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Born in 1948. Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate studied law, economics and history at the Universities of Tübingen, Cambridge and Frankfurt where he earned a Ph.D. in 1978.

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From 1974 to 1991, Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate was strongly involved in the fight against the Marxist dictatorship in Ethiopia. During this engagement, he became founder of the first Ethiopian human rights organisation, the "Council for Civil Liberties in Ethiopia". In 1994, Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate created the association "Orbis Aethiopicus" which aims at preserving and strengthening the Ethiopian culture.

Prince Asfa-Wossen Asserate has plead for a democratic Ethiopian Federation in various speeches and publications.

