

ETHIOPIAN PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION IN DIASPORA (EPPAD)



ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
9AM to 4PM

About US

EPPAD aims to create a professional platform for Ethiopian diaspora pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists to network, exchange ideas, and enrich their knowledge and skills. EPPAD also envisions to serve as a bridge for Ethiopian pharmaceutical professionals in the diaspora and their counterparts living in Ethiopia in order to promote and strengthen the Ethiopian pharmaceutical sector.



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Annual Conference

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Venue: Civic Center, Silver Spring, MD 20910)

Time	Presentation (Topic)	Speaker	Time
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	Samuel/ Eyob/Getachew/	60 min.
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Welcome and EPPAD: Brief overview	Ermias Tilahun, PhD (President of EPPAD)	15 min.
Session I: Vaccine and infectious disease : 10:15 AM -12:00 PM			Moderators: Pawlose Ketema, PharmD
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	The Expanding Vaccine Toolbox: Trust, Science, and Collaboration.	Meklit Workineh, MD	25 min.
10:40 AM - 11:05 AM	An Infection Pathology: Pathologists role in Pre-clinical Assessment of Vaccines and Anti-infectives	Hibret Adissu, Ph.D	25 min
11:05 AM - 11:15 AM	Landmark Multipurpose building Project for Ethiopian Pharmaceuticals Association (EPA)	Daniel Waktole, Ph.D.	10 min.
11:15 AM -11:30 AM	Horn of Africa Clinical Trials (HACT)	Fikreab Admasu, PhD	15 min
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion	Session I presenters	30 min
Lunch Break: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM			Book signing ceremony (Dr. Bisrat, Dr. Fekadu, Dr. Tesfaye)
Session III Continuing Education: 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM			Moderator Prof Bisrat Hailemeskel
1:00 PM - 1:25 PM	Medicines, Markets, and Access: Rethinking Pharmaceutical Supply Chains in Global Health	Debrework Zewdie, Ph.D	25 min.
1:25 PM -1:50 PM	Integrating Herbal Medicine with Modern Therapeutics in the Fight Against Infectious Diseases	Fekadu Fullas , Ph.D.	25 min.
1:50 PM -2:10 PM	Panel Discussion	Session II Presenters	20 min
Session V Closing Remark			
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	Closing remark	Gabriel Daniel (MIA)	10 min.
2:20 PM - 4:00 PM Session VI: Networking Event/Refreshment :Book signing ceremony (Dr. Bisrat, Dr. Fekadu, Dr. Tesfaye)			
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To
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Target Audience: Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Scientists, Students, residents, and other healthcare professionals

- Fee: None Activity type: Knowledge Financial Support: N/A
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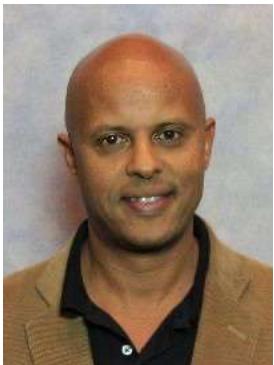
Time	Presentation / Topic	Speaker	Duration
	Session III CONTINUING EDUCATION 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Moderator Prof Bisrat Hailemeskel	
1:00 PM – 1:25 PM	Medicines, Markets, and Access: Rethinking Pharmaceutical Supply Chains in Global Health Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe key challenges limiting access to essential medicines in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).Explain how weak governance and global market dynamics affect pharmaceutical supply chains.Identify strategies to strengthen global and regional supply chains for equitable medicine access.	Debrework Zewdie, Ph.D	25 min
1:25 PM – 1:50 PM	Integrating Herbal Medicine with Modern Therapies: Insight Against Infectious Diseases Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify natural microbial sources of Anti-infective AgentsDescribe the role of plants as a source of anti-microbial drugs for resistant organismsSelect Botanicals as complementary supportDescribe Challenges and Opportunities in developing anti-infective drugs from plants	Dr. Fekadu Fullas, Ph.D	25 min
1:50 PM – 2:10 PM	Panel Discussion	Session II Presenters	10 min



