



## Convention 2010

The Ethiopian World Federation Incorporated will hold its annual convention in Jamaica from 14th to 22nd July 2010.

Remember your pledge:

By Laws section 6 Each new member shall take the following pledge. I solemnly pledge to do all I can to carry out the aims and objects of the Ethiopian World Federation incorporated and to abide by its constitution and by laws.

Article 1 section 8 No individual who is a member of any other organization, political party, religious group or sect which requires that individual to pledge unswerving allegiance to its tenets, thus depriving him of freedom of thought and actions; which maybe necessary in carrying out the aims and objects of the Ethiopian World Federation Incorporated; shall be elected or appointed to office or shall allow himself to be elected to any office. Any election or appointment to office in violation of this section shall be null and void.



Runaway Bay, Jamaica

## Greetings to Members and Non-Members

Its that time of the year again, the Annual Convention and elections for a new executive council. This year preparations are going ahead for the first Convention to be held in Jamaica and there is great anticipation amongst members in Jamaica to host what will be a great Convention. The Ethiopian World Federation Inc be holding business meetings and the elections, as well as a number of public events with guest speakers and a night of cultural celebration. We take this opportunity of wishing delegates and observers travelling to Jamaica a safe journey and an enlightening experience.

Another first is the forthcoming Fifa World Cup 2010 in South Africa. Many in the mainstream media doubted that Africa was ready to stage one of the largest international sporting events. The good news is not only were stadiums and facilities completed on time but the standard has been described as excellent by Fifa and the media. The new high speed train (Africa's first) Gautrain was also completed sooner than expected and will take fans and visitors from OR Tambo International Airport to Johannesburg. The stations have been described as world class by passengers who have been raving about the experience.

The current International Chaplain, Ras Iqualah will be travelling to South Africa in June to perform at a number of concerts in the Western Cape area. We wish him a safe journey and an ire time.

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### International Members Meeting 1st Sunday each Month

**Telephone No. and Access Code  
will be issued to members shortly**

- 12 noon NY, USA
- 9.00am, L. A
- 5.00pm UK.
- 6.00pm Paris, Europe
- 7.00pm Ethiopia,
- 5.00pm Ghana, Miami
- 6.00pm Cape Town
- 11.00am Jamaica
- 7.00p.m Kenya
- 11.00am Chicago

The Voice of Ethiopia eNewsletter is looking for Members to volunteer for the following roles:

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# Convention 2010 - Programme

## *The Ethiopian World Federation Inc. Annual General Meeting.* **International Convention 2010 July 14th - 22nd**



### **Hosted By - St Ann Bay and Montego Bay Locals**

The main event to behold

**@ Andernet Centre St Ann Bay, Jamaica**

The Convention will include:

A special report and debate from the visit of the International Organizer to Ethiopia in June 2010, Subjects to include - registration, permits for members, land grant.

Also International officers, local / members reports.

Delegates registration Tuesday 13th July.

### **Other Activities**

#### **Public meetings**

**@ the University of West Indies Mona Kingston and St Ann Bay and Montego Bay**

The meetings will also include an exhibition of the Voice of Ethiopia newspaper, Italian and Ethiopian war 1935 and Dr Malaku E Bayen.

Presentations by Mulligetta grandson of Malaku E Bayen  
Also .Migual Lorne attorney and book publisher,

The Musical and Cultural Day

All conscious artists that are willing to take part in performing or for general information contact information below.

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Live Interview On **IRIE FM** (Cutting Edge)



**"To carve for ourselves a place in the sun"**

## **Logistics Information for Convention**

Recommend Airport - Montego Bay, Jamaica

Airport Pick-up (Transfer) and Accommodation - Int Organiser yungsta@btconnect.com or Sis Iday Miami set\_ambasa@yahoo.com

Nominations & Registration forms to be submitted to Ex Secretary wolgabreal@yahoo.co.uk

Delegates and members who pay the registration fee (\$150) will receive free food and drinks

To date confirmation has been received that delegates and members will be travelling from Miami, Hartford, Brooklyn, Bronx, London, Birmingham, Paris and Dominica.

# Convention Notification

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated

To All Chartered Locals

11th April 2010

Greetings President, Officers and Members.

In the Blessed name of Qadamawi Haile Selassie – First Power of the Trinity.

NOTICE

CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING

14TH JULY – 21ST JULY 2010

ANDERNET CENTER, ST. ANN'S BAY, ST. ANN'S, JAMAICA, W.I

Please read carefully

In order to encourage maximum attendance to Convention the International Executive Council has determined that all Chartered Locals are entitled to one (1) delegate. The only exception to above will be determined by the level of compliance by each Chartered Local with the Constitution Articles IV. Sec. 2, and, By-Laws, Section 2.

