



Press Release

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The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated Welcomes Donah Sanford as International Executive President

September 27,, 2025 – The Ethiopian World Federation (EWF) is proud to announce the appointment of **Your Excellency Donah Sanford** for President of our esteemed organization. **Your Excellency Donah Sanford aka Merkaba Adebisi** embodies the values, vision, and leadership necessary to guide the EWF into a new era of progress, unity, and global impact.

As a passionate advocate for Pan-African unity, solidarity, liberty, freedom, self-determination, economic empowerment, cultural, traditional and historical preservation;. **Your Excellency**, brings a legacy of leadership rooted in the principles of her grandfather, The first Black Mayor of Salisbury NC, Wiley Immanuel Lash. Her unwavering commitment to social justice, protecting legal framework, sustainable development, community upliftment, foreign policy and professionalism aligns perfectly with the EWF's mission to support Ethiopian descendants Worldwide.

Over the past 5 years of her tenure on the Executive Council, The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated has made tremendous strides in advocating for the rights of African people on the continent, fostering economic initiatives and strengthening our global presence. From humanitarian efforts to participating on the global stage to disseminating truth to the African American community worldwide about our inheritance, our organization has remained steadfast in its commitment to advancing the well-being of our members, (pursuant to the Members Corporation Law; Article II of Chapter 722 of the Laws of 1926) uplifting humanity and the Global African Diaspora that appreciates our member benefits.

With **Your Excellency** at the helm, her International Executive Councils vision for self-determination, sustainable development, youth engagement and economic self-reliance has a clear work plan and a shift into the right gear. Together with the duly appointed and elected International Executive Council listed below, we will ensure that the Federation remains a pillar of strength for generations to come.

With honor and deep reverence for the sacred mandate of our Constitution and Bylaws,

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated formally introduces its **newly elected International Executive Officers**, entrusted to uphold the formalities of the divine and global responsibilities of the Federation.

These individuals have been chosen by the voice of the members through a lawful and democratic process, pursuant to **Article IV** of the EWF Constitution. Their commitment to the advancement of the Federation's mission – to protect the rights of Ethiopian descendants, to defend Ethiopia's sovereignty, and to promote unity and progress for all Africans at home and abroad – has been demonstrated in both service and spirit.

The International Executive Officers will serve as the guardians of our organizational integrity, stewards of our resources and advocates for our international programmatic agenda, including land development, cultural repatriation, education, health, international trade, commerce and global diplomacy.

Donah Sanford (us)- Int'l Executive President

LaKeisha Sweet (us)- Int'l First Vice President

Vicky Thomas (us)- 2nd Vice President

Carlton Henderson (bz)- Int'l Organizer
Phoebe Wabington (us)- Int'l Secretary
Brandy Tidwell (us)- Int'l Treasurer
Priest Ampiah Edmond (gh)- Int'l Chaplain
Jamel Manning (us)-Board of Directors
Jevaughn Wolfe (us) - Board of Directors
Priscilla Neris Da Silva (pt) - Board of Directors

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