CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSOR YISEHAK KECHERO KEBEDE (PhD)

1. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Detail	Information
Full Name	Professor Yisehak Kechero Kebede (PhD)
Nationality	Ethiopian
Date of Birth	18 March 1977
Current Institution	Arba Minch University
College	College of Agricultural Sciences



Current Position	Executive Director, Postgraduate Studies School
Academic Rank	Full Professor of Animal Sciences
Professional Field	Animal Science, Animal Health, Animal Nutrition, Animal production, Livestock Feed Resources, Agricultural Development

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2. PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professor Yisehak Kechero Kebede is a senior Ethiopian academic, researcher, institutional leader and livestock development professional with over two decades of experience in animal nutrition, livestock production, feed-resource development, agricultural research, postgraduate education, institutional leadership and community engagement.

He currently serves as **Executive Director of the Postgraduate Studies School at Arba Minch University** and holds the academic rank of **Full Professor of Animal Sciences** - the first full Ethiopian professor in the history of Arba Minch University.

His career demonstrates a strong commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, institutional leadership, community engagement, agricultural development and human capital development.

3. LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT

Professor Yisehak has held progressively senior leadership responsibilities across district, university, national-project and postgraduate-school levels.

a) Current Leadership Position

Executive Director, Postgraduate Studies School, Arba Minch University *(August 2025 – Present)*

b) Previous Leadership and Administrative Experience

Position	Institution	Period
Coordinator, Electronic Learning Management Unit (eLMU)	Arba Minch University	Jan 2025 – Jul 2025
Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences	Arba Minch University	Sept 2017 – 2020
Acting Head, Department of Animal Sciences	Arba Minch University	Jul 2017 – Sept 2017
National Coordinator, Bright Future in Agriculture–South (BFA-South) Mega Project	Ethiopia	Sept 2019 – Present
Head, Agriculture and Rural Development Coordination Office	Bonke District, Gamo Zone	Jan 2004 – Sept 2005
Rural Development Project Manager	Integrated Rural Development Project, Gamo Gofa Zone	Jul 2001 – Dec 2003

c) International Project Leadership

Project	Role	Period
VLIR-UOS IUC-JU Project: Zoonosis and Animal Health	Project Leader	Jul 2006 – 2015
VLIR-UOS AMU-IUC Project: Agricultural Productivity in the Southern Rift Valley	Local Leader	Jan 2016 – Present
Bright Future in Agriculture–South (BFA-South)	National Coordinator	Jan 2020 – Present

d) University Governance and Professional Service

- Member, Senate Research Development Committee
- Member, Postgraduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Development Committees
- Editor-in-Chief, OMO International Journal of Sciences (2016–2024)

4. CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Domain	Specializations
Animal Nutrition & Feed Sciences	Feed evaluation, feed intervention technologies, protein/energy/mineral nutrition
Animal Production	Dairy production, meat animal production, livestock productivity
Animal Health	Animal health management, veterinary sciences

Feed Resource Development	Indigenous and alternative livestock feed resources, forage and pasture management
Agricultural Development	Agricultural and rural development, community-based interventions, research-extension linkages
Research & Methodology	Research design, biostatistics, statistical modelling (SAS, SPSS, MATLAB, MSTAT, R)
Education & Supervision	Postgraduate education, curriculum development, academic supervision, mentorship
Institutional Development	University-industry linkage, technology transfer, international academic collaboration

5. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Degree	Specialization	Institution	Awarded
PhD	Veterinary/Animal Science (Animal Nutrition and Feed Intervention Technologies)	Ghent University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Belgium	17 January 2013
MSc	Agriculture (Range Ecology and Management)	Haramaya University, Ethiopia	8 July 2005
BSc	Agriculture (Animal Science)	Alemaya University, Ethiopia	11 July 2001

6. ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND RANK PROGRESSION

Position	Institution	Period
Full Professor of Animal Sciences	Arba Minch University	Sept 2022 – Present
Associate Professor of Animal Sciences	Arba Minch University	Jun 2015 – Sept 2022
Associate Professor of Animal Sciences	Jimma University	Jul 2013 – Jun 2015
Assistant Professor	Jimma University	Mar 2009 – Jul 2013
Lecturer of Animal Sciences	Jimma University	2005 – Feb 2009

7. TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

Professor Yisehak has taught and contributed to the following courses:

Category	Courses
Animal Nutrition	Advanced Animal Nutrition, Applied Animal Nutrition, Principles of Animal Nutrition, Protein and Energy Nutrition, Mineral Nutrition, Advances in Feed Evaluation Science
Animal Physiology	Animal Physiology
Forage & Range Management	Forage Production and Pasture Management, Range Ecology and Management
Production Systems	Dairy Animal Production, Meat Animal Production
Research Methods	Biostatistics, Research Methods

8. POSTGRADUATE AND STUDENT SUPERVISION

Professor Yisehak has extensive experience in academic supervision and mentorship.