All members are encourage to attend Convention and take part in this auspicious occasion, when the supreme making policy body of our organization meet, discuss, and counsel and agree policies to address the issues that affect us locally, nationally and internationally. "All for One – One for ALL.

- \$150.00 registration fee.

All the above apply to Delegate and Alternate Members only

For non- delegate members accompanying delegate members there will be a charge of half the registration fee.

A draft program for Convention 2010 will follow later, together with all the relevant forms to be filled out and returned to the International Headquarters Registered Address at 3603 Boston Road.

Respectfully Yours

Wolete Gabreal (Pauline Anderson)  
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The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated

Any inquiry regarding this communication, Convention or for the Council can be emailed to me at [wolgabreal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wolgabreal@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Conference Call

The next Global Membership Call is Schedule for Sunday 13th June 2010 12noon EST NY & 5pm GMT UK. Please pass on to members who may not be on or have access to computer network. The telephone conferecne call in no. is (1) 605 715 4920 access code 681 329

# How Can Members Participate?

## **Delegate**

A member in good standing authorised by their Local to speak, vote and act on behalf of the Local in business meetings. The number of delegates per Local is determined by the size of the Local membership (Article IV Sec 2)

## **Observer**

A member in good standing can attend all business meetings (unless restricted to delegates only) to observe the conduct of the meeting. Inexperienced members can also learn about the conduct of Convention business meetings.

## **Support Role**

Members can assist with security, catering, the provision of accommodation, driving, translation and act as local guides.

## **Performers**

Musicians, singers and poets can request a slot at the music and culture event

## **For further information contact:**

### **International Organiser**

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# Important Information for Members

## Constituted 1937

Please do not confuse this Convention with those of other companies /organisations with similar names such as **Imperial Ethiopian World Federation** or **Ethiopian World Federation Local Number One Incorporated 1996**. If in doubt contact the New York State Department to confirm the registered address. The Convention in Jamaica during July 2010 relates to:

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## Civil Unrest - Jamaica

**In the light of civil unrest in May 2010, a State of Emergency limited to the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew remains in place. There remains an increased risk of further outbreaks of civil disorder and shooting in Kingston and possibly in other urban centres in Jamaica (particularly in Spanish Town). Visitors should avoid the areas of West Kingston (Tivoli and Denham Town in particular) and Mountain View. You should exercise extra caution if travelling away from your home or hotel. You should also monitor local media for updates on the current situation.**

Source: Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
June 6th, 2010

# **Report From International Organiser - Visit to Ethiopia 2010**

**The International Organiser, Obadiah Robinson visited Ethiopia in June 2010. The main purpose of the visit was to meet with the EWF Inc's attorney, Adamu Shiferaw in Addis Ababa and visit to members. During the visit Obadiah was largely assisted by Security Officer Ras Speng, who is based in Shashamane and who also provided transportation.**

“As well as meeting with the attorney to discuss registration, I also met with various government agencies. A meeting was held with Tagassa King at our Kotobe site. Meetings were also held with members of two groups based in Addis Ababa who wish to establish Locals. Sista Desta's group, which includes members of the Crown Council discussed fund raising and the African Union. It was great to meet up with Miguel Lorne, an attorney at law in Jamaica who was visiting Ethiopia at the same time. Informative discussions took place with Miguel about the state of the Rastafari movement and the EWF Inc's forthcoming Convention scheduled to take place in Jamaica in July. Miguel has agreed to be a guest speaker at the Convention.

An important meeting was held with members based in Shashamane who raised concerns about the lack of representation on the Land Grants. I also had the pleasure of catching up with six members from Hartford, Connecticut including Bro Amlak and Ras Mulla.

It was interesting to have the opportunity to meet with some of the children of the original pioneer settler's corp and to hear of their concerns regarding the lack of opportunities open to them in Shashamane. This clearly raises issues about the way in which investment has been made in the area. The lack of social programs has impacted on young people who after years of involvement in the cannabis trade have not attended school and not wanting to train or work.

The issue of cannabis exportation has lead to a number of high profile cases involving persons from abroad being jailed for periods of between five and ten years. Those travelling to Ethiopia should be aware of becoming involved in this practice as it can lead to long periods in jail if apprehended. Other issues of concerns is the impression given by some newcomer male settlers of a lack of care shown to young Ethiopian girls and women and a risk of sexual abuse to minors.

The visit was very successful if short and I look forward to seeing greater and more productive development in Ethiopia in the future, not withstanding the present difficult economical environment”.

