



**8<sup>th</sup> Conference and 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting of ASSECAA**

**African Union Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Final Communiqué**

Following the kind invitation of the Speaker of the House of Federation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference and 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting of the Association of Senates, Shoora and Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab World (ASSECAA) was held at the African Union Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. It was graced by the presence of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia **H. E Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn** who was also the special guest of honour.

The Occasion was also used by members to celebrate ten years of the establishment of the Association following its naming and election of its first Officers in April 2004, in Sana'a, Yemen. It was therefore an opportunity to reflect on Afro-Arab economic, political, social and cultural cooperation through the efforts of parliamentarians as embedded in the objectives of the Association.

Participants from the following member councils attended this important meeting.

1. Shoora Council of Saudi Arabia
2. Shoora Council of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

