



## EASE LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY

In much of Africa, conflicts over natural resources have been the leading factor behind instability and impediment to growth. In Eritrea, EASE promotes a responsible, just and economically productive resource management framework that is equitable in

its distribution of wealth to all stakeholders of Eritrea, in particular Dankalia. Social impacts should be beneficial to all nationalities even if they stem from Dankalia. EASE rejects the exploitation occurring at the hands of the Eritrean government. The present regime is now selling and/or leasing Dankalia's resource-rich land to mining companies as well as to foreign governments, without the consent, recognition or knowledge of the Afar people.



DANKALIA has unparalleled resource advantage in the horn of Africa region. Eritrean government's hostile policies towards its neighbors have had the crippling effect in the lives of tens of thousands of Eritrean Afar and restricted their human growth potential. The Eritrean Afar people continue to suffer both socially and economically. Dankalia is isolated from international community and most underdeveloped region in the country. Leveraging the natural resources in Danaklia for the Afar Eritreans as a new course for economic rejuvenation and new partnership for development. EASE understands the importance of infrastructure driven economic development. Infrastructure connects people to people, business to business. Investing in infrastructure projects will create jobs, enhance the quality of life for Afar and will promote friendly relations and trade in the region.

EASE proposes new measures and a process for transforming Dankalia's natural resource wealth from an illegally exploited resource to a revenue-sharing asset for the benefit of all Eritreans. The Afar people will own and maintain control of their lands and resources including surface and sub-surface resources, sea coasts, fisheries and air space and shall enjoy the profits under conditions established by law and shared with all nationalities.

EASE, as recommended by the United Nations, believes that such a process will prevent conflicts in the future. With agreed upon revenue sharing initiatives, in addition to the creation of a resolution and resource management and relevant bodies, a new social cohesion and coexistence between diverse nationalities will be created and a balance between all nationalities of Eritrea will emerge.

Afar State of Dankalia shall control the Afar region's land and resources, end harmful practices and corruption, alleviate Afar poverty as well as commit its sound strategy for the economic empowerment of all Eritreans.

***Samara Declaration: That each nationality shall, through the governments that they freely elect, have the right to own and control their lands and resources including surface and sub-surface resources, sea coasts, fisheries and air space and shall enjoy the profits there from under conditions established by law.***

#### **A. EASE Land and Resources Policy Call**

Our Land and Natural Resources policy will establish fair and equitable resources strategy to address the "Have-and-Have Not" regions and disparities when it comes to natural resources in Eritrea.

Our policy will put an end to colonization of Afar land and resources. Afar Eritreans Must reclaim and control their land, resources and strategic coasts, seaways and cross border trade routes. The Government enacted Proclamation No. 58/1994 "to reform the system of land tenure in Eritrea, to determine the manner of expropriating land for purposes of development and national reconstruction. President Afwerki was given "carte blanche" and unrestricted power to sell Afar land, territories and resources freely.



The strategic coast and mining resources of Dankalia should not be the source of exploitation and displacement.

Our policy will establish:

- National revenue and resources mechanisms for Eritrean people
- National Strategy to recognize ownership of Land, fair share of royalties, equalization payments and creation of jobs, socio-economic programs to address economic marginalization and development.
- Our policy will devise strategies to re-evaluate and re-negotiate contracts and agreements with Multinational corporations, mineral extraction companies, and foreign governments and hold them accountable for their corporate and state responsibilities and establish social programs like schools, health centers, clean water facilities and programs for economic empowerment of local populations.