Volume 16, number 2.

Sincerely,

Mohammed Hassen Ali

4. **Report by Harvard Professor, Dr. Kay Kaufman Shelemay, about 2009 OSA Conference**

Dear Associate Vice President Lederberg:

I write to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent Oromo Studies Association conference your institution hosted on August 1-2. The meeting was of very high intellectual quality and was exceptionally well-organized by Professor Mohammed Hassen Ali.

These are times of great challenge and financial constraint at all universities and I am keenly aware that GSU made a special effort to sponsor this meeting. Thank you for going the proverbial "extra mile" and for making this memorable event possible.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Kaufman Shelemay
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5. Noteworthy Issues and Articles

A. [Dr. Gebisa Ejeta was awarded the 2009 World Food Prize](#)

Plant scientist [Dr. Gebisa Ejeta was awarded the 2009 World Food Prize](#) for his development of drought resistant sorghum seeds, which [have helped African farmers increase their crop yield](#). The \$250,000 prize is awarded each year by the World Food Prize Foundation, which was established by Norman Borlaug, known as the "Father of the Green Revolution."

Dr. Ejeta hails from Ethiopia, [where his work has had a particular impact in easing famine conditions that frequently afflict his home country](#). Hybrid sorghum seed that he developed in the 1980's created a yield 150% greater than natural seeds. Upon creating a sorghum seed resistant to the *Striga* parasite, yields were quadrupled.

Dr. Ejeta's work at Purdue University was [funded by the United States Agency for Development \(USAID\) as part of its Sorghum, Millet and Other Grains \(SMOG\) initiative](#).

Bill Gates, in his capacity as co-chair and trustee of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, congratulated Dr. Ejeta and called for more aid to small farmers saying that to [“...grow more crops and get them to market is the world’s single most powerful lever for reducing hunger and poverty.”](#)

B. IODINE PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

For immediate release

The Ethiopian government and Micronutrient Initiative celebrate the Establishment of a Central Iodization Facility in the Afdera region. Regional leadership and Canadian funding will help give millions of children a brighter future. AFDERA, ETHIOPIA, APRIL 11, 2009 – The Micronutrient Initiative joined Afdera landowners, salt harvesters and traders, community leaders, regional government officials, national government officials and UNICEF today to launch an ambitious project – the establishment of a Central Iodization Facility (CIF) to iodize salt being produced in the region. Iodine is a micronutrient essential to the development of children’s brains. Until now, a mere one per cent of all salt produced in Ethiopia was being iodized, leading to high levels of iodine deficiency disorders, the leading cause of preventable brain damage. The new CIF, located in Afdera, will be a modern streamlined facility equipped with machines and material handling facilities to ensure iodization of the salt harvested in the area. The iodized salt will then be distributed across the country. Currently only 4.2 % of households have access to adequately iodized salt and less than 10% of caregivers know about iodine deficiency disorders and how to prevent them through the use of iodized salt. “Iodine deficiency can significantly lower the IQ of whole populations,” says Berhanu Hailegiorgis, Country Director for the Micronutrient Initiative, Ethiopia. “Severe iodine deficiency in Ethiopian women leads to 50,000 stillbirths annually and the country’s goitre rate has increased from 26% in 1980 to almost 40% today. By providing iodized salt to families across the country, we can eliminate iodine deficiency and give a brighter future to Ethiopia’s children.” “This initiative fulfills many of Ethiopia’s obligations under several global commitments and international resolutions,” says Mohammed Tahiro, Vice President of Afar region. “With this new facility, achieving Universal Salt Iodization is possible within a short period of time. We can meet our country’s goal of eliminating iodine deficiency disorders.” The core challenge to achieving Universal Salt Iodization in Ethiopia is to ensure that all salt is iodized at the point of production (or in close proximity) before it is dispatched to consuming centers in different parts of the country. The CIF helps meet this challenge. Regional salt processors, including more than 400 small salt producers, will now bring their harvested salt to the CIF, where they can process and package it more quickly and assure that it’s adequately iodized. Using its experience in other countries, including Senegal, Ghana, India and Pakistan, the Micronutrient Initiative will help establish the CIF as an independent cost centre that will operate the facility and process the salt for a specified fee payable by the salt producer/trader who brings the salt to the facility. The fee charged will cover operating expenses and ensure the maintenance of equipment and the long-term purchasing capacity for potassium iodate. As a second phase, the CIF will offer upgrading facilities to improve the quality of the raw salt before it is iodized, thereby increasing its value and marketability. The Micronutrient Initiative has undertaken this project with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through

