

Seminar Commemorating International Peace Day 2025

"Uniting for Peace and Development"

Organized by: Peace1st Ethiopia with African Peace and Development Network.

Two-Day Seminar Commemorating International Peace Day 2025

"Advancing Peace and Development in Africa"

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | September 20-21, 2025

1. Background and Rationale

To commemorate International Peace Day 2025, Peace1st Ethiopia, in partnership with the African Peace and Development Network, will organize a high-level seminar to mobilize African and international stakeholders toward peace, unity, and sustainable development. The seminar is firmly anchored in the African Union's Agenda 2063, particularly *Aspiration 4: A Peaceful and Secure Africa* and *Aspiration 1: A Prosperous Africa based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development*. It also supports the global Sustainable Development Goals, notably SDG 16 (*Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development*) and SDG 17 (*Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development*).

The event will foster dialogue on:

- Silencing the Guns by addressing conflict resolution in active crisis zones (e.g., South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo).
- Promoting pan-African solidarity through the sharing of best practices from peaceful nations such as Botswana, Ghana, and Namibia, and global leaders like Iceland, New Zealand, and Singapore.
- Unlocking private sector and diaspora investments for sustainable development.

The seminar will conclude with the symbolic **"Seedlings of Peace"** tree-planting ceremony in Addis Ababa, representing our collective pledge to nurture peace and sustainable futures across Africa.

2. Objectives

- Advance Aspiration 4 of Agenda 2063: Mobilize efforts to "Silence the Guns" and promote a culture of peace and tolerance.
- Forge Strategic Partnerships: Bring together African and global peacebuilders, development actors, private sector leaders, and policymakers under the umbrella of Networking of African peace & Development vision.
- Promote Innovative Solutions: Share transformative models and digital innovations for conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction.

- Enhance Resource Mobilization: Facilitate investment dialogues with private equity firms, development banks, and donor nations to strengthen African-led peace and development initiatives.
- Foster Climate-Resilient Peacebuilding: Integrate climate adaptation strategies as part of conflict prevention and development efforts, in line with Aspiration 1 and SDG 13 (*Climate Action*).

3. Key Activities

Day 1: Partnerships for Peace

- Opening Keynote: African peace and development Network *"Africa's Call to Action: Building the Africa We Want"* – Founder, Dr. George
- Panel 1: *"Africa's Peace and Security Architecture: Lessons from Botswana, Ghana, and Namibia."*
- Panel 2: *"Global Solidarity: International Lessons for African Peacebuilding."*
- Workshop: *"Mobilizing Private Equity for Sustainable Peace and Development."*

Day 2: Conflict to Collaboration

- Keynote: *"Pathways to Stability: From Conflict to Resilience in DRC and South Sudan"* – AU/UN Representative.
- Panel 3: *"Strategic Partnerships: The Role of China, UAE, France, the USA, and Great Britain."*
- Case Studies: *"Tech for Peace: Digital Innovations for Conflict Prevention and Resolution."*
- Closing Ceremony: *"Seedlings of Peace Pledge"* – A collective tree-planting and signing ceremony committing to the ideals of peace, unity, and sustainability.

4. Expected Outcomes.

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Partnership Compact: A landmark document featuring formal commitments from over 20+ organizations aligned with Agenda 2063 priorities.

- Peace Innovation Hub Blueprint: Detailed plan for establishing a tech-driven center for peacebuilding innovation in Addis Ababa.
- Climate Change for Peace Fund Proposal: A proposal to mobilize \$300,000 in initial investments for climate adaptation and conflict prevention initiatives.
- Pathways for Stability Framework: Actionable strategies to support peace and inclusive governance in conflict-affected African nations.

5. Target Participants

Stakeholder Group	Target Representatives
African Peace NGOs	25

Development Organizations (AU, UNDP, AfDB, UNECA, etc.)	20
Donor Countries (China, USA, UAE, France, UK)	15
Private Equity Firms, Impact Investors	10
Representatives of Peaceful African Nations (Botswana, Ghana, Namibia)	5
Representatives from Conflict Zones (South Sudan, DRC)	5
Global Peace Innovators (Iceland, Singapore, New Zealand)	5
Ethiopian Civil Society and Youth Leaders	15

Budget Proposal – Peace 1st Ethiopia

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Expense Category	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
1. Travel Costs				
International Participants	Airfare & local transport for 15 East African peace actors/ African NGOs (avg. \$1,300/person)	15	1,300	19,500
Local Participants	Transport for 20 Ethiopian conflict survivors/ Peace Actors (Airfare/ Bus, \$150/person)	20	150	3,000
Subtotal (Travel) 22,500				
2. Accommodation				
International Participants	3-night stay at Skylight Hotel	15	120/night* 3 Nights	5,400

Expense Category	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
Local Participants	3-night stay at Capital Hotel	15	60/night* 3 Nights	2,700
3. Honorarium	Fees for 5 keynote speakers (AU, UN, Peace, Security and climate	5	500	2,500
4. Venue Rental	Skylight Hotel conference hall (2 days)	1	2,000/day	4,000
5. Catering	Lunch & refreshments for 100 participants (2 days)	100	30/day	6,000
6. Tree-Planting Event	Logistics, seedlings, tools, and permits	1	2,000	2,000
7. Miscellaneous	Printing, signage, translation, tech support, Photography	1	3,000	3,000
Contingency	For unforeseen expenses	1	1900	1900
GRAND TOTAL				50,000