

# **ERITREA SYMPOSIUM 2023**

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# **A PATH TO DURABLE PECE BETWEEN ERITREA & ETHIOPIA**

## **ERITREA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY**

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**ERITREA'S TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY IS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE  
FOR DURABLE PEACE  
BETWEEN ERITREA AND  
ETHIOPIA.**

**WHY?**

**IT IS MAINLY BECAUSE THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA IS  
UNLIKE ANY OTHER  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANY  
OTHER TWO COUNTRIES AND  
THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED**



**A. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR  
OBSTACLES TO DURABLE PEACE  
BETWEEN ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA?**

- 1. GEOPOLITICS**
- 2. REGIONAL EXPANSIONIST  
AGENDAS**
- 3. FALSE NARRATIVES EMANATING  
FROM DISTORTED HISTORY**



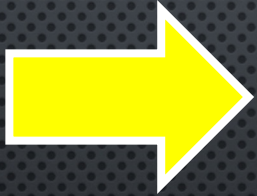
# **1. GEOPOLITICAL**



- 1. THE CONTINUED DESIRE OF SUPER POWERS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL & DOMINATION OF THE RED SEA BASIN AND IN PARTICULAR, THE STRATEGIC STRAIT OF BAB EL MENDEB THAT CONNECTS THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PART OF THE WORLD**
- 2. THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE HOA AS A GATEWAY TO AFRICA, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF AN INCREASINGLY MULTI POLAR WORLD**



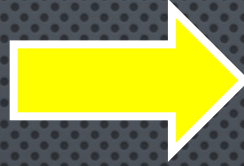
## **2. REGIONAL EXPANSIONIST AGENDAS**



- a. GREATER ETHIOPIA**
- b. GREATER TIGRAY**

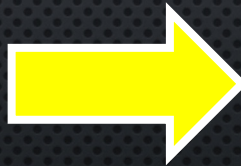


## **SIMILARITY**



**Both are driven by the  
Desire to access the  
Eritrean Red Sea coast  
And based on FALSE  
NARRATIVES**

## **DIFFERENCE**



**Ethiopia: is an internationally  
recognised sovereign country  
G/Tigray: has neither legal nor  
historical basis to become a  
country let alone claim Eritrea**



B. **WHAT IS THE WAY FORWARD?**



# **1. UNEQUIVOCAL RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**1.1. THE TREATY OF WUCHALE OF 1902**

**1.2. SANCTITY OF COLONIAL BORDERS AS ENSHRINED IN THE OAU AND  
LATER AU CHARTER (1964)**

**1.3. THE ALGIERS PEACE AGREEMENT (2000)**

**1.4. THE EEBC VERDICT (2002)**

**1.5. THE ASMARA & JEDDAH PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ERITREA & ETHIOPIA (2018)**

# **2. CORRECTING DISTORTED NARRATIVES THAT WERE OFTEN USED AS A PRETEXT TO DENY ERITREAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION AND ERITREA'S STATEHOOD**

# **3. INSTITUTIONALISATION OF AND TRANSPARENCY IN STATE TO STATE DEALINGS AND AGREEMENTS**

# **4. INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE PEACE BUILDING PROCESS**

# **5. GENUINE DEMOCRATISATION**

# **6. FOSTERING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION**