



ETHIOPIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL- EHRCO

EHRCO Stands for Democracy, the Rule of Law and the Respect of Human Rights

EHRCO press release in celebration of the International Human Rights Day

[Recover Better- Stand up for Human Rights]

December 10, 2020

On December 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the first comprehensive human rights document, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, following the casualties and human sufferings during the two world wars and other historical events. In commemoration of this historical event, International Human Rights Day is commemorated every year on December 10. This year it is being celebrated for the 72nd times in the world and for the 32nd time at the national level under the theme of “**Recover Better- Stand up for Human Rights**”.

The **Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO)** is commemorating the day with various events from December 1- 10, 2020. This year's International Human Rights Day is the most challenging and tragic because Covid-19 claimed the lives of millions globally. Nationally apart from the catastrophes of the pandemic, it is also a year that has been marked by conflict, identity-based violence, armed conflict, and many other human rights abuses. As a result, we do not celebrate this year's human rights day with bright events rather we need to commemorate it by thinking about our responsibilities for human rights respect, protection, and fulfillment and preparing ourselves for future endeavors.

As we celebrate this year's International Human Rights Day, we need to be more prepared than ever to turn our sincere desire into reality to ensure that any pre-election, during the election and post-election situations does not lead to conflict, instability, and human rights violations.

From the past few years and the recent events we experienced, the future of our country can be dictated as much more troublesome than before. As a result, EHRCO believes that in the path of making Ethiopia a place where democratic principles are developed, rule of law prevailed, people's human rights are respected, a peaceful place that best fits its generations needs and in transforming it in the best way than it was before

every one of us are required to fulfil our responsibilities in a humanly, lawful and ethical way.

To achieve this aim EHRCO once again assures its promises and it needs to remind everyone to fulfil their respective obligations.

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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