## Challenges in the Standardization of Ethiopic Script for the Use in Computers

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

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **By** |
| 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 | Technical Problems:   * Symbols and ligatures from historic manuscripts * Variant Glyphs, Punctuation and Numerals * Sorting orders | 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.