

## **Teshome Afrassa**

### **Personal Profile**



Background: Teshome born in east shoa; attended primary education on local elementary school and secondary school initially the first year in Deberziet /Bishofitu and completed the rest in Addis Ababa. I inspired to join Alemaya by the then Adaa Agricultural Development Unit (AADU) envying at how the Swedish and local Agricultural scientists were running around driving the latest car of the time on the poor roads.

Education: graduated from Alemaya college of Agriculture in Plant science with B'sc and later got AfDB project scholarship and awarded M.SC in Soil and water management from U.K. Moreover attended a number of short term specialized trainings among many a few worth to mention are:

- Advanced course on modern agricultural technologies in Israel
- Certificate in Land and water management from WALMI of India , Gujrat
- Meteorology for Agriculture and Rural development in Nairobi kenya

Civil servant: = I joined Ministry of water and energy after graduation and worked on: planning, study, design, implementation and then follow up and support in operation and management of Irrigation development projects Involved in Integrated water resource and River basin Master Plan preparation.

Private Sector: - after serving the public system for 17 years I founded private Water Resource and Integrated Rural development consulting firm and have worked on Water Resources and Irrigation Development; Agriculture & Natural Resource Management; Rural infrastructure planning; Rural Water Supply; Environment and climate change; Training and capacity building in integrated resource planning and development.

We conducted National turnkey projects financed by multilateral and bilateral development partners such as, WB, AfDB, FAO, IFAD, UNDP, EU. UK Aid, Dutch aid, KFW, in association with a number of international specialized firms such as Halcrow CH2M group of UK & US, WS Akins International of U.K, Booker Tate of U.K, BRLi of France, NIRAS of Finland , COWI of Norway , Lamhyer of Germany, Hydro-consult of India . We extended our service abroad and worked in Indonesia (with BT) kenya, Liberia , Uganda, South Sudan. In most projects were technical project Director /Manager as appropriate to the specific project & client.

Voluntarily activities:- Involved in several Policies and planning dialogues as private stakeholder and contributed to my capacity; involved and organized Great Renaissance Dam public(GERD) mobilization and consultation groups representing our private sub- sectoral association; as social commitment; have Supported different local charity organizations technically and financially including being a member of executive committees, raising funds, contributing from own too, preparation of project proposal.

Part Time Activities and Hobbies:- Support & running small family integrated farm ( crop, fattening of livestock & shoats); Support in consultation and technical encouragement of relevant private investments; With a group of friends travel around and visit disadvantaged groups (elders, orphanages, disabled) rehabilitation centers in the town & surroundings; take up elderly responsibilities of residential areas & families dispute resolution reconciliation, arbitration, conflict redressing adopting a traditional system.