

PROGRAM

Addis Ababa Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum

Theme: *Strengthening Democratic Oversight and Intelligence Cooperation for Africa's Security*

Opening Reception: July 9, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Location: Sheraton Addis Hotel, Taitu Street, Addis Ababa - Siemen Salon

Parliamentary Forum: July 10-11, 2026

Location: Ethiopian Parliament in Addis Ababa

Day 1: July 10, 2026

BUSES WILL DEPART FROM THE SHERATON ADDIS HOTEL AT 8:15 AM

Location: Ethiopian Parliament in Addis Ababa

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration

09:00 – 10:00 | Opening Ceremony

- **Congressman Robert Pittenger**, Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum
- **Hon. Tagesse Chaffo**, Speaker of the House of Peoples Representatives, Ethiopia
- **Hon. Ervin Massinga**, U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia
- **Hon. Matt Pottinger**, former Deputy National Security Advisor of the U.S. (video)

10:00 – 11:15 | Session 1: Africa's Priority Security Threats

- **Honorable Jaak Madison**, Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament for Estonia
- **Lt. Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai (rtd)**, former Chief of Army Staff
- **Mr. Oliver Drews**, CEO, Telio Group
- **Mr. Ghislain d'Adesky**, Business Development Director for Africa, Telio Group
- **Mr. Dmytro Polishchuk**, Principal Strategic Advisor, K38.

11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45– 12:45 | Session 2: Emerging Technologies (AI and Digital Assets)

- **H.E. Worku Gachena, PhD**, Director General, Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute, Ethiopia
- **Dr. Oonagh McDonald CBE**, former Member of the British Parliament
- **Mr. Kris Klaich**, Managing Director, Stella Maris Strategies
- **Mr. Dan Hanlon**, Director, Global Government Affairs and Public Policy, ServiceNow

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch

13:45 – 14:30 | Session 3: Energy Security and Critical Minerals

- **Hon. Alexandru Muraru**, Chairman of the Special Committee for Parliamentary Oversight on the Activity of the Foreign Intelligence Service, Member of Parliament, Romania
- **Prof. Milos Ivkovic**, external legal advisor to governments, state-owned entities and international business leaders (virtual)
- **Mr. Han Ilhan**, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Catalis Strategies

14:30 – 15:00 | Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:05 | Session 4: Human Trafficking

(The session will begin with a short video.)

- **Senator Linda Reynolds CSC**, Australia
- **Dr. Gloria Puldu**, Leadership Empowerment Advocacy and Humanitarian (LEAH) Foundation
- **Abrham Ayalew**, Head, Secretariat of the National Partnership Coalition on Migration, Ministry of Justice, Ethiopia
- **Emilio Puccio**, Secretary General of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights

16:05 – 16:30 | Open Remarks

18:00 | Leadership Dinner – Skylight Hotel

Day 2: July 11, 2026

8:00 | Coffee and Danish at the Sheraton Hotel

8:30 | Prayer Breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel

- **Hon. Tagesse Chaffo**, Speaker of the House of Peoples Representatives, Ethiopia
- **Lucas Rojas**-vocalist
- **Will Smoak**-violinist

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9:30 – 10:45 | Session 5: Election Integrity and Democracy in Africa

- **Hon. Salomon SK Della**, Senator, for the Haut-Katanga province, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Dr. Babra Ontibile Bhebe**, Executive Director of the Election Resource Centre
- **Dr. McDonald Lewanika**, Team Leader & Member of Accountability Lab East and Southern Africa
- **Mr. Agon Batusha**, MP, Acting Deputy Minister of Local Government Administration in the Government of the Republic of Kosovo
- **Mr. Ardian Gola**, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 | Session 6: Protecting Public Health in Crisis

- **Mr. Foulo Basse**, Chief Executive, Brazzaville Foundation
- **Prof. Milos Ivkovic**, external legal advisor to governments, state-owned entities and international business leaders (virtual)
- **Dr. Mykola Volkivskyi**, President of Geneva Center for Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution

12:00 – 12:30 | Session 7: Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure

- **H.E. Tigist Hamid**, Director General, Information Network Security Agency, Ethiopia
- **Dr. Varun Suthra**, Cybersecurity Strategist and Director at KIIT University, India

12:30 – 13:00 | Open Remarks

13:00 | Lunch

Post-Forum Program (Optional)

Official visits to:

- Ethiopian National Palace
- Adwa Museum
- Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute
- Information Network Security Agency