



# Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.

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## **ECDC Announces New Managing Director for the ECDC Enterprise Development Group**



**Arlington, VA**—The Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc., a national non-profit community-based organization, has announced the selection of Fikru Abebe as the Managing Director of the ECDC Enterprise Development Group. For 15 years, the EDG has been expanding programs and services and enlisting a growing community of cooperating partners, funders and other supporters. Certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution, EDG now serves clients throughout the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area.

“We are excited and look forward to having Fikru join us as the new Managing Director of the EDG, as he brings new leadership and robust experience in enterprise development,” Allene Wright, Senior Vice President of ECDC, said.

Abebe most recently served as Senior Regional Advisor, East Africa Region at World Vision USA. While there, he contributed to the design and execution of engagement and funding strategies with regional and national offices in nine countries, including micro-enterprise development. He also worked with private funding and corporate functional areas to provide donor engagement support for the East Africa Region. Prior to this, Abebe worked as country director of Plan Uganda where he was responsible for a 5-year country strategy and acquisition and management of an \$85M funding portfolio.

Abebe holds a Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture from Addis Ababa University. He also earned a Master of Science in Rural Development Planning from New Mexico State University and is pursuing a Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Regent University.

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*ECDC is one of nine resettlement agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.*