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Employment History

September 2017-present	PhD fellow at UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
September 2013- August 31	Lecturer at the School of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Haramaya University, Ethiopia
September, 2009- September, 2011	Graduate Assistant Haramaya University, Ethiopia

Educational Background

September 2013	International Master of Science in Rural Development, specialization in Institutional and Resource Economics (**Great Distinction**), joint master's program at three Universities (Gent, Humboldt and Pisa Universities)
August 2009	BSc in Agricultural Economics (**Great Distinction**), Haramya University, Ethiopia

Teaching Experience

Courses taught	Institutional Economics, Rural Finance, Agricultural Marketing, Introduction to Economics, Research Methods for Agricultural Economists, Research Methods in Agribusiness and Value Chain Management, Developing Value Chain, and Analyzing Value Chain. Supervising BSc. projects

Publications

Musa H. Ahmed **and Hiwot M. Mesfin** 2017. The impact of agricultural cooperatives membership on the wellbeing of smallholder farmers: empirical evidence from eastern Ethiopia. *Agricultural and Food Economics 5:6.*

Mesfin H. 2017. Sustainable Agriculture in Eastern Ethiopia. *Review of Agricultural and Applied Economics 20: 25-35.*

Mesfin H., Kebede K., Ahmed H. and Tegegne B. 2016. Farmer's Perception of Soil and Water Conservation Practices in East Hararghe, Ethiopia. *Problems of World Agriculture 16 (4): 232-239.*

Mesfin H., Ahmed M. and Abady S. 2016. Determinants of Multiple Groundnut Technology Adoption in Eastern Ethiopia. *Review of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 19: 51-60.

Ahmed M., **Mesfin H**., Abady S., Mesfin W. and Kebede A. 2016. Adoption of Improved Groundnut Seed and Its Impact on Rural Households' Welfare in Eastern Ethiopia. *Cogent Economics and Finance,4:1-13.*

Mesfin H., Kebede K., Ahmed M. and Tegegne B. Plot level adoption and choice of soil and water conservation practices in Eastern Ethiopia. Submitted to Agricultural *and Food Economics.*

Short term Training

Panel data econometrics. A technical workshop provided by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 20 February- 02 March, 2017, Nairobi, Kenya.

Climate Change and Sustainable Development. 17-28 August 2015, Humboldt University of Berlin.

Harvard Business School type case study writing for higher education, within the framework of the NICHE program. Module I and II, 2013- 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Intensive Training on Value Chain Management and Curriculum Development from 16th May to 10th June 2011 in Dronten, Netherlands.

Training on "Gender Sensitive Leadership Development" February 2-4, 2011. Haramaya University, Ethiopia.

Training on "Applied Econometrics using STATA and E-VIEWS" organized by the Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with Haramaya University, September 30-October 5, 2010. Haramaya University, Ethiopia.

Administrative Experience

September 2013-August 2017	Exam Committee member
September 2013-August 2017	School committee member
November 2014-August 2017	Groundnut Strategic plan preparing core team member and Socio-economic research team leader
November 2014-November 2016	Head of Agribusiness and Value Chain Program
November 2014-November 2016	Assistant coordinator for NICHE

Skills

Languages: Amharic (mother tongue), Tigrigna and English.

Computer: Ms Word, Spreadsheet, PowerPoint, STATA, SPSS, R and Eviews

References

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