the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). About Universal Salt Iodization and the Micronutrient Initiative Today, 70% of the world consumes iodized salt, but a gap remains. The last 30% of the global population that does not consume iodized salt is made up of the poorest and most vulnerable. This is where the Micronutrient Initiative concentrates the majority of its efforts – working with small salt processors to find sustainable solutions to iodize the salt that is consumed by the hardest to reach.

The Micronutrient Initiative is an Ottawa-based, international not-for-profit organization, with a regional office in Dakar, Senegal and a country office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, dedicated to ensuring that the world's most vulnerable - especially women and children - in developing countries get the vitamins and minerals they need to survive and thrive, through supplementation and food fortification programs. Its mission is to develop, implement and monitor innovative, cost effective and sustainable solutions for hidden hunger, in partnership with others. In 2007, the Micronutrient Initiative's contribution to Universal Salt Iodization (USI) reached more than 280 million people, protecting an estimated 4.7 million newborns from the risk of mental impairment. The organization also makes an additional contribution to USI through its support of the Iodine Network, which focuses on advocacy at all levels to tackle the remaining gap to achieve USI.

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6. Lake Koka Pollution Project Update



Oromo Studies Association

November 11, 2009

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Re: Pollution of Lake Koka

Dear Mr. Hankey:

I am writing in response to your June 1, 2009 letter to my predecessor as President of the Oromo Studies Association (“OSA”), Dr. Abebe Adugna.

On behalf of OSA, I appreciate your stated commitment to sustainable development in Ethiopia and your willingness to engage in a dialogue on this important environmental issue, which impacts so many Ethiopians. I also appreciate your invitation to meet on this issue.

I respectfully disagree with your suggestion that my predecessor’s May 3, 2009 letter was not “fully research[ed].” As you know, a scientific study published in August 2002 observed that effluents from Ethiopia Tannery Share Company (“ETSC”) facility

might very likely contain highly toxic forms. In cases where such forms are available, bioaccumulation of the metals by aquatic biota is inevitable. Such metal accumulations are also very likely to occur in the biota of the terrestrial areas around these lakes.

A preliminary determination of heavy metal concentrations in the extract of watermelon grown around Lake Koka contained **alarmingly high concentrations** of [chromium, iron, nickel and lead].¹

As reported by “People and Power,” many local residents identify the Pittards-run facility as an ongoing source of pollutants contaminating Lake Koka.² A local farmer whose livestock grazes by the tannery’s effluent stream recounted: “What comes from this factory has killed the cattle. It burns the plants. It’s no good for harvesting. It’s no good for people either.”³

Indeed, when interviewed on the subject, you apparently were unwilling to definitively rule out the Pittards facility as a source of pollutants: “Saying it’s all associated with the tannery in the northwest that we’re associated with is probably incorrect. That’s not to say that we’re saying there aren’t some issues. I don’t know if there are or aren’t. . . .”⁴

Unlike your earlier statement, your June 1, 2009 letter now denies without reservation that the tannery “is responsible in any way for any pollution found in Lake Koka.” None of the evidence you cite in your letter, however, appears to exonerate the tannery.

- While you mention that the tannery does not discharge effluent directly into the lake and that the effluent liquors are used to irrigate land within the boundaries of the ETSC compound, you do not state that those effluents are free of pollutants or that any pollutants do not find their way to the lake water. To the extent Pittards has conducted or is aware of

¹ G.M. Zinabu & Nicholas J.G. Pearce, “Concentrations of heavy metals and related trace elements in some Ethiopian rift-valley lakes and their in-flows,” *Hydrobiologia* 429, 171-178 (2003) (emphasis added, internal citations omitted).

