

# CURRICULUM VITAE-YITAYAL MEKONNEN

## 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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## 2. ACADAMIC HISTORY

No.	Years	Education	Institution	Certificate
1	September 2008- Now	University Education	Addis Ababa University	BA in Economics- candidate
2	October 2010- August 2011	University Education	Central European University	L.L.M International Business Transactions
3	October 2002-July 2006	University Education	Addis Ababa University	L.L.B
4	1998-2001	Senior Secondary Education	Motta Junior Secondary School	National School Leaving Examination Certificate
5	1995-1997	Junior Secondary Education	Motta Senior Secondary School	Certificate of National Ministry Examination
6	1989-1994	Primary education	Motta Primary School	Certificate of promotion

### 2.1. TRAININGS, PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS

- Trainer** at a Training on Corporate Governance for Board of Directors Program organized by the Corporate Governance Institute of Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations-2019.
- Trainee** on Training of Training on Corporate Governance organized by the IFC and Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations-August September 2017.
- Trainee** in Training on Initiating Arbitral Proceedings and Arbitral Award organized by the Arbitration Institute of Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations-August 2015.

- d. **Panelist** on the 7<sup>th</sup> Nations and Nationalities Ceremony organized by Debre Birhan University.
- e. **Trainee** in a two- weeks training on Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government, Central European University, Hungary, July 25-August 15, 2009.
- f. **Trainee** in a two- weeks training on Legal Research and Writing, American Bar Association in collaboration with Addis Ababa University Law Faculty, July 2008.
- g. **Trainee** in a two- weeks training on, Sustainable Human Development, Central European University, Hungary, June 20-July 5, 2008.
- h. **Trainer** at Legal Literacy Training Program conducted by the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law of Addis Ababa University, November 2005.
- i. **Election Observer**- Ethiopian Human Rights Council (2005 Ethiopian Election).

### 3. EXPERIENCE

- a. Legal Advisor-Stichting Wageningen Research (September 2021-Now)
- b. Legal Advisor-Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (2015-Now)
- c. Legal Advisor-Bilateral Ethiopia-Netherlands Effort for Food Income and Trade (BENEFIT) October 2016-August 2021
- d. Legal Advisor-Agri-business Support Facility (ABSF) (2012-2015)
- e. Attorney and Consultant-at-Law (2012-now)
- f. Senior Legal Researcher as well as Acting Coordinator of the Legal Commentary, Analysis and Compilation Department at the FDRE Justice and Legal System Research Institute (2012-2013)
- g. Assistant Judge-Addis Ababa Administration City Courts (September 2006-June 2007)
- h. Legal study and drafting committee member at the Ethiopian Revenues and Customs Authority, a committee established by ERCA for revising the country's tax laws (2016-2017).
- i. Regional Compliance and Monitoring Coordinator-Ethiopian Commodity Exchange (April 2011-May 2012)
- j. Part-time Lecturer-Addis Ababa University (June 2007-Now)
- k. Lecturer-St. Mary's University College (September 2006-June 2009)
- l. External Assessor-Ethiopian Journal of Law, Addis Ababa University (2010-Now)

### 4. SPECIALIZATION

As attorney and Consultant-at-Law, I provide quality and reliable advocacy and legal advisory service to my clients on all areas of Ethiopian law and practice but more on the following:

- Civil Societies and Charities law
- Labor law
- Construction law
- Investment law

- Law of business organizations
- Commercial law
- Arbitration
- International transactions

## **5. RESEARCH WORKS**

- a. The Taxation of Corporate Directors Remuneration in Ethiopia: A Comparative Assessment; published in the Journal of Business Law, AAU
- b. The Legal and Institutional Framework Regulating Company Groups in Ethiopia: A Comparative Analysis (L.L.M Thesis)

## **6. MEMBERSHIPS**

- a. Member of the Ethiopian Lawyers' Association
- b. Member of the Ethiopian Institute of Corporate Governance

## **7. CONDUCT AND SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

- a. Proactive, creative and dedicated
- b. Excellent interpersonal skills
- c. Resourceful, hardworking and a commendable sense of responsibility
- d. Ability and experience of dealing with complex matters with wide range of stakeholders
- e. Ability to conduct work independently and with integrity
- f. Knowledge of Ethiopian law and the broader legal system as well as its operation
- g. Ability and experience of working in harmony with management as well as with people of diverse backgrounds and nationality

## **7. REFERENCES**

- a. Dr. Tadesse Lencho, Lecturer and Legal Advisor, Addis Ababa University, Mobile: +251911 064940
- b. Professor Tilahun Teshome, Lecturer, consultant and attorney, Addis Ababa University, Mobile: +251911 68 44 91
- c. Mr. Mamo Esmelealem Mihretu, Senior Policy Reforms Advisor to the Prime Minister's office of Ethiopia and Ethiopia WTO Negotiation Team Head, Mobile: +251911 12 31 54, Email:mmhiretu@ifc.org
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