Level	Number Supervised
PhD Students	17
MSc Students	189
BSc Students	2,050+

His supervision and research mentorship cover animal nutrition, animal production, livestock feed-resource development, animal physiology, veterinary sciences and range land ecology research.

9. RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

Professor Yisehak has extensive experience in applied and problem-solving agricultural research, having led or co-led **more than 11 internationally funded research projects**.

Research Focus Areas

- Animal nutrition and feed intervention technologies
- Indigenous and alternative livestock feed resources
- Livestock productivity and dairy production
- Feed evaluation and forage/pasture resources
- Animal health and production systems
- Community-based livestock interventions
- Research–extension linkages

Scholarly Output

- **122** peer-reviewed journal articles
- **160+** conference proceedings papers

10. MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Professor Yisehak has contributed significantly to institutional development through:

- **VLIR-UOS IUC-JU Collaboration**: Facilitated sandwich PhD scholarships for 10+ academic staff from Jimma University at Belgian/Flemish universities
- **VLIR-UOS AMU-IUC Collaboration**: Facilitated PhD scholarships for 19+ academic staff from Arba Minch University at Belgian/Flemish universities
- **Centre for Livestock and Fishery Research**: Initiated establishment at Arba Minch University
- **OMO International Journal of Sciences**: Founded and served as Editor-in-Chief (2016–2024)
- **Bright Future in Agriculture–South (BFA-South) Mega Project**: National coordination
- **Curriculum Development**: Participated in postgraduate and undergraduate curriculum committees
- **Research and Academic Development**: Active participation in university research, community-service and technology-transfer structures

11. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Professor Yisehak has consistently engaged in community-oriented agricultural development and technology-transfer activities:

Technology Transfer and Demonstration

- **ILCA dairy technology** – training and demonstration in Arba Minch University catchment area
- **FAO multi-nutrient block technology** – transfer to livestock-keeping communities
- **Silage-making technology** – demonstration to communities in Arba Minch University catchment area

Recognition

- Received various official recognition certificates from Arba Minch University for community engagement and institutional service

12. INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE AND COLLABORATION

Professor Yisehak has undertaken professional visits for research, training, institutional collaboration, academic conferences and capacity development to:

- Belgium
- Spain
- The Netherlands
- France
- Italy
- Germany

13. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Category	Training Areas
Research & Laboratory	Molecular techniques in animal nutrition, Laboratory animal science, Animal experimentation techniques, Nutritional laboratory techniques
Methodology & Analysis	Project planning and analysis, Experimental design, Statistical modelling, Statistical data analysis, Excellence in research
Education	Postgraduate curriculum development, Undergraduate curriculum development, Excellence in teaching, electronic teaching and learning (e-SHE)
Community Engagement	Community engagement and community services, University–industry linkage and technology transfer
Leadership	Leadership and institutional management, Policy and strategy development, Water and shade management
Professional Development	Research symposia and professional congresses

14. COMPUTER AND STATISTICAL COMPETENCIES

Category	Proficiency
Computer Applications	Very good proficiency in Microsoft Office applications
Statistical Software	SAS, SPSS, MATLAB, MSTAT, R

15. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Language	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Reading

English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Amharic	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Local Languages	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Afaan Oromo	Basic	Basic	Basic	Basic
Dutch (Flemish)	Basic	Basic	Basic	Basic

16. PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Professor Yisehak has received various certificates and institutional recognitions from Arba Minch University and other professional activities for contributions in:

- Research excellence
- Teaching excellence
- Community engagement and service
- University–industry linkage and technology transfer
- Leadership and institutional development
- Curriculum development
- Policy and strategy development

17. PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

English

Professor Yisehak Kechero Kebede (PhD) is an Ethiopian Full Professor of Animal Sciences and a senior academic, researcher and institutional leader at Arba Minch University. He currently serves as **Executive Director** of the Postgraduate School of the University. He holds a PhD in Veterinary/Animal Science from Ghent University, Belgium, an MSc in Agriculture specializing in Range Ecology and Management from Haramaya University, and a BSc in Agriculture specializing in Animal Science from Alemaya University.

Professor Yisehak has more than two decades of experience in higher education, research, agricultural development, institutional leadership and community engagement. He has advised 17 PhD students, 189 MSc students and more than 2,050 BSc students. He has authored or co-authored 122 peer-reviewed journal articles and more than 160 conference proceedings papers.

He has led and coordinated national and international agricultural and institutional-development projects, served as **Dean and department head**, and contributed to research, postgraduate education, curriculum development, technology transfer and community-based agricultural development. His professional expertise is primarily in animal nutrition, livestock feed resources, livestock production, research and agricultural development. He is the first full Ethiopian Professor in the history of Arba Minch University.

18. DECLARATION

I certify that the information presented in this curriculum vitae is a true and accurate summary of my academic, professional, leadership, research and community-service experience.

Name: Professor Yisehak Kechero Kebede (PhD)

Signature: 

Date: 09/09/2026