



**Embassy of Sweden  
Addis Abeba**

## INTRODUCING NOBEL LECTURES AT ADDIS ABEBA UNIVERSITY: 10TH OF DECEMBER RECURRENTLY

Every year the 10th of December is the Nobel Day (Nobeldagen) in Sweden. It is a celebration that attracts worldwide attention, and it is when the Nobel Laureates receive their Nobel Prizes from the hands of His Majesty the King of Sweden. The Nobel Prize is awarded in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace. Between 1901 and 2020, the Nobel Prizes and the Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 603 times to 952 people and organizations.

Based on the longstanding cooperation that Sweden has with Addis Ababa University, the new ambassador to Ethiopia, H.E. Hans Lundquist has suggested, to top up our cooperation with a recurrent Nobel Seminar Series every year on the 10th of December, the first Nobel Prize Lecture is to be held on December 10, 2020. Discussions have been held with the host of these Nobel Lectures, Professor Tassew Woldehanna, President of Addis Ababa University, that a small group of people composed of academics at Addis Ababa University (two persons) and at the Embassy of Sweden (two persons) shall select one candidate to be chosen to deliver the Nobel Lecture at Addis Ababa University. In the process of selecting, candidate's assessments can be done in wider circles in order to find appropriate guest speakers.

Selection criteria should consider the following requirements:

- The lecture should be delivered by a well renowned academic from Ethiopia or any other African country.
- The Lecture should be delivered in the thematic area of the humanities.
- The venue for the lecture should be the Ras Mekonnen Hall of the main Campus at Sidist Kilo, followed by a moderated open discussion with invited participants.
- Covid-specific 2020 but open lectures recurrent years.
- Each lecture will be followed by a small reception at the Residence of the Ambassador of Sweden.
- Covid-specific 2020 with the invitees that took part at the lecture.
- Remuneration for the lecturer include a symbolic honorarium, return air ticket, hotel, visa and insurance costs for the duration of two days (duration can be discussed). Costs should be kept at a minimum.
- The budget for the 10th of December 2020 maiden Nobel Lecture is captured in the 2020/2021 AAU Sweden Agreement Contribution No. 51080124.

Professor Tassew Woldehanna  
President of AAU

Date: 27/10/2020

Sign:

H.E. Mr. Hans Henrik Lundquist  
Ambassador of Sweden to Ethiopia

Date: 27/10/2020

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