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## Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



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### SPEAKER BIO



#### **Mrs. Rigbe Gebrehawaria, Commissioner for Women, Children, Older Persons, and Disability Rights at the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission**

Rigbe is a committed advocate for human rights and inclusion, with over 17 years of professional experience. Her expertise covers disability rights, women's rights, older persons' rights, children's rights, and their intersections. Throughout her career, she has made a meaningful impact in human rights, project management, inclusion consultancy, and human resource management. Holding a Master of Social Work and a Bachelor of Laws, Rigbe brings a strong interdisciplinary approach to her work. She currently serves as the Commissioner for Women, Children, Older Persons, and Disability Rights at the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission. In addition, she is an expert member of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Africa. Her leadership extends to co-founding a professional association and actively engaging in various local, regional, and international NGOs and initiatives.