Yale honors Ethiopian minister of health at global conference

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Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Ethiopia's minister of health, has been awarded the Stanley T. Woodward Lectureship at Yale University, given to distinguished international visitors to the University. Tedros was one of 23 senior health practitioners and researchers from South Africa, Liberia, Ethiopia, and Ghana who convened at Yale for the fourth annual Global Health Leadership Institute (GHLI) conference, June 4-8.

Elizabeth Bradley, faculty director of GHLI, presented the award to Tedros during a ceremony held in honor of this year's participants. Yale President Richard C. Levin commended the delegates' commitment to improving health conditions for people around the world.

"Dr. Tedros' leadership has contributed to major gains toward achieving the goal of providing universal access to primary health care through Ethiopia's community-based health extension program," said Bradley. "GHLI looks forward to continuing to work with him in developing a long-term strategic plan to further efforts in building a strong national health system that provides services of an acceptable standard for all Ethiopians."

GHLI collaborated with Tedros through the Ethiopian Hospital Management Initiative, launched in 2006 as a partnership between the Clinton Health Access Initiative, the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, and Yale University. Catalyzed by the work at the GHLI conference at Yale in 2011, GHLI partnered with Tedros to launch the Ethiopian Hospital Alliance for Quality [1], the first national quality improvement

collaborative that recognizes the local leadership spread across Ethiopia's hospitals.

Tedros has led Ethiopia's Ministry of Health since 2005. The recipient of the 2011 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award, he has been recognized for his outstanding leadership in the field of global health and has been working steadily to enhance Ethiopia's active engagement in major international forums. He served on the board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

The annual GHLI conference is designed to facilitate collaborative, locally driven solutions in strengthening health systems among participating delegates. This year's conference focused on mental health, maternal and child health, and building management capacity in hospitals.

Each country's delegation — comprised of senior leadership from ministries of health, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions — brings a health challenge to address at the conference. Working with Yale faculty and experts, the delegates learn and apply tools of strategic problem solving to national health priorities.

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