

## Conference Program

**12 pm:** Doors open

**1:00 pm:** Opening Speech: Princess Maryam Senna Asfa Wossen

**1:10 pm:** Keynote: Fasil Giorghis / Heritage in Light of Current Urban Development

**1:30 pm: SESSION #1: "Decoding Addis Ababa's Urban Heritage"**

*How has the history and culture of Addis Ababa influenced the city's urban heritage?  
How have urbanization and modernization impacted the preservation and conservation of Addis Ababa's historic buildings and neighborhoods? What are some current initiatives or projects aimed at promoting and safeguarding Addis Ababa's urban heritage? How can local residents and communities actively participate in preserving and promoting Addis Ababa's urban heritage? In what ways can tourism be leveraged to raise awareness and appreciation of Addis Ababa's urban heritage?*

Panel (4x10min) + Discussion (30min) + Q&A (15min)

> Panelists:

- Dr. Fasil Ghiorgis (EiABC-AAU) / tba.
- Dr. Rumi Okazaki (Shibaura Institute of Technology) / tba.
- Tadesse Girmay (EiABC-AAU) / tba.
- Mr. Haftamu Abreha (Ethiopian Heritage Authority) / tba.

> Moderation: Brook Tefera (BIGAR Architects)

**3:00 pm:** Break of 30min

**3:30 pm: SESSION #2: "Imaginaires of Housing in Addis Ababa"**

*What role does heritage play in the urban renewal and the design of appropriate housing in Addis Ababa? Can knowledge about urban heritage contribute to the evolution of housing schemes? Can we imagine a more moderate and compatible modernization of Addis Ababa's historic urban fabric that includes the local communities instead of questioning their "right to the city"? What role can local building traditions play as a form of collective knowledge? What urban policies are needed to frame such an approach?*

Panel (4x10min) + Discussion (30min) + Q&A (15min)

> Panelists:

- Dr. Elias Yetbarek (EiABC-AAU) / Searching for appropriate housing designs
- Piet Nieder (TU Berlin) / Imaginaries for Future Neighborhoods in Addis Ababa
- Dr. Matiyas Bekele Fantaye (AASTU, ICOMOS Ethiopia) / Social Justice through Urban

Heritage Conservation: The Urban Planning Challenge in Addis Ababa

- Lensa Mekonnen (Federal Land Bank & Development Corporation)? / tba.

> Moderation: Maheder Gebremehdin (The Urban Center)

**5:00 pm:** Ending of the conference.