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## **MAXIMISING MIGRATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Dr Berhan Ahmed, Chairperson of the *African Think Tank* (ATT), has congratulated his ATT Deputy Chairperson, Mr Haileluel Gebre-selassie, on the recent award of a Churchill Fellowship.

“Mr Gebre-selassie is a long-time community advocate and this opportunity promises to deliver valuable insights into comparative migrant and refugee settlement approaches around the world”, said Dr Ahmed. “Australia’s current historically high Migration and Humanitarian Programs challenge government policy makers to optimise outcomes for individual new arrivals, local communities and the nation as a whole”, he said.

“Mr Gebre-selassie’s fellowship will contribute significantly toward identifying strategies for better settlement outcomes for newly arrived migrants and refugees, improving social cohesion and optimising the dividends from this investment in people for the wider Australian community.

Mr Gebre-selassie’s project will compare Australia’s migrant and refugee resettlement programs with alternate models in the Middle East, North America, Africa and Europe.

“This work will engage policy makers, program practitioners, migrants, refugees and other stakeholders. It will particularly focus on ways of improving the Australian settlement experience for younger new arrivals”, Dr Ahmed said.

Mr Gebre-selassie’s report is expected to be available in around twelve months time.

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