

## **WELCOMING REMARKS**

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-Your Excellency Dr. Adanetch Kidane Mariam, Minister of Health

-Dear EPHA members and invited guests, Ladies and gentlemen.

It has been among the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee of the Ethiopian Public Health Association to organize forums for discussions on various issues of public health through conferences, seminars, distribution of publications, newsletters and workshops. Today's workshop on "Health Aspects of Repatriation in Ethiopia" is, therefore, the first of its kind for EPHA. The objective of this workshop, organized by the EPHA in collaboration with the Department of Community Health and the McGill-Ethiopia Community Health Project, is to exchange experiences on health aspects of repatriation in Ethiopia among those institutions and individuals involved in the process. From this workshop, I hope, appropriate and feasible recommendations will be forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Association, the Department of Community Health and the McGill-Ethiopia Community Health Project for their technical and financial assistance, respectively.

I would also like to thank the Coordinating Committee for its continuous effort in maintaining and promoting the research activities of the Association.

May I now call upon your Excellency Dr. Adanetch Kidane Mariam, to open this workshop, please.

Thank you.

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