**BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY**

**ACADEMIC STAFF PROFILE**

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**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION**

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| **Year** | **Qualification** | **Field/Program** | **Institution** | **Country** |
| 2015 | Certificate | Higher Diploma Programme | Bahir Dar University | Ethiopia |
| 2013 | MA | Lifelong Learning: Policy and Management | Institute of Education, University of London, and Deusto University | UK and Spain |
| 2009 | BA | Sociology and Social Anthropology | Addis Ababa University | Ethiopia |
| 2009 | MEd | Adult and Lifelong Learning | Addis Ababa University | Ethiopia |
| 2008 | MA | Linguistics | Addis Ababa University | Ethiopia |
| 2004 | BEd | English | Haramaya University | Ethiopia |

**Work Experience**

* Lecturer in Adult Education and Community Development, college of education and Behavioural sciences, Bahir Dar University (since 2009 G.C.)

**Professional Membership**

* Member, Tesfa Community Development Association since September 2015
* Member, Society for Eco-Tourism and Bio-Diversity Conservation since September 2015
* Member, Ethiopian Family Guidance Association since September 2015
* Member, Adult and Non-formal Education Association in Ethiopia (ANFEAE) since August 2007
* Member, Ethiopian Sociologists, Social Anthropologists and Social Workers Association (ESSSWA) since July 2009

**Honors and Awards**

* Coordinated activities that resulted in Bahir Dar City receiving **UNESCO Learning City Award** in 2015
* Undertake activities that resulted in the registration of Bahir Dar City as a member of the **Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC)** in 2016
* In collaboration with a colleague, mobilized resources to realize Bahir Dar University Resource Centre for Persons with Special Needs (the first in the University) in 2016
* Received recognition certificate from the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Bahir Dar University in 2016 for undertaking the above activities

**Publications**

* Abiy M.G. (2015). Case Study 04: Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. In: Valdes-Cortera, R., et al. (Eds.) (2015). *Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities: Case Studies of Twelve Learning Cities*. [www.unesdoc.unesco.org](http://www.unesdoc.unesco.org)
* Abiy M.G. & Elexpuru, I. (2013). *Improving Experiential Learning Courses in Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia – Launching Service Learning* (Poster in Spanish).
* Abiy M.G. (2010). *The Working and Living Conditions of Female Ethiopian Domestic Servants in Middle East Arab Countries and Challenges for their Socio-economic Reintegration upon Return* (ISBN 978-3-639-23518-0)
* Abiy M.G. (2010). *Some Aspects of the Lexical Phonology and Morphology of Harari* (ISBN 978-3-639-11497-3)
* Abiy M.G. (2009). *Alternative Basic Education in Benishangul-Gumuz Region, Ethiopia* (ISBN 978-3-639-23105-2)

**Teaching**

* **Undergraduate**

**Courses taught** include (among others): Sociology of Rural and Urban Development; Social Change, Adult Education and Community Development; Social Work methods, principles and practices; Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Education; Gender and Development; Networking and Partnership formation for Adult Education and Community Development (AECD); Community Mobilization in AECD; Management and Organization of ANFE; Historical, Philosophical and Sociological Foundations and Adult Education; Curriculum Design, Implementation and Evaluation in Adult and Non-formal Education (ANFE); Research Methods; Seminar in AE and CD trends and Issues; Adult Teaching and Training Methods; Technology and its application in the delivery of ANFE; Workplace Learning and Continuous Professional Development; Adult Learning and Audio Visual Techniques.

**Area of Research Interest:**

Adult Education and Learning; Non-formal Education; Informal Learning; Lifelong learning; Workplace Learning; Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge/Learning; Craft Learning; Rural Development; Cooperatives’ Development; Income Generation/Livelihood Diversification Activities, Vocational Learning; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises’ Development; Urban Development; Learning Societies; Learning Cities; Learning Community; Community of Practice; Education-employment transition and linkage; Community Service/Outreach engagement, Service Learning, Special Needs issues; Gender Issues; Alternative Basic Education, Social Inequality; Discrimination; Migration; Multiculturalism, Multilingualism and Development.

**Previous and Current Positions**

* Bahir Dar University Community Service Director since March 2016
* Bahir Dar City Community Service Coordinator from March 2015 to March 2016
* Bahir Dar Learning City Project Coordinator since December 2013
* Intern at the Adult Education and Learning Section of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg, Germany (August – December 2013)
* Bahir Dar University Peda Campus Students’ Discipline Committee Member (representing College of Education and Behavioral Science) for 2007 and 2008 E.C.
* Course Chair in the department of AECD since 2003 E.C.
* Mentor in 2007 and 2008 E.C.
* Academic Advisor in 2007 and 2008 E.C.

**Community Services**

**Among others,**

* **Co-Prepared *Gender Responsive* *Integrated Functional Adult Literacy Learning Modules*** for Facilitators and adult Learners (together with department staffs) (sponsored by *Facilitator for Change* NGO, OXFAM GB Project), 2007 E.C
* Organized a community service project and provided training for newly recruited female instructors of Bahir Dar University on ***Basic Computer Applications, Life skills and Typing/Keyboard Skill*** (2008 E.C)
* Organized and provided a community service project (training) for Integrated Functional Adult Literacy (IFAL) Facilitators of Amhara region, 2007 E.C
* Provided a community service project (training) for Integrated Functional Adult Literacy (IFAL) Facilitators of Bahir Dar City, 2008 E.C
* Participated in Dengel (Papyrus) Re-development project in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 E.C
* Provided training for Zonal and Regional Level IFAL Coordinators on facilitation skills in 2002 E.C

**Committee membership**

* May Annual International Educational Conference Organizing Sub-Committee Member (2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 E.C)
* International Day of Persons with Disability Organizing Committee Member, CEBS 2007 and 2008 E.C.
* Geez Conference Organizing Committee Member, Abay Research Centre for Culture and Development (2007 and 2008 E.C.)
* Currently Organizing the 1st Adult and Lifelong Learning Conference in Ethiopia (2010)
* Organized Women’s Research Workshop, Research and Community Services Vice President Office (RCSVPO), 2008 E.C.
* Organized Experience Sharing and Incentive Events for staff who provided and coordinated Community Service Activities, RCSVPO, 2007 and 2008 E.C.
* Organized Training and Discussion Event at Dangila, RCSVPO, 2009 E.C.
* Member of PGDT Issue Research and Recommendation Committee College of Education and Behavioral Science (CEBS) 2008 E.C.
* Member of Tracer Study of CEBS Graduates 2007 E.C.
* Member of Abay Research Centre for Culture and Development Conference Preparation Committee (2007 and 2008 E.C.)
* Several other committee assignments

**KEY SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

* Language Skills: Amharic (Mother tongue), fluent English and, basic Spanish (A1)
* Computing Skills: very good knowledge and skill in MS-word, and MS-power point, Internet Explorer and Keyboard skills. Working knowledge of SPSS.
* Driving license 1st and 3rd grade