

*Capitol Hill Premier of
“A WALK TO BEAUTIFUL”*

A documentary film that tells the personal stories of rural Ethiopian women who make their way to Addis Ababa seeking treatment for obstetric fistula.

Wednesday, April 30th
5:30-7pm
Rayburn B-369

Dear Colleague,

As Members of the Congressional Ethiopia and Ethiopian American Caucus, we would like to invite you to the Capitol Hill premier of the PBS/NOVA production of “[A Walk to Beautiful](#) .” A reception will precede the film viewing TOMORROW, April 30th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Rayburn B369. The reception is being hosted by PBS, NOVA, UNFPA, The Fistula Foundation and the United Nations Foundation. We will also be joined by the Ethiopian Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Samuel Assefa.

“A Walk to Beautiful,” tells the personal stories of rural Ethiopian women who make their way to Addis Ababa seeking treatment for obstetric fistula, a life-shattering complication of childbirth that was once common in the pre-industrial United States but that is now relegated to the poorest regions of the world.

A difficult journey that begins in hopelessness and shame for thousands of women in Ethiopia ends in a productive new life. Filmed in a starkly beautiful landscape, the film juxtaposes the isolated lives of village women who are outcasts because of their medical condition, with the faraway hospital that offers a miracle after a long and arduous trek—a “walk to beautiful.”

The feature-length version of this film took top honors at the 2007 International Documentary Association Awards Competition, where it was named Best Feature Documentary. It also won the People's Choice Award for Best Documentary at the Starz Denver Film Festival, the Audience Award at both the San Francisco and St. Louis international film festivals, and the Best Human Rights Film Award at the International Documentary Festival of Barcelona. The film will have its television broadcast debut on the award-winning PBS program, NOVA in early May.

We are very excited about this film and the chance to share it with you and your staff in advance of the PBS debut in May. Please join us in showing our commitment to Ethiopia and women's health around the world.

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