

## **Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Day colorfully marked in Atlanta, LA and Seattle Cities!!**

**News Release from the Embassy of Ethiopia, Washington D.C.**

**December 21, 2014**

Hundreds of Ethiopians from the Atlanta Metro Area celebrated on Sunday December 21, 2014, the 9th Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and Peoples day (NNPD) and the 20th anniversary of ratification of the current Constitution in Atlanta, Georgia with the motto, "Our Constitutionally Guaranteed Rights shall flourish and blossom in Unity and Diversity".

The day was celebrated colorfully in the presence of Ambassador Girma Birru, Special Envoy, Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to the US who presided over the august congregation as the guest of honor.



*Atlanta's panel discussion*

The day was observed in the form of a panel discussion led by the guest of honor. During the panel the Special Envoy said that the recognition the equality of all nations , nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia has kept the national unity in diversity addressed in the FDRE Constitution as the pillar, which helped Ethiopia and its people to join hands in unity and diversity and usher their renaissance in earnest..

The Ambassador underscored that emphasis is given to the full respect of human and democratic rights. He added that the principles of equality, self-governance, respect for human and democratic rights as well as equitable utilization of resources are unique features of the Constitution which are in the

process being perfected through practice in the Federal structure that Ethiopia has embarked up on.

In a similar development the occasion was colorfully observed in the Los Angeles and Seattle Metropolitan cities to-day Sunday, December 21, 2014. Ambassador Zerihun Retta who was the guest of honor in L.A .punctuated the significance of the event for hundreds of Ethiopians who were in attendance.



*LA's Event (partial)*

Elsewhere in Seattle the event was also celebrated where the attendees showcased the different costumes and dances of the various nations, nationalities peoples of Ethiopia.

Scores of Ethiopians who attended the events in the three venues reflected their views on the progresses being registered in Ethiopia in the political, economic, security and social arenas which they described as "fruits of the Ethiopian peoples' choice to live in Unity with diversity as enshrined in the FDRE Constitution.

It is to be recalled that the event was colorfully marked in the D.C. and Columbus, Ohio Areas.