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NATIONALITY **ETHIOPIAN**

EDUCATION

PhD (Economics), School of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, (*2006*)
MA. (Economics), Delhi School of Economics, 1990, India
B.A. (Economics), Addis Ababa University, 1984, Ethiopia

AFFILIATIONS/ FELLOWSHIPS:

IZA Research Fellow: November 2011-Present

Associate Researcher, University of Goteborg, January 2008-Present

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2014-Present	**Acting Director**, Development Research Department, African Development Bank
July 2011-Present	**Division Manager**, Development Research Department, African Development Bank
April 2009-June 2011	**Principal Research Economist**, African Development Bank
January 2008-March 2009	**Senior Poverty Economist**, ETC, PREM(Rwanda), World Bank
June 2006-December 2007	**Research Fellow**, Department of economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
September 2006-October 2007	**Economic Affairs Officer ,** Trade, Finance and Economic Development Division, UNECA

October 2005-August 2006	**Consultant** , Economic and Social Policy Division, UNECA
October 2003-December 2004	**Consultant** Economic and Social Policy Division, UNECA
May 1998-December, 2000	**Consultant (International)**, Economic and Social Policy Division
November 1995-May 1998	**Principal Researcher/Program Advisor, ACTIONAID-UK.**
January 1996-2007	**Assistant Professor (par time)** , Department of Economics, Graduate School, Addis Ababa University.
July 1994-November 1995	**Assistant Professor**, Department of Banking and Finance, Addis Ababa Commercial College, Addis Ababa University
November 1991-JUNE 1994	**Lecturer**, Department of Banking and Finance, Addis Ababa Commercial College , Addis Ababa University.
SEPT 1984-JUNE 1988	**Assistant Expert** for Economic Research and Studies, institute for the study of Ethiopian nationalities

Short-term Consultancy appointments

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 2006
The World Bank-1996, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007
Overseas Development Institute, 2005/6
UNDP, 2005, 2006
UNECA, 1994
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, 1993, 1994

Professional Services/Appointments

Associate Editor, African Development Review, 2010-Present

Team Leader, "Reproductive health and poverty in Ethiopia" AERC Collaborative Project 2007-2008

Team Leader for First Phase AERC Collaborative Research Project on **"Poverty, income distribution and labor market issues in Ethiopia**". 1998-2000.

Team Leader for Second Phase AERC Collaborative Research Project on **"Poverty, income distribution and labor market issues in Ethiopia**. 2002-2007.

Team Leader, 2002-2004 for Research Project on **"Institutions and Globalization in Africa: Case of Rural Poverty'** by Foundation for Advanced International Studies (FASID), Japan Tokyo.

Chairman, Research and Publication Office, 1993-1995, Addis Ababa Commercial College, Addis Ababa University

Research Grants and Scholarships

Reproductive Health and Poverty in Ethiopia, AERC, 2007-2008
SAREC Project on 'Evolution o f Poverty in Ethiopia'. 2005-2007. Sweden.
AERC Research Project on Poverty, Income Distribution and Labor Market Issues: 1997-2006. Nariobi.
FASID Research Project on 'Poverty in a Globalised World in Africa'. Japan. Tokyo
UNDP Research Project on 'The Impact of Structural Adjustment Programs on Poverty in Ethiopia'. 1996-1998. Addis Ababa.
Ethiopian Higher Education Commission. Research Project on 'Consumption Behavior and Economic Policy in Ethiopia'. October 1991-Sep 1993.
Gothenburg University Scholarship for PHD in Economics. 2000-2006
Indian Government Scholarship for Masters degree. 1989-1990.

RESOURCE PERSON

- **Resource Person** for AERC bi-annual research workshop, 2009-Present

- **Resource Person** Training Workshop on 'Poverty, Public Policy and Growth in Africa'. September 2004. African Development Bank. Tunis.

- **Discussant** to a number of research papers on issues of poverty presented at such workshops as Plenary Session of AERC Bi-Annual Workshop, Can Africa Claim the 21st Century?, etc..

