



AWiB MAY 2017 FORUM COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY!

“AWiB May Forum, a reputable and eye opening yearly event has come and gone. More than 450 curious participants, first timers and regulars attended. This year’s theme was

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP: GETTING WHERE YOU WANT TO BE”



This Forum presented 9 speakers. This highly inspirational yearly Forum also attracts a number of members to AWiB. To illustrate our point, we present testimonials from past presidents, board members and 2017 president elect.

Ladies I wanted to say a huge congrats on a well-organized May Forum. It was absolutely amazing to watch you gals in action commanding the space and audience with ease and grace.

You all rocked today and AWiB shines because of you

**Billene Seyoum
President 2013**

Thank you all,

What a great experience! Congrats to AWiB. It gave me such motivation that this year I was part of the background of May Forum 2017 after being spectator on 2016. Thank you for passing the torch to us, we will continue to plow forward.

**Semhal Guesh
Board Member**

I also would like to express my deep appreciations for well organized, peaceful, thought-provoking, live-transmitted, and a living May Forum! The speech was amazing. The way you facilitated the sessions was incredibly fabulous! The speakers were all fantastic, to the point and genuine! The time management was superb! The program started on time and finished on time. It was just amazing. I was reminded of how I fell in love with AWiB after I attended 2012 May Forum. Thank you for making it personal in all your deliberations...

I am very proud of you! AWiB ROCKS, INDEED!!!

**Seble Hailu,
President 2014**

Women Of Excellence is the reason I'm with AWiB. May Forum is why I'm sticking with AWiB because it's all about AWiB and leadership.

I have been fortunate enough to have many people invest their wisdom, time and resources on me to grow and prosper. When I was ready to invest on others, share what I've been learning and lead, AWiB was the best platform I found outside of my work.

May Forum 2017 was about Strategic Leadership and I can say that AWiB's dynamic board mentored by exceptional senior leadership team (SLT) is practicing strategic leadership. Organizing May Forum 2017 was an enormous opportunity to put some of my leadership skills at work while improving others. AWiB is dedicated to unleash leadership potential of Ethiopian women and I feel like mine is being unleashed more by the day. I'm glad I'm adopted by AWiB's tribe that always takes me to new highs. I'm enjoying the ride.

**Metasebia (Meti) Shewaye Yilma,
President Elect**

It just hit me today, the enormity of what Nahu has started and what you all have carried on. It is a huge accomplishment, a responsibility so willingly and flawlessly executed. To create and sustain this platform with all the work that goes into it... You are incredible women and I am so gratified to learn from each of you. Ladies, thank you all!

**Sewit Haileselassie,
Board Member**

For those of you who attended this substantive Forum, we say thank you and we trust you have made new friends, renewed old ones and looked deeply into your authentic leader self. We thank all our sponsors who made it possible for AWiB to develop young leaders. Close to 50 college students with GPA 3.0 and above are selected to participate May Forum.

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