ICD Delegation to Addis Ababa for The African Union Summit 2014
(Addis Ababa; January 27th - 31st, 2014)

The ICD Delegation to Ethiopia travelled to Addis Ababa from January 27th to 31st 2014 as part the ICD's 'Experience Africa Program' to participate in the 22nd African Union Summit. The aim of the Summit is to expedite the process of economic and political integration within the African continent. The Summit's aim emulates the African Union's mission to create "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena."

The Delegation met with many heads of state, governmental representatives, and held important meetings with African Union Commissioners. The Delegation held its first Addis Ababa Cross-Continental Cooperation Summit, which ran parallel to the African Union Summit. The Cross-Continental Summit reviewed the progress of the Millennium Development Goals, which are two years away from the deadline set by the United Nations in 2000.

The activities and meetings held by the ICD Delegation to Addis Ababa were made possible thanks to the important cooperation and support of the Embassy of Ethiopia to Germany and the Embassy of Romania to Ethiopia.
Meetings at the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

On the morning of the 28th January, Mark Donfried visited the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and held a meeting with Mr. Abiy Berhane, Director, Promotion and Cultural Exchange, Public Diplomacy Directorate General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ababi Demissie, Acting Director General for Public Diplomacy and Communications and Mr. Yosef Kassaye, Director, International Organizations, Directorate General of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting they discussed the significant role cultural diplomacy can play in the public diplomacy strategies the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry uses.
Meetings with African Union Commissioners

Meeting with the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Dr. Aisha L. Abdullahi

In the afternoon of the 28th January, Mark Donfried and President Emil Constantinescu held a meeting with Dr. Aisha L. Abdullahi, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs. Dr. Abdullahi oversees the Department of Political Affairs, which aims to coordinate and organize the participation of the African Union in the observation of elections, and also implements the African Union Commission’s program for the promotion of democracy and democratic elections in the continent as enshrined in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

Meeting with the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Erastus Mwencha

On the 29th January, Mark Donfried and President Emil Constantinescu met with the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Erastus Mwencha. The AU Commission states that its mission is to be "An efficient and value-adding institution driving the African integration and development process in close collaboration with African Union Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and African citizens". Mirroring the mission of the AU Commission, after re-election in 2012 Mr. Mwencha stated that he would continue to build networks within and outside of the continent, supporting the continental integration agenda.

Meeting with the AU Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, H. E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga

On the 31st January, Mark Donfried and President Constantinescu held a meeting with H. E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, AU Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology. During the meeting they discussed the progress of the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy and President Constantinescu’s Peace Initiative for the Levant Region. During president Constantinescu offered Dr. De-Paul Ikounga his book ‘Time of Tearing Down, Time of Building’ and in exchange Dr. De-Paul Ikounga gave him his ‘Devoir de Parole’.
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9. Gala Dinner of the African Union Summit 2014  
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Gala Dinner of the 22nd African Union Summit

On the evening of 30th of January, the Summit held a Gala Dinner, during which Mark Donfried and President Emil Constantinescu met with President John Kufuor, Former President of Ghana and Chairperson of the African Union 2007-2008, President Alpha Condé, President of Guinea, Minister François Lonseny Fall, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guinea, President Festus Mogae, Former President of Botswana and the Delegation of Seychelles.

The exclusive Gala Dinner was a great success and gathered all the heads of state and all the commissioners of the African Union together. A highlight of the Gala Dinner was a performance by Ethiopian musician and arranger best known as the father of Ethio-jazz, Mulatu Astatke.

Performance by Mulatu Astatke, Ethiopian Musician best known as the father of Ethio-jazz

Mark Donfried and President Constantinescu with the Seychelles Delegation to the African Union Summit 2014: Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean Paul Adam; Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Ambassador Barry Tuns; and H.E. Amb. Joseph Nourrice, Ambassador of Seychelles to Ethiopia

Mark Donfried meets with Minister Dr. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Mark Donfried with President Alpha Condé (President of Guinea) and Minister François Lonseny Fall (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guinea)

Mark Donfried with President John Kufuor, Former President of Ghana and Chairperson of the African Union 2007-2008, Gala Dinner of the African Union Summit 2014

Mark Donfried meets with Minister Robert Dussey, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Togo, during the Gala Dinner of the African Union Summit

Mark Donfried with President Festus Mogae, Former President of Botswana, during the Gala Dinner of the African Union Summit 2014

Mark Donfried, President Emil Constantinescu, President John Kufuor, Former President of Ghana, and H.E. Amb. Gabriel C. Burtas, Romanian Chargé d’Affaires en Pau to Ethiopia and Representative to the African Union.

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