

HE MR MELES ZENAWI

Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Meles Zenawi received elementary education at Queen Sheba Junior Secondary School and joined General Wingate High School in Addis Ababa where he completed his high school education with great distinction in 1972. He then joined the Medical Faculty of Addis Ababa University where he studied for two years. He interrupted his studies in 1974 to join the TPLF (Tigray Peoples Liberation Front). He was elected to the Leadership Committee of the TPLF in 1979 and to its Executive Committee in 1983. He has been chairman of both the TPLF and the EPRDF (Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front) (EPRDF) since 1989.



Upon the defeat of the military junta, Meles Zenawi became President of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia and Chairman of the Council of Representatives (the legislative body of the Transitional Government) from 1991 to 1995. He was elected Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in 1995 and re-elected for additional two terms in 2000 and 2005. Meles Zenawi has served as chairman of the OAU from June 1995 to June 1996. He had also served as co-chairman of the Global Coalitional for Africa. He has also been actively involved in IGAD's efforts to end the conflicts in Sudan and Somalia, and African initiatives to seek a solution to the crisis in Burundi. He had served as one of the Commissioners of the Africa Commission established by former Prime Minister of UK, Mr Tony Blair. He is currently NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee Chairman and African Peer Review Forum Chairperson. He acquired a First Class MA in Business Administration from the Open University of the UK in 1995 and MSc in Economics from the Erasmus University of the Netherlands in 2004.