



## Press Release

### Peace Message by Prominent Personalities and Institutions

**Addis Ababa, 15 September 2010** – Prominent personalities and representatives of institutions working for the realization of peace and security in Africa will deliver their peace messages as part of the celebration of the Peace Day, on September 21, 2010 at the Sheraton Addis Hotel.

Peace messages will be read at the event by high officials of the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Government of Ethiopia, religious leaders and the EIIPD and the ISS.

The event is jointly organized by the Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development (EIIPD) in collaboration with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS). The program intends to support the AU in its '*2010 Make Peace Happen and Beyond*' campaign and enhance greater public awareness *the Year of Peace and Security* within the diplomatic community in Addis Ababa and the public at large. It is reminded that the African Heads of States and Governments declared 2010 as the year of peace and security for Africa.

EIIPD is an autonomous think-tank institute working on policy research, capacity building and training to promote cooperation and partnership between Ethiopia and the International Community. EIIPD and ISS have a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on August 28 2007 to conduct a joint research, seminars, capacity buildings and information exchange programs. The bilateral cooperation of the two Institutes is flourishing in the area of peace, good governance, democracy, climate change and natural resources management.

The ISS is one of the largest policy research institutes in Africa with more than 140 staff mainly from 17 African countries. It has established an office in Addis Ababa in 2005 following several years of work with the AU and IGAD. The ISS is an established think tank working in the area of human security in Africa. It seeks to mainstream human security perspectives into public policy processes and to influence decision makers within Africa and beyond. The objective of the Institute is to provide timely empirical research and contextual analysis of relevant human security issues to policy makers, executive bodies, advocacy groups, and the media.

**Journalists are invited to cover the event at the Sheraton Addis Hotel and attend the News Conference following the event at the same venue.**