



## Joint EACE and AAU International Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Computational Mechanics, Geotechnical and Transportation Engineering

January 8-9, 2003  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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### General Information

This conference sponsored by the Ethiopian Association of Civil Engineers (EACE) and the Civil Engineering Department of the Addis Ababa University (AAU) is a first of its kind and will be held in Addis Ababa on January 8-9th, 2003. Conference presenters and participants are Ethiopian academics and practicing engineers from the Diaspora (North America, Europe and Japan) as well as those inside Ethiopia.

The scope of the conference includes:

- Earthquake Engineering
- Building Codes
- Computational Mechanics
- Transportation Engineering
- Seismic Design
- Wind Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Water Resources Engineering

The main motivations of the conference is to contribute to "reverse brain-drain" efforts in a meaningful and sustainable way. The brain drain of thousands of skilled engineers and doctors is causing Ethiopia, like many other developing countries, millions of dollars annually. The country is continuously losing its best trained engineers, professors and doctors and at the same time spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in training local replacements or hiring expatriate replacements. Reversing this huge loss of human capital is crucial for any foreseeable meaningful development initiatives in the country from poverty reduction to food security. This conference is designed to be an initial attempt to address this problem by encouraging Ethiopian professors and engineers in North America, Europe and Japan to return to Ethiopia on a regular basis and provide a platform where they give seminars, workshops and short course at universities and at professional trade organizations like EACE.

Corporations, UN Organizations, businesses, etc are very much encouraged to assist this initiative through sponsorships or grants.

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