Workshop Week Programme, Addis Ababa 10-15 November 2026

Bridges across Continents · Ethiopia - Belgium 120. A week of workshops in heritage and conservation management, built around the opening of the exhibition "Ethiopia - Belgium 120" at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES) on 12 November and the Policy Day on 13 November.

Practical information

Dates	Tuesday 10 to Sunday 15 November 2026
Main venue	Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES), Addis Ababa University, Sidist Kilo (Main) Campus, Addis Ababa
Other venues	Entoto Mountain (Saturday 14 November); any further venues will be shared in the WhatsApp group
Organised by	AfricaMuseum, with EACP, the University of Antwerp, Bahir Dar University and Addis Ababa University
Themes	Documentation, conservation and cleaning methods, Policy Development, Ethical collection management and Ethiopian natural heritage
Participation	Free of charge for Ethiopian nationals and residents
Contact	WhatsApp +32 468 24 68 00
WhatsApp group	All confirmed participants are added to the workshop group chat as of 9 November 2026
Website	Workshop Week Addis Abeba | Royal Museum for Central Africa - Tervuren - Belgium

Daily structure on workshop days: 9:00 welcome, 9:30 first session, 12:30 lunch, 13:30 afternoon session.

Tuesday 10 November: Welcome lunch and introduction day

Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES)

Time	Programme	Led by / speakers
Morning	Arrival of participants travelling from abroad	
13:00 - 15:00	**Registration and official welcome lunch** for all participants and lecturers	AfricaMuseum, EACP, University of Antwerp and Bahir Dar University, coordinated by Ms. Marie-Pascale Le Grelle
15:00 - 15:15	**Welcome**	AfricaMuseum and University of Antwerp
15:15 - 15:30	Introduction: the partners, objectives and programme of the week	
15:30 - 16:00	**Getting to know each other:** participants present their institution, their collection and their expectations	

Wednesday 11 November: Workshop 1, Documentation

Venue to be shared in the WhatsApp group

Time	Programme	Led by / speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome	
9:30 - 10:30	**Presentation: Documentation and Conservation of Heritage during Fast Transformation**	Dr. Alula Tesfay Asfha
10:30 - 12:30	**Workshop 1: documentation.** Inventory, registration, object records and photography. Lecture and practical session.	Ms. Eline Van Heymbeeck (AfricaMuseum)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	

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13:30 - 16:30	**Practical session: documenting objects with 3D scanning technology**	Prof. Aurore Mathys (AfricaMuseum)

Thursday 12 November: Workshop 2, Conservation, and exhibition opening

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Time	Programme	Led by / speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome	
9:30 - 12:30	**Workshop 2: conservation and cleaning methods**	Prof. Natalia Ortega Saez, Prof. Kristel De Vis and Prof. Tim De Kock (University of Antwerp); Ms Giovanna Tamà (EACP); Mr Ayenew Demissie Sileshi and Mr Shimels Ayele Yalew (ARCHES, University of Antwerp and Bahir Dar University)
13:00 - 15:00	**Opening of the exhibition "Ethiopia - Belgium 120" with lunch**	
15:00 - 15:30	**Official opening speeches**	H.E. Ambassador Annelies Verstichel, Dr. Yohannes Adigeh and the Ethiopian Heritage Fund
15:30 - 16:00	**Curatorial presentation**	Dr Takele Merid and Naomi Meulemans
16:00 - 17:00	**Practical Workshop : conservation check of the installation with the participants + Research presentation AfricaMuseum**	Ms Virginie Grignet and Ms Naomi Meulemans (AfricaMuseum)

Friday 13 November: Workshop 3, Policy Day and closing event

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Time	Programme	Led by / speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome	
9:30 - 13:00	**Workshop 3: Policy Day** Ethical collection management, provenance research, decolonising museum practice and international cooperation. **Closing panel conversation + Open Questions**	Mit Makambu Nkosi and Liliane F. Tshikuta (SMART); Crispin Yoka (IMNC); Dr Guido Gryseels (former Director of the AfricaMuseum, AU-EU Museum Network). Moderated by Naomi Meulemans (AfricaMuseum)
13:00 - 13:30	**Potential next steps and prospects of UAntwerp (ARCHES) in Ethiopia**	Prof. Natalia Ortega Saez (University of Antwerp, ARCHES)
13:30 - 17:00	**Closing event of the Workshop Week**	In collaboration with the Belgian Embassy in Addis Ababa

Saturday 14 November: Heritage visit to Entoto

Entoto Mountain and Addis Ababa. Meeting point and transport will be shared in the WhatsApp group.

Time	Programme	Led by / speakers
5:30	Early breakfast on the road	
6:00 - 11:00	**Visit: conservation of Ethiopian natural heritage on Entoto Mountain**, including a two-hour hike	Ethiopian Heritage Fund
11:00 - 12:00	Visit: King Menelik's Palace on Entoto Mountain	EACP
12:00 - 17:00	Free afternoon in Addis Ababa	

Sunday 15 November: Departure

Departure of all partners.

Questions during the week: WhatsApp +32 468 24 68 00.