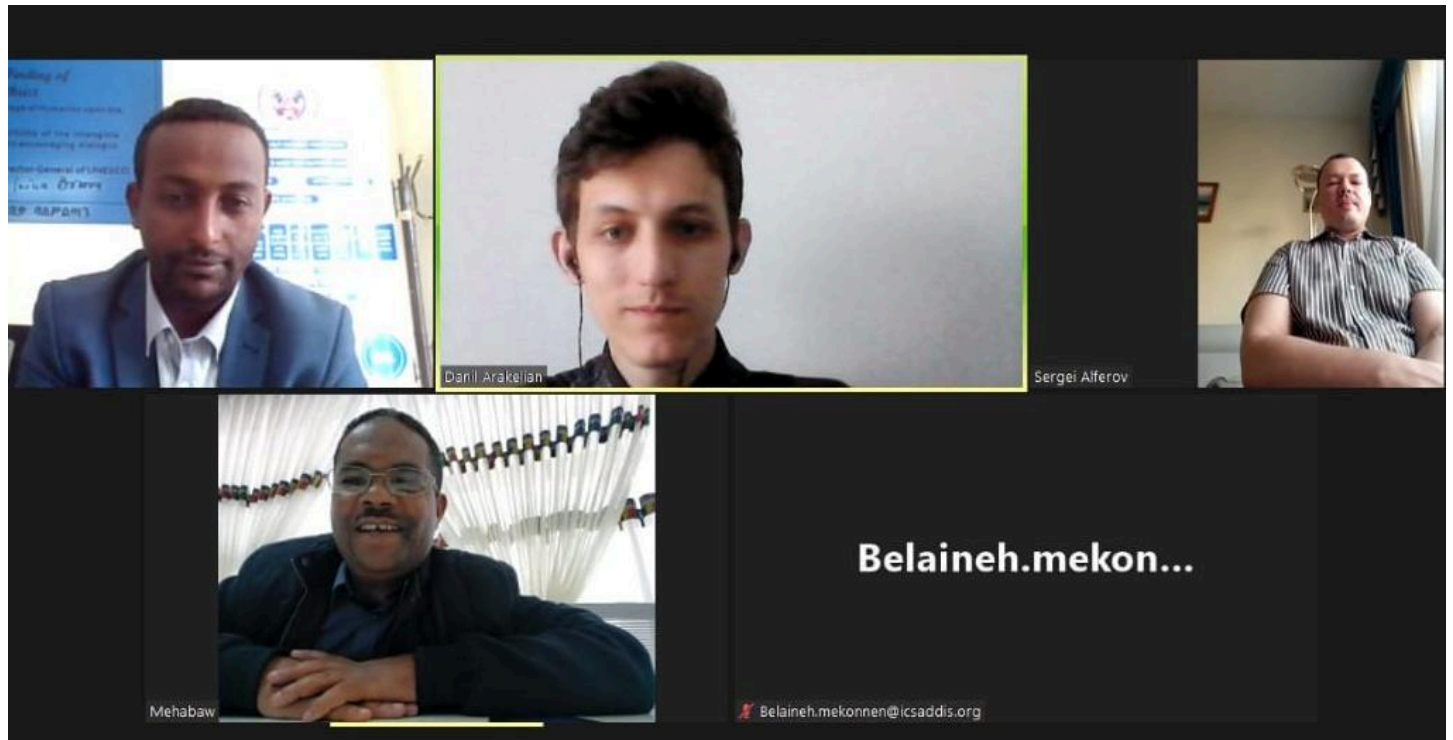




Video meeting of representatives of the Synodal institutions of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian Church takes place.



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On 29th September 2023, as part of the work of the commission for dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian Church, a video meeting took place between representatives of the Synodal institutions of the two Churches.

Participating on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church were colleagues of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate S. G. Alferov and D. E. Arakelyan. The Ethiopian Church was represented by the head of the Sunday school and youth department Sintaihou Msganav and a number of his colleagues who organize the catechetical, educational and youth ministry in the Ethiopian Church.

The participants of the meeting discussed relevant questions on the agenda of the relationship between the two largest Churches of the Eastern Christian world and how to put into effect projects planned by the bilateral commission. The representatives of the Ethiopian Church valued greatly the visits in recent years of delegations of the two Churches to Moscow and Addis Ababa, including the visit that took place

a few days ago of the combined choir of the Holy Trinity and Saint Sergius Monastery and the Moscow Theological Academy to Ethiopia as part of the Spiritual Culture of Russia celebration taking place there. Also under review were the possibilities of organizing interchurch cooperation in the sphere of youth ministry and other areas of mutual interest.

S. G. Alferov spoke to the representatives of the Ethiopian Church of the work of the special course of study on the ancient Oriental Churches at the department of ecclesiastical disciplines of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Post-graduate Institute together with the DECR with the aim of preparing specialists in the sphere of external church relations which cover the Oriental Churches.

An agreement was reached to continue similar such meetings online on a regular basis.

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