The International Organiser  
Obadiah Robinson

# **Ethiopia, The Way Forward Debate**

The land grant was given as a token of appreciation to the Ethiopian World Federation Inc to create independent sovereignty for Black peoples abroad. This was following the organisations assistance in the defence of Ethiopia's sovereignty during the Italian fascist invasion.

Since 1992 there has been serious concern amongst the members as to what is happening in Ethiopia with regards to the Federations business. Whilst up to 50 members have sought to enter Ethiopia to conduct the organisations business or intending to settle no one seems to be responsible for them especially in relation to resident permits or land grant plots for house building.

Groupings of members from London, Hartford, New York, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Bermuda and other individuals have attempted to set up businesses projects at enormous expense, with extreme difficulties. Some have had to go to non members to solve their problems whilst on paper we have a Country and deputy representative. They have been reluctant or unable to support members. Strangely during this period the representatives have promoted to the organisation that there is no longer a land grant and that we should seek new land. During the same period a large amount of non members have gained land which has been divided out by a non member; in fact large amounts of the original land grant are now occupied by non indigenous Ethiopians.

Further the Federation although been the only organisation recognized by the government in the area is the most inactive with little or no administration whilst the representatives seem to more concerned by assisting others. There seems to be a conspiracy aimed at stopping or frustrating members from entering Ethiopia and settling legally

Presently we have a NGO Water harvesting project that can not deal with land grant or permit issues and we continue to be told that we must spend more members' money to make the Ethiopian authorities happy but gain nothing in return.

We have been told that we are planning a model city but where when and how; instead of making the necessary steps to defend and protect the organisations assets.

Following two Conventions in Ethiopia and extensive research supported by the St Marys Law University of Addis Ababa we the Executive Council have now gained a clear understanding of the problem and what is needed to improve the organisations position in Ethiopia gain unlimited permits and tackle the issue of the land-grant.

This will mean all members world wide working as one in Unison on projects businesses etc these can also involve farming projects. It is vitally important that as many members as possible; locals, delegates or individuals attend the Convention in Jamaica to partake in this historic debate and put forward ideas especially members from the Caribbean e.g. Dominica, Martinique who have farming skills.

# Fifa World Cup Fever in South Africa - 2010

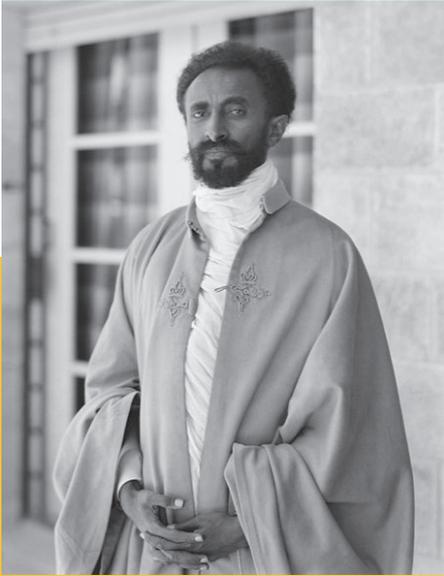


Fans celebrate during warm up matches in South Africa in June 2010

For once Africa is at the centre of the worlds attention as South Africa hosts one of the greatest sporting events. The stadiums are ready, fans are arriving from across the world, the international media are in place and euphoria and excitement is sweeping the nation. Six years ago when Fifa announced that South Africa would host the 2010 World Cup, many said it would never happen and there was endless speculation that other countries were on stand by to host the event. The doubters have been proved wrong, we are about to enjoy one of the most spectacular and colourful events that is being described as the 'African' World Cup.

It will be great to see some exciting football from the African teams, especially South Africa (Bafana Bafana). Football in South Africa is considered a 'black' sport and receives very little investment compared to rugby and cricket, which are played largely by 'whites'. Enjoy.

## So Jah Say



“The specter of racial discrimination which has for so long cast its dark and evil shadow over much of this globe is slowly disappearing. Men are coming increasingly to be judged by their talents and abilities rather than the less meaningful and far more superficial standards of race and religion. But there yet remain those who in their bigotry and ignorance resist this flooding tide, and it is against these that our efforts must be directed.

“The struggle to win for our brothers in South Africa that status as free men, free to stand heads high among free men as equals, which so many million of Asians and Africans have attained but yesterday, goes on. Our duty is not discharged, our course is not run, our victory not won so long as apartheid, the illegitimized policy of the Government of South Africa, prevails in any area of the world.

“In South Africa an attempt has been made to legislate the inequality of the races. This attempt is doomed to failure. We here are all pledged not to pause in this strife until its emptiness and mockery are revealed for all to see. and those who have used it for their own purposes have abjured this doctrine which is an insult to all men and to Almighty God in whose image we are created. But at the same time let us not bemuse ourselves with the notion that it is any more possible to legislate equality, for these matters concern attitudes and values over which intellect sadly exercises but little control.

