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Dear Participants from Ethiopia!

In the last days, the organizers of the Conference have been informed about a number of Ethiopian citizens contacting Polish Embassy with the view to obtaining a visa to Poland. As all the Participants were informed by a joint message from the Institute of Ethiopian Studies and the Organizers from Warsaw through email as well as by the Conference website, the Polish Embassy in Addis Ababa has limited capacities of organising interviews with visa applicants. Having this in mind, the system of applying for the visas has been introduced, so that the procedure does not interfere with other duties of the Polish Embassy in Addis Ababa.

Therefore, in accordance with the agreement between the Organizers in Warsaw, the Institute of Ethiopian Studies and the Polish Embassy in Addis Ababa, there was a call for all the Ethiopian participants informing them that they should contact IES and secure all the necessary documents **prior** to contacting the Embassy.

I would also like to stress, that the deadline for the visa procedure was set on the last days of June. However, we have been informed by the Embassy, that the visa procedure will continue during the period of summer holidays, but it will be much slower resulting from the lower number of the Embassy staff on duty in July.

Dear Participants! Please have in mind the above and if you have not secured your visa yet, please contact the Institute of Ethiopian Studies first, and then register in the Embassy's visa system. The Embassy organises the interviews **only** after registering in the system and in the due order.

Looking forward to seeing you in Warsaw.

Yours sincerely,

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