² “Green Lake,” *People and Power* (aired February 21, 2009).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

any recent scientific studies showing that the heavy metals and other pollutants found around Lake Koka in the August 2002 study are not being discharged from the tannery, I ask that you please make those available.

- While you mention the tannery's ISO 14001 accreditation, it is our understanding that obtaining ISO 14001 status does not require a firm to reduce pollution below specified levels or to use particular pollution control technologies. It is further our understanding that a firm does not even need to be in compliance with applicable regulations, but rather must declare a commitment to the goal of compliance. Moreover, critics have noted the conflicting interests of the consulting firms that perform ISO 14001 audits, which may call into question their reliability. I ask that Pittards make available all materials relating to ISO 14001 audits of the ETSC facility.
- While you include a statement from the Ministry of Trade and Industry ("MTI"), the MTI does not reference any recent water quality studies or other scientific evidence in connection with its claims. The statement merely recites – oftentimes word for word – the assertions made in your letter. I ask that Pittards make available any studies or other reports conducted by or on behalf of the MTI or any other agency of the Ethiopian government relating to the tannery.

As my predecessor mentioned in his May 3, 2009 letter, Pittards can still do much good to help address this situation. As an initial matter, I ask that Pittards work with OSA and other appropriate organizations to conduct environmental assessments of the Lake Koka area in order to establish conclusively the sources of pollutants and to assist the relevant authorities in Ethiopia in devising and implementing a viable remediation plan. If Pittards believes that it is not causing harm to the Lake Koka environment, participation in such an endeavor would go a long ways towards dispelling the belief among local residents and others about the tannery's impact. Participation would also provide very tangible evidence of Pittards' stated commitment to sustainable development in Ethiopia. I would be happy to arrange a meeting with Pittards by representatives from my group to devise a plan agreeable to all interested parties.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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7. OSA Membership Updates

OSA has open membership policy. The income of OSA is generated by its members. Therefore, renewing your membership every year is a sacred obligation. The mechanism of renewing OSA membership has been a big challenge for the last 24 years. This year we are trying to introduce a new approach. OSA web site is being upgraded and it is being digitalized. Once this project is completed, OSA members could renew their membership online and can also donate more money generously. Remember that any contribution to OSA is tax deductible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our brother Obbo Fekadu Megarsa who is working on updating the OSA website. We have opened pay pal account for OSA and we are waiting for the work of Obbo Fekadu to be completed. We will announce about this update, as soon as it will be available. Please go to OSA web-site at www.OSA.org and continue renewing your membership the traditional way, while we are waiting for the web site upgraded.

8. New book Release

New Book, by Dr. Ibrahim Elemo

Akkam naggaa fayyaa, nageennii badhaadhaa?

Kitaaba haaraa anin tibbana kana barreesse maxxansisee kunoo yeroo ammaa gabayaa irra olee jira. The title of the book is " Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Gender Perspectives in East Africa: Understanding an Oromo Culture". The publisher is a German based publishing company called VDM Verlag. The book is available throughout Europe, North America and Asia. It can be ordered online from amazon.com and a dozen other booksellers. It is my firm belief that academics and lay readers would enjoy reading this book written in plain English. A couple of days ago, I invited my friends and colleagues whose e-mail contacts I have to the buy and read the book. Here is what I wrote in that e-mail. Please also note that the links to the websites where the book is available is also included at the end. Last but not least, I would be happy if you could forward this information to OSA members and contacts (mailing list)

**Best regards,
Ibrahim Elemo**

Read a book, get to know a different perspective, increase your Wisdom!

Dearest Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to greet you all by using my native Afaan Oromo Language "Akkam Fayyaa, Baga Nagaan Jiraattan" It is good to be healthy and alive. We may know what to do and what not to do to keep our selves healthy but for communities in resource poor settings and under brutal dictatorship, it takes a lot of courage and commitment for some people to work in remote and underprivileged areas and at the same time do community based research to explore the wisdom of others not written in western books. It requires having an open mind and a belief that unless we make good

efforts to understand the various perspectives in different societies that affect health, our efforts to promote health and decrease disease burden may not be fruitful. Our professors are not the only people who have the wisdom to teach and we the people in Africa, the communities of People, have wisdom as diverse as our language and culture. In Africa there had been challenges of all sorts and communities used to deal with it rationally and in their own ways, but not randomly! Every community has a wisdom passed from generations to generations.

