

Profile

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After earning my BSc in Animal Sciences in 1985, I joined the Institute of Agricultural Research (IAR, now EIAR), where I served from December 1985 to August 2004 and again from July 2015 to September 2019. I began my career as a Junior Researcher and concluded my service as a Senior Researcher. From November 2004 to January 2007, I served as an Assistant Professor at Ambo College, where I taught a number of undergraduate courses. I also served as Coordinator of the Research, Extension, and Publication Office of the college, and as Head of the Department of Animal Sciences.

From January 2007 to June 2015, I worked as a Senior Researcher at the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, where I was heavily involved in the characterization and conservation of animal genetic resources, as well as in the preparation of periodic country reports on the state of Ethiopia's Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR), Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, and the Convention on Biological Diversity. There I have led the initiation of cryo-conservation of indigenous cattle breeds which were at risk.

In addition, I have taught several graduate courses as a guest lecturer at Haramaya, Addis Ababa, Hawassa, Ambo, Jimma, Bahir Dar, and Mizan-Tepi Universities. I have supervised 23 MSc and 8 PhD students, examined more than 70 MSc theses and 8 PhD dissertations, and contributed to graduate school curriculum development and review at Haramaya, Jimma, Mizan-Tepi, Bahir Dar, Addis Ababa, Gondar, and Mekelle Universities.

I obtained my MSc in Animal Production from Alemaya (now Haramaya) University in 1994 and my PhD in Animal Sciences from the University of the Free State, South Africa, in 2003.

I have provided consultancy services to CGN-Wageningen University, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR). I also contributed to the preparation of the livestock component of Ethiopia's Climate-Resilient Green Economy Strategy and the animal diversity

section of the Ethiopian Panel on Climate Change (EPCC), as reported by the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences.

I have received a number of tokens of recognition, including a medal from the Ethiopian Society of Animal Production, a letter from the Ethiopian Policy Institute, and a trophy from the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR). In 2024, I was recognized as a Fellow of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences.

I have authored and co-authored more than 130 publications, including 79 journal articles.

In my personal life, I have been married since 1997 and am blessed with two sons, aged 28 and 21.