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Dr. Meklit Workneh is a double board-certified internal medicine physician, infectious disease specialist and pathologist (microbiology). She has over 15 years of experience in clinical medicine, research, academia, government and the biotech/pharmaceutical industry. Most recently she is a Senior Director of Clinical Development in Infectious Diseases at Moderna Therapeutics, and has led a number of clinical trials in phase 3 vaccine programs and held progressively senior leadership roles. She has also played a pivotal role in integrating advanced artificial intelligence (AI) into clinical research strategies with experience enhancing clinical development and strategic program development using AI-driven methodologies culminating in recent profile of her work in the Moderna and OpenAI partnership announcement. She holds a BA in Human Biology from Stanford University, a Masters in Public Health from Yale University and an MD from the University of California, San Francisco. She completed a residency in internal medicine and fellowships in infectious diseases and microbiology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.



Hibret Adissu, DVM, MSc, PhD, DVSc, Diplomate ACVPDirector of Pathology, Clinical Pharmacology and Safety Sciences, AstraZeneca. Dr. Hibret is a veterinary pathologist with extensive experience across comparative, discovery, and toxicologic pathology. He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, then completed an MSc in Experimental Medicine as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Tennessee, a PhD in Cancer Biology at Purdue University, and a DVSc with postdoctoral training in Comparative Pathology at the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Over the past 12 years, Hibret has worked across academia, the NIH, and industry, focusing on cancer research, comparative pathology, and toxicologic pathology. He serves as an Associate Editor for the journal of Veterinary Pathology, leading the Animal Models of Human Disease section, and has held editorial board roles and committee memberships within ACVP and the Society of Toxicologic Pathology. He also co-chairs the Comparative Pathology Consortium and Scientific Interest Group. Hibret has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and a book chapter in pathology and cancer biology. In his spare time, he is an avid tennis player, loves to garden, and watch comedy shows.



Dr. Daniel Waktole, born in Ghimbi (Ethiopia), has over 30 years of experience at various positions both at government and private organizations as an Employee, Manager, Founder and Owner of private companies. Dr Daniel is the Founder and Dy CEO of Kilitch Estro Biotech PLC, the 1st Cephalosporin Manufacturing Industry in Ethiopia and East Africa. Currently, he is **President** of EPA, Member of National Pharmaceutical Advisory Board of the Ministry of Health of Ethiopia; and Member/Leader of many other Associations, National and Local committees. Dr Daniel has a unique passion for philanthropy; and co-authored two international edition books "**Guide to Ethiopian Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing and Marketing in Ethiopia**" and **Master Guide for Medical Representatives**" as a show case of his keen interest to develop Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in Ethiopia. Dr Daniel is also a winner of many local and international awards for his services in the health sector!



Dr. Fikreab S. Admasu, Senior Data Scientist at MSD, develops statistical and machine learning models for impact assessment and investment optimization. His work leverages advanced methodologies including bayesian inference, causal modeling, and reinforcement learning to inform strategic decisions in the pharmaceutical sector. Prior to joining Merck, he held machine learning roles at various tech startups and served as a Riley Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Binghamton University. He earned a Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), and was previously at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and SISSA in Trieste, Italy. His academic journey began at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.



Dr. Zewdie, is a distinguished scholar and honorary professor at CUNY, NY and Wolo University respectively. She is a committed, dynamic and inspiring leader who has dedicated the past 45 years to international development work, particularly focusing on mitigating the cross-sectorial impact of the HIV epidemic on development. She received her PhD in clinical immunology from the University of London. She was a Senior MacArthur Fellow and Richard L. and Ronay A. Menschel Senior Leadership Fellow at Harvard University. Her work has been published in over 100 journals and book chapters, covering a wide variety of subjects. She is a passionate and influential speaker, and chair, widely sought in international conferences. She has given hundreds of presentations at international conferences, governing boards, community groups, members of parliament, and the private sector. She has lectured at universities in Africa, Europe and the US including advancing critical development issues ranging from women's reproductive health, the impact of HIV/AIDS on development to operational research issues. She was Director of the Global HIV/AIDS program at the World Bank

and Deputy Executive Director and COO of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) where she co-led the transformation of the Global fund. She retired from the World Bank in 2015 and is a distinguished scholar at CUNY, School of Public Health and Health Policy where she lectures on leadership in public health and continues her development work with Wolo and Bahir Dar Universities in Ethiopia. She serves on several boards and is a recipient of honorary doctorate degrees for her work on women's health and development.

