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SUMMARY

Experienced senior researcher and consultant with a strong background in conducting research, providing training, teaching economics at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, reviewing scholarly articles, and publishing research findings.

EDUCATION

October 2019 – December 2025

PhD in Industrial Economics, Jimma University College of Business and Economics

Dissertation title: *Industrial Waste Management and Environmental Innovation Adoption: Firm-Level Analysis among Manufacturing Industries in Shaggar City, Ethiopia*, with an Excellent grade.

October 2011 – June 2013

Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics, Wollega University School of Graduate Studies

Thesis title: *Farmers' perception and adaptation to climate change through conservation agriculture: The case of Western Ethiopia*

October 2005 – July 2008

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance and Development Economics, Addis Ababa University School of Commerce

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2024 – today

Researcher & Trainer, Institute for Finance & Economic Research, Oromia State University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Responsibilities:

- Performing activities academic program officer, such as teaching and learning process at university level, monitoring academic staff performance, and scanning demand of academic staff and facilitating recruitment process, and others.
- Prepare a research proposal that may solve socio-economic problems of the region and beyond.
- Searching for funds that may help with the implementation of the reviewed research proposal.
- Publish research findings in an internationally recognized peer-reviewed journal.
- Giving training for the needy and serving the community in Oromia Regional State.

April 2017 – October 2019

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Oromia State University, Batu, Ethiopia

Responsibilities:

- Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Conducting research, giving training, and serving the community in Oromia Regional State
- Performing activities academic program officer, such as teaching and learning process at university level, monitoring academic staff performance, and scanning demand of academic staff and facilitating recruitment process, and others.

February 2015 – March 2017
Appraisal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Oromia Bureau of Finance and Economic Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Responsibilities:

- Provide technical support to both local and international NGOs in project planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Facilitate experience-sharing sessions, especially between NGOs implementing in the regional state and government organizations.
- Coordinate field-level project monitoring and evaluation activities by mobilizing regional sector bureaus.
- Appraise project proposal by reviewing procedural, technical, and financial feasibilities of the project

January 2014 – January 2015
Assistant Socio-Economics Researcher, Haro Sabu Agricultural Research Center, Haro Sabu, Ethiopia

Responsibilities:

- Prepare a research proposal that may solve socio-economic problems small smallholder farmers of West Oromia
- Searching for funds that may help with the implementation of the reviewed research proposal.
- Implementing the research proposal approved by the Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- Follow and monitor changes attained as a result of the implementation of projects.
- Publish research findings in an internationally recognized peer-reviewed journal.

September 2008 – December 2013
Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Officer, East Wollega Zone Finance and Economic Development Office, Nekemte, Ethiopia

Responsibilities:

- Prepare an annual plan for the East Wollega Zone government offices
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for zonal government offices
- Monitor and evaluate the physical and financial performance of projects

SKILLS

Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access
Statistical packages: SPSS, STATA, EViews, and GAMS
Language (English, Afaan Oromo, and Amharic)

PUBLICATION

Bekabil, U. T., Jayamohan, M. K., & Beyene, A. B. (2025). Waste management practices and perceptions among firms and communities in Shaggar City, Ethiopia. *Discover Environment*, 3(1). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s44274-025-00458-6>

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- Guta, A., & Bekabil, U.T. (2021).** Distribution and Status of Maize Common Smut at West Wollega, Ethiopia. *European Journal of Biophysics*, 9(2), 48. <https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ejb.20210902.11>
- Bekabil, U. T. (2020).** Industrialization and Environmental Pollution in Africa: An Empirical review. *Journal of Resources Development and Management*. <https://doi.org/10.7176/jrdm/69-03>
- Bekabil, U. T. & Beyene, A. B. (2015).** Dynamics of Farmers' Participation in Conservation Agriculture: Binary Logistic Regression Analysis, *Journal of Poverty, Investment and Development*, 13(2015), 74-83 <https://www.iiste.org/Journals/index.php/JPID/article/download/23401/23852>
- Bekabil, U. T. (2015).** Empirical review of production, productivity and marketability of soya bean in Ethiopia. *International Journal of U- and E- Service Science and Technology*, 8(1), 61–66. <https://doi.org/10.14257/ijunesst.2015.8.1.06>
- Bekabil, U.T., & Bedemo, A. B. (2014).** Farmers' perception and adaptation to climate change: Heckman's two-stage sample selection model. *Ethiopian Journal of Environmental Studies and Management*, 7(2), 832. <https://doi.org/10.4314/ejesm.v7i2.3s>
- Bekabil, U. T. (2014).** Review of Challenges and Prospects of Agricultural Production and Productivity in Ethiopia. *Journal of Natural Sciences and Technology (Vietnam National University)*, 4(18), 70–77. <http://iiste.org/Journals/index.php/JNSR/article/view/15857>

TRAINING WITH CERTIFICATE

- Excellence in Peer Review: How to be an Effective Peer Reviewer** (July 16, 2021)
Organized by Taylor and Francis Reviewer Training Network on an Online Basis.
- Understand the Essentials of Peer Review** (July 16, 2021)
Organized by Wiley Reviewer Academy on an Online Basis.
- Entrepreneurship Training Workshop (ETW)** (June 14-19, 2021)
Organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Center (EDC)-Ethiopia and supported by UNDP Ethiopia Country Office
- Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS)** (August 20 -28, 2013)
Organized by Light Computer Technology Center
- Project Cycle Management (PCM)** (July 01-05, 2013)
Organized by NeCSOO (Network of Civil Society Organizations in Oromia in Collaboration with Oromia Bureau of Finance and Economic Development
- Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS)** (August 29-31, 2012)
Organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)
- Access Application, MS-Project, SPSS, and Database Management** (November 15, 2009, for 120 hours)
Organized by Admas University College and Oromia Bureau of Finance and Economic Development

**ORGANIZATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP**

Ethiopian Economics Association (01/2016 – Present)

Full Member

Ethiopian Statistics Association (09/2025 – Present)

Full Member

Cogent Food & Agriculture (Taylor and Francis) (July 2020 – Present)

Reviewer

Cogent Business & Management (Taylor and Francis) (September 2020 – Present)

Reviewer

Cogent Environmental Science (Taylor and Francis) (February 2021 – Present)

Reviewer

Innovation and Development (Taylor and Francis) (April 2021– Present)

Reviewer

Discover Sustainability (Springer Nature) (December 2025 – Present)

Reviewer

Discover Global Society (Springer Nature) (January 2025 – Present)

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REFERENCES

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