

**Innovative Universities Global Webinar**

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# Innovative Universities Webinar

moderated by **Dara Melnyk & Prof. Isak Frumin**



# Construction of the webinar



**60 min:** 15-min presentation + discussion



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## **Innovative Universities Global Webinar**

**Addis Ababa University: A flagship  
university transforming its internal  
system**

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# Invited Guest



**Abebaw Yirga Adamu**

Director of Quality Assurance and Risk  
Management at Addis Ababa University

# Addis Ababa University at a Glance

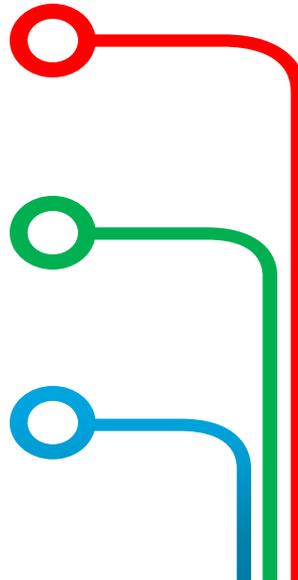


- Established in 1950 – 33 students

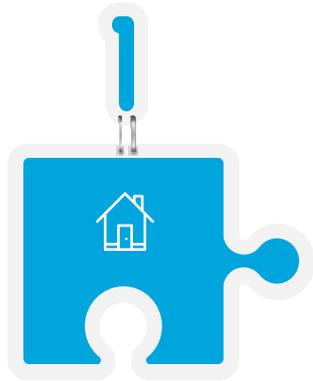
**34,000 Student**

**3,000 Faculty**

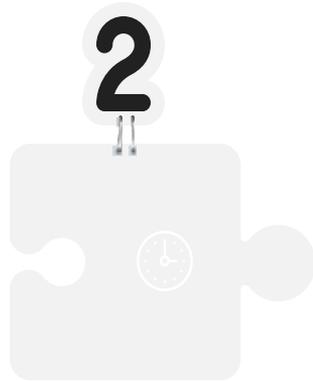
**3,500 Admin**



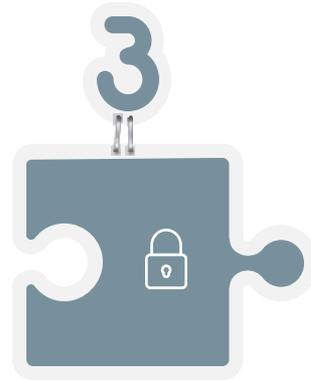
- The main campus is located in the former “Genete Leul” Palace-Emperor Haileselassie



**Addis Ababa University-  
College  
1950-1961**



**Haileselassie I University  
1961-1974**



**National University  
1974**



**Addis Ababa University  
1974 -Now**

- Currently: 8 Colleges and 7 research Institutes across 10 Campuses
- It was established mainly to produce skilled professionals (e.g., teachers and civil servants), and modernize the country's administration, economy, and educational systems. ([Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science](#))
- Gradual development – Undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral

# Innovative Features

- Pioneering role in Ethiopian higher education
  - Strong research and graduate training system
  - National policy and advisory role
  - Academic freedom and intellectual leadership
  - Timely reforms
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- Immense contribution – Educational, Societal, Economic, and Political

# Notable Alumni



PM 1991-2012



PM 2012-2018



PM 2018-Present



A renowned medical scientist known for his discovery in the treatment of schistosomiasis (bilharzia).

# Discussion

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Save the date:

Friday, March 13,  
5 PM CET

Travelling U's LEINN International:  
An itinerant program rooted in the  
cooperative movement

Speaker: Aitzol Garmendia,  
Travelling U Lead and the program  
coordinator

**Our Conversation  
Doesn't End Here**

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