- **Resource Person** WDI/UN-ECA Joint Training Workshop on "Poverty, Public Policy and Income Distribution", Pretoria, South-Africa, Feb 4-11, 1998.

- **Resource Person** WDI/UN-ECA Joint Training Workshop on "Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction, and Social Protection: Theory, Evidence and Social Protection for Sub-Saharan Africa", June 1-11, 1999, Addis Ababa.

- Refresher Course on "General Equilibrium, Economic Growth and Social Policy" Jointly Organized by Department of Economics and Institute for Social Studies, Hague, October 25-Nov 5, 1999, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- Referee to a number of economic journals such as: *World Development*, *Journal of Income Inequality*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, *East African Journal of Social Science Research*, *Journal of Development Research*, and *African Development Review*.

Publications

Published Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

1) **‘**Poverty and the path to inclusive development in South Sudan**”,** forthcoming***, African Development Review,*** with Audrey Chouchane,

2) ‘Aid, employment and poverty in Africa’, forthcoming, ***African Development Review***, with (John Page)

3) **”**The making of the middle class in Africa: evidence from DHS data”, ***Journal of Development Studies***”**, accepted for publication, doi**10.1080/00220388.2014.968137

4) “Labor market integration in urban Ethiopia: 1994-2004’**, (2013) vol 61(4): 889-931,** ***Economic Development and Cultural change,*** **University of Chicago Press (with Arne Bigsten and Taye Mengistae)**

5) “Global welfare analysis for Africa: a demand-system approach using data from the International Comparison Program”, ***African Development Review*** Volume 23, No2, 2011, p147-160

6) “The persistence of urban poverty in Ethiopia: A tale of two measurements”***, Applied Economics Letters,*** Volume 18, Number 9, June 2011 , pp. 835-839(5).

7) “Growth, income distribution and poverty in Ethiopia: which way for pro-poor growth?” (2009), , ***Journal of International Development,*** vol. 21(7), pages 947-970

8) “Poverty transition and persistence in Ethiopia” (2008), (with Arne Bigsten) ***World Development***, vol. 36(9), pages 1559-1584, September

9) “Can Africa reduce poverty by half in 2015?” (with Arne Bigsten), ***Development Policy Review***, 25(2): 147-166, 2007

10) “Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Surveys. 2005”. ***World Development,*** vol 31. No 1. pp 87-106. With, Bigsten, Arne, Kebede, B, and Taddesse, M,

11) “The State and Path of Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Comments” ***Journal of African Economies***, supplement, 2000, volume 9.

12) “Perceptions of welfare and poverty in Ethiopia: analysis of qualitative responses of urban households” , 1999. ***Ethiopian Journal of Economics***, volume VIII, no 1 with (M. Taddesse),

13) “Welfare and Poverty in Ethiopia: an application of Stochastic Dominance Criterion. 1999”. ***Ethiopian Journal of Economics***, *volume VIII, no 1* (With, Bigsten, Arne, and Taddesse)

14) “Poverty and Welfare in Ethiopia. 1999. ***Ethiopian Journal of Economics***, volume VIII, no 1. (With, Bigsten, Arne, Kebede, B, and Taddesse)..

15) "Systems of Demand Equations: Theory and Applications", ***Ethiopian Journal of Economics***, vol ii, 1993, pp 1-50

Articles currently under review

- Information technology and tax fraud in Ethiopia, under review, American Economic Journal: microeconomics

Books

1) Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Abebe Shimeles, Nadege Yameogo, 2014, "Urbanization and socio economic development in Africa: challenges and opportunities, Rutledge Publishers,

2) Dilip Ratha & Sanket Mohapatra & Caglar Ozden & Sonia Plaza & William Shaw & Abebe Shimeles, 2011. "**Leveraging Migration for Africa : Remittances, Skills, and Investments**," World Bank Publications, The World Bank, number 2300

3) "Essays on poverty, risk and consumption dynamics in Ethiopia" (2006), ***Economic Studies***, no 155, Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg University.

