



## **Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.**

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### **Change in Leadership at the ECDC/ACC Las Vegas**

**Arlington, VA** – In 2003, ECDC opened its African Community Center (ACC) branch office in Las Vegas. For 16 years, the ACC and its multicultural, multilingual staff have been welcoming and resettling refugees and helping them become economically self-sufficient members of the community.

Redda Mehari, the agency's first director, brought 33 years of experience in refugee programs, as well as a commitment to helping refugee newcomers to the U.S. from around the world, to his leadership at the ACC in Las Vegas. Mr. Mehari, who retired in December, worked with ECDC for 11 years—seven of those years in Las Vegas. We thank him for his years of dedicated service and making a difference in the lives of so many members of the Las Vegas community.

Today, ECDC and the staff at the ACC/Las Vegas welcome the agency's new managing director Milan Devetak, who returns to the agency where he worked as its Resettlement Manager from 2015 to 2015. Over the past three years, Mr. Devetek worked first as the Manager of Resettlement at Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and then as Director of Resettlement Services.

Prior to supervising refugee programs, Mr. Devetak worked directly with newcomers, teaching English and providing adult literacy services. He has a deep understanding of the process refugees have to go through to be resettled in the United States. He received a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Nevada/Las Vegas, College of Business.

Dr. Tsehay Teferra, ECDC's President and CEO, said "We are pleased Mr. Devetak is rejoining the ACC and ask for your support of his efforts and energy to enhance and increase the agency's effectiveness and outreach to members of the Las Vegas community.

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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.*