As a physician who served one of the very needy communities in Southern Oromiya, I experienced what it takes to work professionally to cure poor souls suffering from curable illnesses, watch them die needlessly. Under dictatorship such as in Ethiopia, working only to treat and cure few patients from among the massive influx of sick people coming to health centers and hospitals is never gratifying. It was and it is frustrating. I tried to find a meaning to my being there among my people and then made a resolution to contribute to the advancement of the health of the broad mass, the general public, rather getting lost and overwhelmed by trying to stop the Diarrhea caused by the tyrannical and oppressive regime by putting a cloth in the anus. Not the best I could do, but the better thing I should do, was to be a community physician.

Besides my regular duty as physician in a hospital, I had to give up all my personal interests to use my time to befriend people from all walks of life to learn the wisdom of the society I was there to serve so that others and I can serve them better if we know about them better. I studied and learned a lot from the community based researches I did in Borana. I took too much of my time to explore more and analyze the bulk of information I got from my field study. When I felt that I had discovered a unique perspective in the Borana Oromo society regarding human sexuality, reproductive health, gender and the laws used to regulate human behavior, I could not wait to publish my work to share my findings with the broader audience. My First book published in 2005 was about the Roles of Traditional Institutions and the 38th Gumi Gayo Assembly of the Borana Borana. There was a lot more to explore about the social and cultural factors affecting health and societal wellbeing of the traditional Oromo communities. The roles of the traditional Oromo leaders, the norms, the beliefs and philosophies behind the very salient cultural practices are something I had to write about and publish. There is an ocean of wisdom and unique perspectives among the various Oromo communities that is worth sharing for the betterment of the understanding of humanity. I strongly believe that my second book is the result of one of the best and original researches done in the area of public health in Oromiya/Ethiopia. It is in fact one of the very few books published on Health, sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia. It is a significant contribution to the understanding of the social and cultural underpinnings of Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Gender in Africa.

I recommend to all my friends and colleagues to buy and read my send book entitled: "Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Gender Perspectives in East Africa: Understanding the Oromo Culture"

It is available in major bookseller stores in North America and Europe. You can order it online from Amazon.com. Please, see the following websites and links to get more information where you can get the book:

<http://www.amazon.com/Reproductive-Health-Gender-Perspectives-Africa/dp/3639167589>

<http://www.borders.co.uk/by/ibrahim-elemo/1847370/>

<http://www2.loot.co.za/shop/product.jsp?lsn=3639167589>

<http://www.langtoninfo.com/showitem.asp?isbn=3639167589>

<http://www.abc.net/shop/search?Operation=ItemLookup&ItemId=3639167589>

<http://entertainment.shopwindow.com/product.php?p=46321541>

http://www.bod.de/index.php?id=296&objk_id=223960: In Germany

<http://www.libri.de/shop/action/advancedSearch/keyword/oromo.html>: in Germany

<http://petlaczasu.sm.pl/ibrahim-elemo/a00145675>: In Poland

<http://billigast.se/ean/9783639167580>

<http://www.infibeam.com/Books/info/ibrahim-elemo/reproductive-health-hiv-aids-gender-perspectives-east-africa/9783639167580.html>: In India and Sri Lanka

Other Links:

<http://www.opednews.com/populum/link.php?id=76806>

http://74.125.95.132/search?q=cache:SQr75qNxQO8J:www.trumancollege.edu/conted/pdfdocs/TrumanCE_Fall09.pdf+Ibrahim+Elemo&cd=36&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us

<http://openlibrary.org/a/OL5712466A/Ibrahim-Amae-Elemo>.

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9. 2010 OSA Mid-Year Conference

The 2010 OSA Mid-Year Conference will be conducted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the first week of April 2010. The general theme of the conference will be " **Oromo Unity and the roles of Oromo Religions in building Orommuma.**" Please submit your articles to OSA President at hbirpa@gmail.com

10. Article Contribution

If you have article to be posted on OSA newsletter, please send it to Dr. Haile Hirpa at hbirpa@gmail.com.