

Ethiopian Community in Belgium

**Ethiopian Millennium Celebration  
Draft Programme**

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**7 September 2007: 18.00 to 23.00**

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18.00	<b>Inauguration of the exhibition</b> <b>Mr. Freddy Thilemans</b> , Bourgmestre de Bruxelles (tbc) <b>Mr. Eddy Boutmans</b> , former minister of development cooperation (tbc)
18.30 - 20.00	Welcome Drink <b>Ethiopian Community in Belgium</b>
20.00 - 21.00	Dinner - Ethiopian cuisine <b>Kokob restaurant</b>
20.00 - 21.00	<b>Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony</b>
21.00 - 22.00	Afar traditional music, <b>Ramid</b>

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**8 September 2007: 11.00 to 23.00**

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11.30 - 13.00	<b>Film : Adwa.</b> A documentary film on the Battle of Adwa (1999). Director Halie Gerima
13.00 - 15.00	Lunch
13:00 - 15:00	<b>Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony</b>
14.00 - 15.00	<b>Film: "Talaku Meri"</b> A documentary film on His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I
15.00 - 18.00	<b>Conference: Reflections on the Eve of Third Ethiopian Millennium: The Dreams and Aspirations of Ethiopians in Retrospect and Prospect</b> <b>Moderator Dr. Dadimos Haile</b> , Scholar in Residence - Institute for Development. Policy and Management, University of Antwerpen (Subject of speech)
15.00 - 15.15	<b>Professor Aleme Eshete</b> (tbc), A historian and a political scientist engaged for many years in the defense of human rights and democracy in Ethiopia
15.15 - 15.30	"Distressed, yet confident, Ethiopia enters the third millennium seven years after the Western World" <b>Professor Tekeste Negash</b> , Historian, , Centre for African Studies, Dalarna University, Sweden
15.30 - 15.45	Reconciliation (title needed) <b>Professor Luc Huyse</b> , Professor emeritus Catholic University of Leuven
15.45 - 16.00	Culture and development <b>Mr. Thierry Verhelst</b> , former university professor and expert on development issues
16.00 - 18.00	Debate and discussion <b>Participants</b>
18.00 - 20.00	Dinner - Ethiopian cuisine <b>Kokob restaurant</b>
19.00 - 20.00	Fashion Show
20.00 - 22.30	Concert, <b>Minishu and Cewata Band</b>

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**9 September 2007: 11.00 to 16.00**

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11.30 - 13.00	<b>Film: The Messenger</b> Starring: Anthony Quinn, Director Moustapha Akkad, 220 mins.
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 16.00	<b>Film: Mystery of The Nile</b> The Epic Story of the First Expedition Down The World's Greatest and Deadliest River, Director Jordi Llompart