## <u>Challenges in the Standardization of Ethiopic Script</u> <u>for the Use in Computers</u>

Date: July 4, 1998 Venue: EAS Hall Time: 8:45 AM

Time	Topic	Ву
08:45 - 09:00	Registration of members and participants	ECoSA Executive Committee Members
09:00 - 09:10	Opening address	Ato Asteraye Tsigie
09:10 - 09:20	Introductory remarks	Dr. Dawit Bekele President of ECoSA
09:20 - 09:50	Article: Standardization Problems for the use of Ethiopic on Computers	Ato Worku Alemu
09:50 - 10:20	Article: Requirements of Ethiopic Orthography	Ato Daniel Yacob and Ato Daniel Aberra
10:20 - 10:45	Coffee and Tea	EAS
10:45 - 11:15	Panel Discussion on: Languages that use Ethiopic	Dr. Baye Yimam
11:15 - 11:45	Panel Discussion on: Who should be consulted for determination of new Ethiopic characters	Ato Mulugetta Libse
11:45 - 12:45	<ul> <li>Technical Problems:</li> <li>Symbols and ligatures from historic manuscripts</li> <li>Variant Glyphs, Punctuation and Numerals</li> <li>Sorting orders</li> </ul>	Ato Daniel Yacob
12:45 - 13:00	Recommendations of the workshop on the key elements to be included in the call for proposals	Dr. Dawit Bekele President of ECoSA

## **Objectives of the Workshop**

- To identify the list of languages that use Ethiopic characters.
- To identify organizations that are to be consulted for Ethiopic character set determination.
- To discuss and produce a consensus on technical problems like rarely used characters, punctuation marks, numerals, and sorting orders.
- To identify interested members on the issue so as to establish the technical committees.