4) Poverty, Income Distribution and Labor Market Issues in Ethiopia (**eds**, with Bigsten, A and Kebede, B.). 2005 (January). Scandinavian Institute of African Studies. Uppsala. Sweden.

Chapters in Books

1) "Poverty and wealth in Africa: shifting fortunes and new perspectives", forthcoming in "Handbook of African Economies" editors Justin Li and C. Monga, Oxford University Press.

2) Ncube, Mthuli, Shimeles, Abebe and Chouchane, Audrey, 2013 "**South Africa's Quest for Inclusive Development, in "Africa's quest for inclusive development"** editors Bruce Currie-Alder and Ravi Kanbur, Oxford University Press

3) "Migration patterns, trends and determinants in Africa" in "Leveraging Migration for Africa's Development", World Bank, 2011

4) "Finance and Poverty in Ethiopia: a household level analysis", (2008), with (Geda, A and Zerfu, D), in ***"Financial Development, Institutions, Growth and Poverty Reduction"***, (eds. B. Guha-Khasnobis and G. Mavrotas), Palgrave, MacMillan

5) "Openness, trade liberalization, inequality and poverty in Africa", (2007) (with Geda, A.), in "***Flat World, Big Gaps*"**, (ed Jomo, K.S), Zed Books.

6) "Poverty dynamics in Ethiopia: state dependence and transitory shocks" (2006), in Nizamul Islam, **"*Essays on Labour Supply and Poverty: A Micro-econometric Application*",** Economic Studies, no 153, Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg University.

7) "The Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia", (2006) **.'*Perspectives on Human Well-being*** (ed Mark McGillivray and Matthew Clark). United Nations University Press. (with Arne Bigsten).

8) "Prospect for a 'Pro-Poor' Growth Strategy in Africa", (2006) in ***'Perspectives on Human Well-being*** (ed Mark McGillivray). United Nations University Press. (with Arne Bigsten).

9) "Theory and methods of poverty analysis", (2005), with (A. Bigsten, B. Kebede and M. Taddesse), in ***"Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia",*** (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikaininstitututet, Sweden

10) "Rural and Urban Poverty Profiles", (2005), with (A. Bigsten, B. Kebede and M. Taddesse), in ***"Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia"***, (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikaininstitututet, Sweden

11) "Changes in welfare and poverty: an application of stochastic dominance criterion", (2005), with (M. Taddesse), in ***"Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia",*** (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikaininstitututet, Sweden

12) "Perceptions of welfare and poverty in Ethiopia: analysis of qualitative responses of urban households" (2005), with (M. Taddesse), in *"**Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia",*** (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikaininstitututet, Sweden

13) "Growth, Distribution and Pro-Poor Growth: An Overview", (2004) (with Bigsten, A and Jorgen, L.) in "M. Krakowski (ed.). ***Attacking Poverty: What makes growth pro-poor?"*** HHWA Studies, vol 75, Hamburg.

