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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow, Business, Markets and the State cluster

NATIONALITY: British

LANGUAGES: English, Amharic and Afan Oromo

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Agricultural innovations, youth employment, technology adoption, state-business relations, enterprise development

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Mali, Egypt), and Asia (Syria, Vietnam)

OVERVIEW

Seife is a development economist with over 20 years' experience in research, teaching and development practice. His work focuses on state-business relations and development, youth employment, agricultural innovations and development, and technology access and adoption. He is currently a fellow in the Business, Markets and the State cluster at the Institute of Development Studies. Prior to joining the Institute, he directed programmes in Ethiopia providing access to and adoption of improved agricultural technologies by smallholder farmers. He has also held a Research Scientist position at the International Livestock Research Institute, in Nairobi; and a Research Fellow position at the Open University, UK. He has led and conducted significant research in Africa and Asia, and has extensively published in the areas of agricultural innovations and technology adoption, biotech crops regulation and enterprise development. His external roles have included membership of steering committees for international research and contribution to policy consultation processes. He is a member/associate member of networks and professional societies, including the Innogen Institute of University of Edinburgh and the Open University, UK.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1997 - 2002	PhD International Development and Business Studies Thesis title: The Role and Impact of Investment Incentives on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Development in Ethiopia (The Open University, UK).
1992 - 1993	MA Development Economics School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
1991 - 1992	Graduate Diploma, The Economics of Public Policy School of Economics and Social Studies, UEA, UK
1981 - 1985	BA in Economics , Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2016 – PRESENT	Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK Research focuses on business, markets and the state in development.
2012 – 2015	Consultant, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), Addis Ababa Director, Mechanization Programme; and Technology Access and Adoption Programme. Developed and supported implementation of a portfolio of agricultural initiatives to improve farmers' access to and use of agricultural technologies.
2008 – 2011	Research Scientist, International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya Designed and implemented research into innovation capacities and processes to enhance understanding and sustainable improvement to the well-being of farmers.

2003 – 2008	Research Fellow, Open University, UK Designed, researched and co-published, including from two UK Govt. Economic and Social Science Research Council's Science in Society Programme funded projects.
1997 – 2002	Tutor/Research Fellow (p/t), Open University, UK Developed, researched and co-published from a number of projects; tutored at residential schools <i>U208 Third World Development and MBA Strategic Management</i> courses.
1985 – 1995	Economic policy analyst, Ministry of Planning and Econ. Development, Ethiopia Macroeconomic policy analyst, incl. projects preparation and appraisal, and impacts.

AFFILIATIONS

Member, Ethiopian Economics Association, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Associate member, Innogen Institute of University of Edinburgh and the Open University, UK

Center for Rural Development, College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia (PhD supervision)

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

2012-15	Mechanisation and Technology Access and Adoption Programmes Director, ATA, Ethiopia Led the development and validation of the National Agricultural Mechanization Strategy to provide farmers access to and use of mechanization services and technologies. Established strategic partnerships with national and global development actors, and with colleagues, mobilized resources for developing and introducing farm technologies. Member of steering committee for the project: Farm Mechanization and Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification. Project is being implemented by CIMMYT.
2008-11	Research Scientist, International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya Extensively researched and published, incl. on fodder adoption projects in Ethiopia, Syria and Vietnam; and supervised masters and PhD students; trained research and development officers to document lessons from innovation projects.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

- Ayele, S., Duncan, A., Larbi, A. and Khanh, T. T. (2016). 'Enhancing innovation in livestock value chains through networks: lessons from fodder innovation case studies in developing countries', in A. Devaux, M. Torero, J. Donovan and D. Horton (eds), *Innovation for inclusive value chain development: successes and challenges*, Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
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- Ayele, S., Mader, P., and Thorpe, J. (2016) *State–Business Relations Beyond Growth: Bringing in Development*, IDS Evidence Report 215, Brighton: IDS.
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- Ayele, S. and Bosire, C. (2011) 'Farmers' use of improved agricultural inputs and practices: Review and synthesis of research in Ethiopia'. Nairobi, Kenya: ILRI
- Ayele, S. (2008) 'Biotechnology and Biodiversity Debates and Policies in Africa', *International Journal of Biotechnology* 10(2/3): 207-223.
- Ayele, S., Chataway, J. and Wield, D. (2006) 'Partnerships in African Crop Biotech', *Nature Biotechnology* 24: 619-621.
- Ayele, S. (2006) 'The industry and location impacts of investment incentives on SMEs in Ethiopia', *Journal of International Development* 18(1): 1-13.
- Ayele, S. and Wield, D. (2005) 'Science and Technology Capacity Building and Partnership in the African Agriculture: Perspectives on Mali and Egypt', *Journal of International Development* 17(5): 631–646.