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THE CROWN COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA

HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ERMIAS SAHLE-SELASSIE HAILE-SELASSIE
PRESIDENT

IN OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie on 29 የካቲት 2018 (8 March 2026), joins the international community in recognizing and celebrating International Women's Day 2026.



On this auspicious occasion, the Ethiopian Crown Council also acknowledges and commends the indispensable work carried out by international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and private voluntary organisations that labour diligently to highlight and address the continuing legal, economic, and social inequalities faced by women and girls throughout the world.

This year's theme, "Closing the Global Gender Gap," serves as a timely and solemn reminder of the shared responsibility of governments, civil society, and the international community to advance policies and initiatives that ensure dignity, equality, opportunity, and justice for women and girls everywhere.

The Imperial House further recognizes the immeasurable contributions women have made – and continue to make – to the advancement of society in every sphere of human endeavour, including governance, diplomacy, education, science, culture, and humanitarian service. Their leadership, resilience, and wisdom remain essential to the promotion of peace, stability, and sustainable development across nations.

In this spirit, the Ethiopian Crown Council reaffirms its support for all efforts that promote the empowerment, protection, and full participation of women in civic, economic, and public life. The advancement of women and girls is not merely a matter of equity, but a fundamental pillar for the prosperity and progress of nations.

On this International Women's Day, we honour the achievements of women across the world and renew our commitment to fostering a future in which the rights, dignity, and aspirations of every woman and girl are fully realised.