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# BIGSAS Alumni Conference 2018

## The Future of African Studies Scholars in Africa and Abroad

31 October – 02 November 2018  
Addis Ababa University

### Tue, 30 October:

Night/morning: Arrival in Addis Ababa

15:00: Visit to Addis Ababa University,  
with a visit to the University Museum and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies

### Wed, 31 October:

09:00 – 12:00: Plenary Session: Welcoming and opening speeches  
(Moderation: **Prof. Dr Georg Klute** and **Dr. Eric Anchimbe**,  
University of Bayreuth)

Welcome Speeches by

- **Prof. Dr. Tassew Woldehanna**, President of the Addis Ababa University
- **Prof. D. Stefan Leible**, President of the University of Bayreuth

Greetings by

- **Prof. Dr. Dymitr Ibriszimow**, Dean of the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS)
- **Stephan Wendt**, First Secretary and Head of Economic and Cultural Section of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Addis Ababa (tbc)

Opening Speech by **H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor**, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology at the African Union Commission (tbc)

12:00 – 14:00: Lunch Break



14:00 – 17:30:

<p><b>I: Contributions of BIGSAS Scholars to Education and Knowledge Production</b></p> <p>“Indigenous Knowledge and Higher Education”</p> <p>(Abraham Brahima, Lamine Doumbia and Clarissa Vierke)</p>	<p><b>II: Contributions of BIGSAS Scholars to Higher Education, in Fundraising and Collaborative Research</b></p> <p>“Quality Assurance and its Implementation in African Universities”</p> <p>(Mimboabe Bakpa)</p>	<p><b>III: Networking of BIGSAS Scholars for Academic Exchange and Entrepreneurship</b></p> <p>“The Chances and Challenges of Research and Alumni Networks in Africa”</p> <p>(Aychegrew Hadera Hailu)</p>	<p><b>IV: The Role of BIGSAS Scholars in Public Services, Politics, and Good Governance in Africa</b></p> <p>“Research on Gender in Africa: Challenges and Prospects”</p> <p>(Morenikeji Asaaju, Lohna Bonkat, Chikas Danfulani and Fulera Issaka-Toure)</p>
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(15:30 – 16:00: Coffee Break)

17:30 – 18:30: Visit to the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS)

### Thu, 01 November

08:30 – 12:00:

<p><b>I: Contributions of BIGSAS Scholars to Education and Knowledge Production</b></p> <p>“Changing the Perception of Africa in Education and Beyond”</p> <p>(Jennifer Scheffler and Mingqing Yuan)</p>	<p><b>II: Contributions of BIGSAS Scholars to Higher Education, in Fundraising and Collaborative Research</b></p> <p>“Research Funding and Management of Funds at African Universities”</p> <p>(Billian Otundo)</p>	<p><b>III: Networking of BIGSAS Scholars for Academic Exchange and Entrepreneurship</b></p> <p>“Academic Networking beyond Academia: Potentials for Innovative Start-Ups”</p> <p>(Christiane Rudic)</p>	<p><b>IV: The Role of BIGSAS Scholars in Public Services, Politics, and Good Governance in Africa</b></p> <p>“Decolonizing Knowledge Production and Higher Education”</p> <p>(Irina Turner and Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis)</p>
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(10:00 – 10:30: Coffee Break)



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12:00 – 14:00: Lunch Break

14:00 – 18:00: Plenary Session: Wrap-up session with recommendations for the future of the BIGSAS Alumni Network and closing remarks  
(Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Dieter Neubert**, University of Bayreuth)

**Fri, 02 November:**

06:30 – 22:00: Travel to Abijatta-Shalla National Park with dinner together

**Sat, 03 November:**

Departure from Addis Ababa