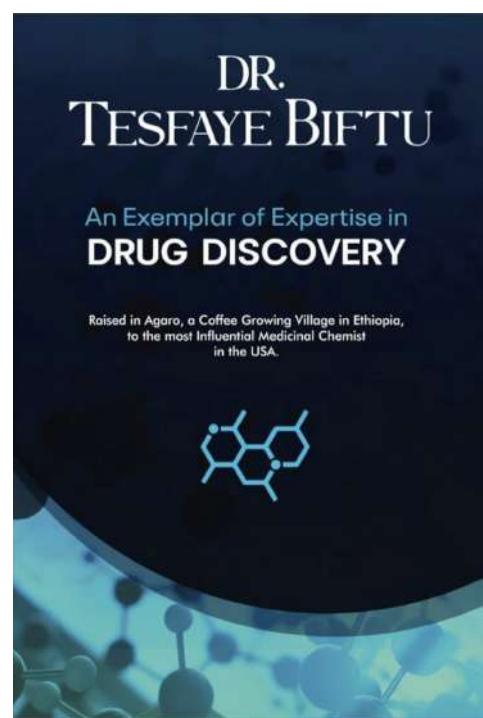
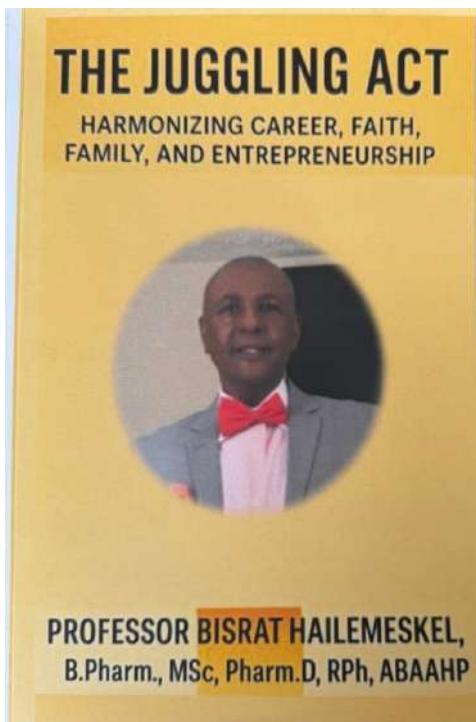
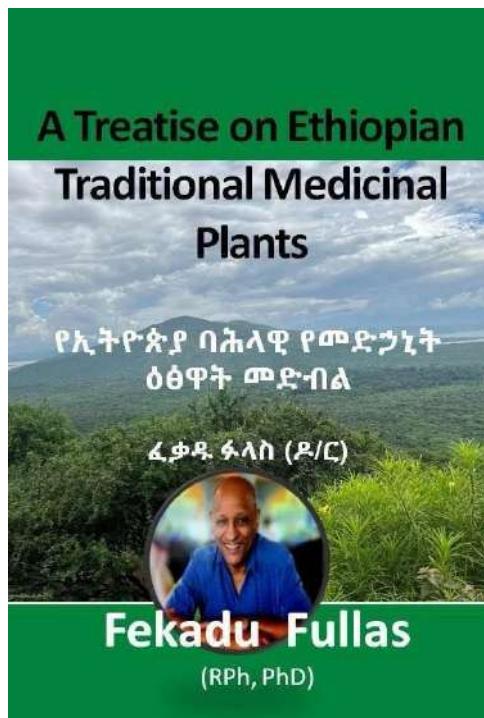


Dr. Fekadu graduated from Addis Ababa University with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree. He studied Natural Products Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy where he obtained a Ph.D. degree. In 1992, he joined the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) in North Carolina as a post-doctoral chemist in natural product drug discovery program, where he rose to a Research Chemist III level. After a productive 4-year stint at RTI, he eventually joined St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa as a clinical pharmacist. While he was there for 23 years, he was heavily involved in guiding the clinical research project of more than a dozen Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) post-Pharm.D. Residents over the years. He is an Associate Fellow of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences. He retired in 2020, but stays active in academic research, writing books and volunteering in pharmacy-related initiatives. In the course of his long career, he has produced over 175 publications, many of which are pharmacy-related. He is the author of eight books.

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