“Let us not recoil in hatred against those who, even while protecting their

freedom from bias and prejudice, reveal by their actions that the poison of racial discrimination has left its lasting effects, and by this reaction reveal that we, no less than they are prey to unreasoning emotion, that we, no less than they are susceptible to that virus which is called intolerance.

“Apartheid must be discredited. The African States have already imposed direct sanctions in the economic and diplomatic fields as an attempt to influence the policies of South Africa and to convince the South African leaders that it is in no sense in their interest longer to adhere to this policy. We should, during this conference, consider if there are not additional measures which we may adopt to speed the inevitable day when the policy of racial discrimination and the principle of apartheid are discredited and abandoned. Let us take pride in the fact that as free men we attack and abhor racial discrimination on principle wherever it is found and in whatever guise. We can, in addition to the economic pressures of which we dispose, bring our moral weight to bear and rally world opinion to our cause by revealing the brutality, the inhumanity, the inherent viciousness, and the evil represented by this policy. It is only natural for man to strive towards a better life. To wish to educate his children while he himself was uneducated. To desire to shelter and clothe them while he himself was naked and scourged by the elements. To strive to spare them from the cruel diseases by which he himself was ravaged. But when these ends are realized at the expense of others, at the cost of their degradation and poverty, these desires which are not intrinsically immoral or pernicious in themselves must be frustrated; and the means by which these otherwise legitimate ends are sought to be attained must be scorned and shunned.

“We ourselves, the non-aligned nations of the world, seek no less than others these same objectives. And it is not by mere chance that we also count among our number the great majority of the

underdeveloped nations of the world. For not until the directions and determination of man's fate is firmly within his own grasp can he devote the totality of his strength to his own good.....”

At a time when South Africa is hosting the Fifa World Cup 2010 - it is fitting to remember what brothers and sisters in that country had to overcome to get this far. They have done a fine work in building the excellent stadiums and facilities!

**Article from the original Voice of Ethiopia**

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## STEADFASTNESS OF THE BLACK RACE

Some time ago I wrote in this column that the white race would be looking on to see the failure of the efforts being made by black people here, to assist Ethiopia. I said also that many members of our race had become distrustful of any organization formed by Black people because they had the habit of falling for one reason or another.

There are reasons why our efforts to advance often meet with failure – internal quarrels and external opposition. It is necessary therefore that in our attempt to take our proper place in the world, our organizations be intelligently set up and honestly and efficiently administered.

### Endurance

The Black race is capable of keeping alive under the most adverse circumstances. The history of the slave period and after proves this. Here we go on living patiently enduring the shortage of the necessities of life, and continuous toil with no other prospect in view. That is it the Black race expects no improvement in its economic position. The few who have managed to become fairly independent have forsaken the ranks of the down-trodden and exploited race.

The American Indian under pressure from the white race disappeared almost completely. The Black race under greater pressure persists and multiplies.

### Aggressive Qualities

But it is not enough to keep alive, we must advance. Our organizations must have intelligent programs and execute them vigorously and honestly. We have long been fighting more or less successfully a defensive war. We must now change it into an offensive war. We have hitherto been trying to preserve life and limb, now we must go vigorously after the things we need and want.

We can learn a lesson from this Communists without becoming Communists. They go vigorously after the things they want, though I cannot recommend them for a great deal of honesty. They work aggressively, in an organized fashion, and they never give up. Let us observe their methods while holding on to our own purposes.

### The Resistance of the Blacks

To quote from “The real facts about Ethiopia” by J.A. Rogers: Morocco is almost next door to France and the Moroccan terrain is far less difficult than the Ethiopian one, yet France has not been able to wipe out the Moroccan guerillas: after more than thirty years. Again it took the Italians twenty-one years to crush but not entirely to subdue the tribesmen of Cyrenaica who numbered less than 230,000 were almost three thousand miles nearer home, and were far easier to reach than the Ethiopians.”

Some branches of the Black race are not satisfied with passive resistance but carry the fight to the enemy vigorously and unceasingly. They never admit defeat. They will finally succeed.

### Ethiopians Abroad

We Ethiopians in the western world asked His Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I to send us a representative. His Majesty had on three previous occasions sent us representatives asking for men from our ranks to take part in the building of a greater and stronger Ethiopia. We did not heed the call. Now a representative is here on our request, Dr. Malaku E. Bayen, at 2352 Seventh Avenue, New York City U.S.A. We must support him and the Ethiopian Cause.

The Black race must awake from its long sleep, awake to dignity and manliness and strength. This can be done by supporting Ethiopia.

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