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:

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(15:30 – 16:00: Coffee Break)

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

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(10:00 – 10:30: Coffee Break)
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