



LinkedIn Profile – Ayele Sileshi Haile

 Agricultural Development | Rural Transformation | Project Management

About

Experienced agricultural development professional with 20+ years driving rural transformation projects across Ethiopia. Skilled in irrigation, water resource management, and sustainable farming practices, with a proven track record of designing and scaling initiatives that empower smallholder farmers, youth, and women. Passionate about linking technology, markets, and capacity building to create lasting impact in rural communities.

Experience Highlights

- **Board member for Amibara Middle Awash Agricultural Development PLC** that is purely involved in cotton production and an awardee.
- **Senior Project Officer – Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency.** Led national irrigation and drainage projects, developed innovative extension services (IVR Free Dial 8028), and trained rural youth in well drilling and pump maintenance.
- **General Manager – Yesuf Omar Gelsita Agricultural Development Enterprise** Established and managed farms, built strong community partnerships, and maximized productivity through effective resource management.
- **Team Leader – Ministry of Agriculture** Directed fibre crop development, trained experts, and supported foreign investment in agriculture.

Skills

- Project Design & Implementation
- Irrigation & Water Resource Management
- Capacity Building & Training
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Stakeholder Engagement & Market Linkage

Papers and Publications

- An evaluation on the effectiveness of household irrigation technologies on the lives of farmers: the case of Dhuffa, Berfete Tokoffa and Kore Odo kebeles in Welmera wereda, western Shewa of Oromia, Ethiopia (Thesis for MA in Rural Development)
- Evaluation Report on Assessment of Project Assistance to Mitigate The Risk of Desert Locust Upsurge In Eastern Africa GCP/INT/967/USA, a short term consultancy in July 2010.
- Assessment on the implementation of the Agriculture And Rural Development Policy and Strategy of Ethiopia; Study Paper for the completion of the Undergraduate BA degree program in Management from Addis Ababa University, June 2008
- Co- author of Cereal Crop's Production Package, Prepared for the National Agricultural Extension Program in 2002 and Cotton Production Manual, 2006, Cotton Crop extension Package, 2006

CERTIFICATES (Most Relevant)

- Gender Equality, Rights and Diversity, Denmark from 24th October – 4th November 2016
- Training on Leadership, Center For Creative Leadership, August 2014
- Research and Development in Irrigation and Fertigation in controlled Environment, 23 Nov-16 Dec.2004 Bet Dagan, Israel.
- Business Process Reengineering and Business Score Card exercises carried out in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development, Management Institute, 2008 Debre Zeit
- International Center for Agriculture, Cairo, Egypt. Certificate on Cotton Production, Testing and Arbitration Technology. April-June 1989.

Global Exposure

Trained and collaborated in Israel, Egypt, India, China, Dubai, Denmark, and Uganda. Partnered with FAO, GIZ, UNDP, USAID, World Bank, WFP, and IWMI.

Languages

Amharic, Oromiffa, Tigrigna, Afari, Arabic

Career Vision

Driving inclusive agricultural transformation by empowering rural communities with sustainable technologies and market opportunities.