Ethiopian Federalism: Challenges and Opportunities

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ABSTRACT
Ethiopian federal system is designed to address the challenges of diversity which threatened the existence of the state and unity of the country for a long time. Since the change of government in 1991 and the introduction of federalism, Ethiopia has improved both economically and politically. However, the federal system of Ethiopia must yet stand the test of surviving the change of the political party which had originally devised the system. This article discusses, based on the provisions of the federal constitution, the main aspects of the Ethiopian federalism as well as its challenges and the opportunities.