

# SMNE Forum Agenda

Saturday, November 15, 2014

## Morning Session: Dysfunctional Institutions in Ethiopia

- 10:00      **Welcome:** Obang Metho, Executive Director, Solidarity Movement for a New Ethiopia
- 10:05      **Comments from the Moderator:** Hamrawit Tesfa
- 10:10      ***The Art of Propaganda and the Hidden Mechanics of TPLF/EPRDF Institutional Control:*** Ermias Legesse; Former Ethiopian Deputy Minister of Communications for the EPRDF
- 10:25      ***How the Justice System Manipulates its Laws, Advances Injustice, Perpetrates Terrorism in the Name of Others, and Creates Instability in Ethiopia: What Can Be Done to Reform the Justice System?:*** Fayisa Israel Itansa; Former Supreme Court Judge in Oromia Regional State of Ethiopia, previously involved in leading many judicial reform initiatives
- 10:40      ***The Silencing of Civil Society through the Charities and Societies Proclamation: How Do we Reclaim Our Voice?:*** Soleyana Shimeles, LLB, MA: Lawyer, Human Rights Activist and founding member of Zone9
- 10:55      ***Ethiopia's Double Digit Economic Growth: what's Real, What's Fantasy? How Can Good Governance and Accountability Encourage Authentic Economic Growth and Foreign Investment?:*** Dr. Fekadu Bekele, PhD, Economics and Development Economics, lecturer at the Free University, the School of Economics and at the University of Applied Sciences: area of expertise: International Economic Relations, world market and currency, and development theory/policy (via Skype)
- 11:10      ***The Inter-Relationship between a Free and Independent Media and Respect for Human Rights:*** Felix Horne, Human Rights Watch, Researcher for Ethiopia, Eritrea, and the Horn of Africa
- 11:25      **Q & A Panel Discussion**
- 12:00      **Lunch Break**