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**Professional Summary**

Academic professional with a PhD in Development Studies. Extensive experience in research, teaching, and leadership in higher education, with a focus on tourism, entrepreneurship, and rural development. Proven track record in curriculum development, grant writing, and community-based training programs. Multilingual with fluency in Afan Oromo, Amharic, English, Arabic, Burji & Korete and intermediate Swahili.

✅ **Major topics I provided trainings on**

* Social Service and Society Building in the Digital Era
* Inclusive Tour Packaging & Transformative Guiding (2024)
* Entrepreneurship & Agri-Business Development (2020)
* Tourism Statistics Frameworks (2024)
* Economic modeling in Tourism (2025)
* Customer Service for Hospitality (2018–2019)
* Qualitative Research Undertakings in Tourism and Hospitality (2021)

**Education**

🎓 PhD in Development Studies | Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia | 2024  
🎓 MA in Tourism and Development | Addis Ababa University | 2013  
🎓 Post-Masters (TOT) in Entrepreneurship | NIESBUD, India | 2019  
🎓 BEd in History (Minor Geography) | Jimma University | 2009

**Key Skills & Expertise**

✔ Development Studies & Policy Analysis  
✔ Entrepreneurship & Rural Development   
✔ Tourism & Heritage Management  
✔ Quantitative & Qualitative Research (SPSS, Stata, NVIVO)  
✔ Curriculum Development & Academic Leadership  
✔ Grant Writing & Project Management  
✔ Multilingual Communication

**Awards & Honors**

🏆 **Honorary Member** – International Chamber for Science, Technology, and Education (2019)

🏆 **Plague of Honor** – Distinguished Speaker, International Conference on Digital Business Transformation (India, 2019)

🏆 **Plague of Honor** for Excellent Social Services: Given by Rufaida Women’s Foundation

**Professional Experiences**

**Haramaya University, Ethiopia**

Assistant Professor of Development Studies | Present

* Conduct research on rural development, poverty alleviation, and tourism impacts. Supervise graduate students and mentor early-career researchers.

Thematic Director for Social and Human Development Research | Present

* Lead interdisciplinary research initiatives on human development and social policy.

Former Head, College of Social Sciences and Humanities Registrar | 2014–2016

* Oversaw academic administration, curriculum development, and student affairs.

**Grand Al-Nejashi Project**

Heritage and Tourism Leader | Present

* Spearhead initiatives to promote cultural heritage and sustainable tourism.

**Key Contributions**

* Launched Bachelor’s program in **Tourism & Hotel Management**.
* Delivered training on entrepreneurship, tourism, and hospitality for youth and women.
* **Developed policies and guidelines** for
  + Entrepreneurship and Technology incubation
  + Business Idea Competition and Award
  + Research Data Management & Sharing
* **Established** Unity Haramaya University Staff Self-Help Edir

**References**

**Dr. Mohammed Hasen:** Associate Professor of History: Dean, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Haramaya University

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**Publications & Research**

* The Pattern and Dynamics of Occupational Mobility and Entrepreneurship in Rural Settings (2025): *East Africa Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities.*
* Determinants of Entrepreneurial Engagement in Rural Ethiopia (2023) | *Journal of Science and Inclusive Development*
* Multidimensional Poverty in Khat-Producing Regions (2023) | *Horn of Africa Journal of Business and Economics*
* Socioeconomic Impacts of Tourism in Konso Terraces (2015) | *Ethiopia Journal of Development Research*
* Developing Community Based Ecotourism to diversify livelihood and assure environmental conservation in Haramaya and Gurawa Districts (2017) *African Journal of Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure,*