



Eritrea Participates in the 4th Africa-EU Summit in Belgium

An Eritrean Delegation led by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh arrived in Brussels, Belgium on 30th March 2014 to participate in the 4th Africa-EU Summit.



The preparatory meetings for the Summit started on 31 March at the level of Senior Officials from both sides. In this session Eritrea was represented by Ambassador Girma Asmerom, Eritrea's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

The Ministerial-level meeting on Peace and Security takes place on 1st

of April. The Eritrean Delegation to this session will be led by Minister Osman Saleh.

The Summit which will bring together Heads of State and Government from Africa and the European Union will be held on 2nd and 3rd April 2014. Minister Osman Saleh will represent President Isaias Afwerki at the Summit.

President Isaias received invitation to attend the Summit through a letter, dated 19 December 2013, co-signed by Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council and Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. The President had attended the previous Africa-EU Summits, but was unable to take part in the current one due to other engagements.

Team Eritrea Wins Gold at the 2014 World Half Marathon Championships



Samuel Tsegay of Eritrea won silver at the 2014 World Half Marathon Championships held in Rotterdam, Denmark on 29 March 2014.

His compatriot, the five-time champion of the event, Zersenay Tadesse stood fourth, moreover another Eritrean Ngusse Amlesom took fifth position.

As a result, Eritrea won the team event and took gold medal while the Kenyan and Ethiopian teams were ranked second and third, respectively. The individual title was won by Geoffrey Kipsang Kamworor of Kenya.

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The Quest for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in Eritrea

Year	Gender Policy Milestones
1977	Article 4 of the National Democratic Program of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) ensured women's rights.
1979	The Constitution of the NUEW in its objectives clearly states that the main activity of the Union is working for the equality of women and social justice.
1991	The Law Reform Proclamation No 1/1991 repealed all discriminatory clauses and connotations in the Penal and Civil Codes inherited from previous colonial regimes.
1994	Proclamation No. 58/1994 on Land Tenure System abolished the traditional land tenure system that discriminated between men and women, and ensured women's equal status and rights of ownership of land and property.
1995	Acceded to CEDAW, and submitted its initial, first and second reports in 2004.
1996	Proclamation No.86/1996 on the establishment of Local Government stipulates that 30% of the seats in the Regional Assemblies would be reserved for women and that they would also contest on the remaining 70%.
1997	The Constitution of Eritrea, in its preamble indicates its commitment to social equality and article 21 states that every citizen has equal right to access publicly funded social services, such as health and education.
1999	Acceded to the ILO Conventions Against Forced Labour, on Equal Remuneration, on the Minimum Age, and on the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining.
1999	Signed and Ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
2000	Is implementing the MDGs. It has achieved 3 of them (reducing child mortality, maternal health and the fight against malaria, and HIV and AIDS) and is on track in 3 of them (achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, and ensure environmental sustainability).
2001	The Labor Proclamation No. 118/2001 provides the legal protection of women in employment, specifically Article 23 deals with non-legitimate grounds for the termination of a contract of employment, based on discrimination against an employee's race, color, nationality, sex, religion, lineage, pregnancy, family responsibility, marital status....
2004	The Eritrean Gender Policy and National Gender Action Plan adopted. They are consistent and harmonized with the CEDAW and Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
2005	Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.
2007	Proclamation 158/2007 to Abolish Female Circumcision adopted, FGM criminalized.
2012	Signed the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.

Eritrea: Nine Ethnic Groups, One People, One Heart

Afar

Language - Afar
Religion - Muslims
Most of them reside in Southern Red Sea Region.

Bilen

Language - Bilen
Religion - Christians and Muslims
They inhabit the city of Keren and the surrounding areas.

Hidareb

Language - B'dawit
Religion - Muslims
They inhabit the western lowlands of the Gash-Barka Region.

Kunama

Language - Kunama
Religion - mainly Christians and Muslims with some traditional believers.
They mainly inhabit the area around the Gash River and in the city of Barentu.

Nara

Language - Nara
Religion - Muslims
They inhabit the area east of the Gash River in the Gash-Barka Region.

Rashaida

Language-Arabic
Religion- Muslims
They are mainly nomadic and live along the Northern Red Sea coast.



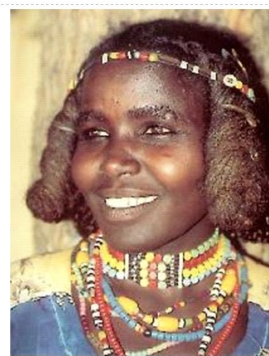
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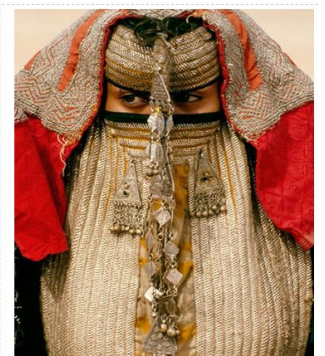
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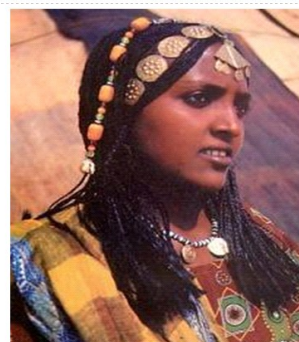
Nara



Rashaida



Saho



Tigre



Tigrigna

Saho

Language - Saho
Religion - Muslims and Christians
They inhabit the Red Sea coast and the highlands south of Asmara and Massawa.

Tigre

Language -Tigre
Religion - mostly Muslims with some Christians
They inhabit larges area of the northern, north-eastern and western Eritrea.

Tigrigna

Language -Tigrigna
Religion - mostly Christians with some Muslims.
They inhabit the highlands of Eritrea.

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