



*Sister City Agreement*  
*between*  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*  
*and*  
*Washington, District of Columbia,*  
*United States of America*

*Signed*  
*December 11, 2013*

# **Sister City Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the District of Columbia, United States of America**

**The Mayor of Addis Ababa, Mayor Diriba Kuma, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Mayor Vincent C. Gray:**

- Guided by the traditional links of friendship and cooperation between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the United States of America and their respective capitals; and
- Desiring further to advance the mutual interests and benefits of the citizens of both capital cities; and
- Aware that relationships between cities constitute a vital factor in the sphere of international relations now more than ever before:

Hereby agree to the following:

## **CULTURAL EXCHANGES**

The two cities will promote the development of programs in the areas of culture and the arts to share best practices, promote the creative economy, and to enhance a greater understanding of the culture of each city among our residents.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The two cities will promote collaboration, information exchange, and joint ventures between their government agencies and among their local businesses, chambers of commerce, and entrepreneurs with a special focus on the growth and development of business investment, trade, tourism and public-private partnerships.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The two cities will promote the exchange of health policies and best practices to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of prevention and treatment programs; including, but not limited to, HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment, as well as infectious disease control and mental health problems.

## GOVERNMENT

The two cities will promote collaboration and exchange of ideas in the areas of government operations; including, but not limited to urban planning, infrastructure development, and transportation.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Both parties will share information and best practices in the general areas of creating a sustainable environment; including such topics as conserving energy and eliminating pollution. Such information may include measures pertaining to transportation, construction, water usage, environmental protection, urban development, and the green economy.

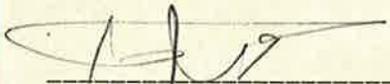
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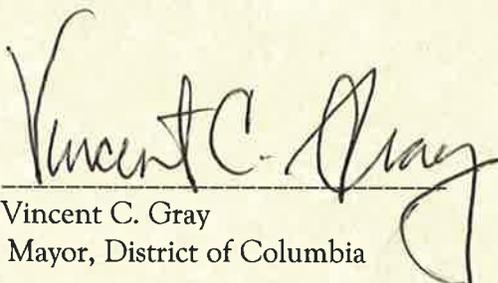
The two cities may develop additional programs for their mutual benefit.

This memorandum will be in force on the eleventh day of December, 2013 for a period of five years.

The Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia and the International Relations Office in the Mayor's Office of Addis Ababa are responsible for the follow-up, implementation, and supervision of this Agreement.

Signed by the Mayor of Addis Ababa and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

  
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Diriba Kuma  
Mayor, Capital City of Addis Ababa

  
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Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor, District of Columbia