Working Papers

1. John Page & Abebe Shimeles, 2014, "Aid, employment and poverty reduction in Africa", World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
2. Abebe, Shimeles & Andinet Delelegn, 2013. "**Working Paper 182 - Rising Food Prices and Household Welfare in Ethiopia: Evidence from Micro Data**," Working Paper Series 980, African Development Bank.
3. Ncube, M and Shimeles, A. "**The making of middle class in Africa: evidence from DHS data**", IZA Discussion Papers 7352, Institute for the study of Labour (IZA)
4. Ncube, Mthuli, Shimeles, Abebe and Chouchane, Audrey, 2012 "**South Africa's Quest for Inclusive Development**, AfDB Working Paper Series 150
5. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, "**Migration patterns, trends and determinants in Africa**", AfDB Working Paper Series 119
6. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, " **Financing Goal 1 of MDGs in Africa: some results from cross-country analysis"**, AfDB Working Paper Series 121
7. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, "**Global welfare analysis for Africa: application using data from the International Comparison Program**" AfDB Working Paper Series 122.
8. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010. "**Community based health insurance schemes in Africa: The case of Rwanda**," Working Papers in Economics 463, Göteborg University, Department of Economics
9. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2008. "**The persistence of urban poverty in Ethiopia: A tale of two measurements**," Working Papers in Economics 283, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
10. Islam, Nizamul & Shimeles, Abebe, 2007. "**Poverty dynamics in Ethiopia: state dependence**," Working Papers in Economics 260, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
11. Bigsten, Arne & Mengistae, Taye & Shimeles, Abebe, 2007. "**Mobility and earnings in Ethiopia's urban labour markets, 1994-2004**," Policy Research Working Paper Series 4168, The World Bank.
12. Geda, Alemayehu & Shimeles, Abebe & Zerfu, Daniel, 2006. "**Finance and Poverty in Ethiopia: A Household Level Analysis**," Working Papers RP2006/51, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
13. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2005. "**Can Africa Reduce Poverty by Half by 2015? The Case for a Pro-Poor Growth Strategy**," Working Papers in Economics 177, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
14. Geda, Alemayehu & Shimeles, Abebe, 2005. "**Taxes and Tax Reform in Ethiopia, 1990-2003**," Working Papers RP2005/65, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
15. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2004. "**Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia**," Working Papers UNU-WIDER Research Paper , World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
16. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2004. "**Prospects for 'Pro-Poor' Growth in Africa**," Working Papers UNU-WIDER Research Paper , World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
17. Bigsten, Arne & Kebede, Bereket & Shimeles, Abebe & Taddesse , Mekonnen, 2002. "**Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Surveys**," Working Papers in Economics 65, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.

Published Research Reports, Policy Briefs and Conference Papers

1) "**Inclusive growth index for Africa: methods and applications**", 2013, AfDB (with Mthuli Ncube and Stephen Younger)
2) "**Leveraging migration for Africa: remittances, skills and Diaspora resources**", World Bank/ADB publications. 2011
3) **"Africans abroad: migration trends, patterns and determinants"** *Economic Brief,* Volume 1, Issue 6, 2010, African Development Bank
4) "**Diaspora bonds, securitization of remittances and African development**", *Economic Brief,* Volume 1, Issue 8, 2010, African Development Bank
5) "**Community based health insurance scheme in Rwanda: is it working?"** processed, African Development Bank.
6) **"An African Demand System? Welfare Comparison using the International Comparison Program data set"**, 2010, Research Report, African Development Bank

7) **"Health and schooling in Ethiopia: evidence from large welfare monitoring surveys"**, (2009), paper presented at the African Economic Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

8) "Global economic crisis, long-term growth and policy implications for Africa", ***Development Research Brief***, no 5, July (2009) (with Leonce Ndikumana), African Development Bank

9) "Computations of development financing gaps: some conceptual and empirical issues" ***Development Policy Brief***, no 6, September 2009, African Development Bank

10) "How do Africa's poor fare during a global economic slowdown and food price crisis?", ***Development Policy Brief***, no 1, May , 2009, African Development Bank.

11) **"Community based health insurance scheme in Rwanda: is it working?"** (2009), paper presented at the Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm University and Goteborg University, Sweden.

12) "**Transitory Shocks and household welfare in Ethiopia: empirical investigation of poverty traps**", (2008), World Bank Research Report, January, (with A, Bigsten), Washington DC

13) "**Inflation and the poor in Ethiopia: a demand systems approach**", (2007), World Bank Research Report, December, Washington DC

14) "Africa's progress and prospect in implementing the Monterrey Consensus", (2008) UNECA, Trade, Economic Development and Finance Department

15) "**Trends in Returns to Schooling in Ethiopia"**, (2006), World Bank Research Report (with A. Bigsten and T. Mengistae), Washington DC

16) "**Finance and poverty in Ethiopia: a household level analysis**" (2006), WIDER Research Paper 2006/51, Helsinki, (with A. Geda and D. Zerfu)

17) **"Towards comprehensive growth strategies for Africa"** (2006), Background paper for "African Plenary on Growth Strategies" held in Cairo, May, (with Arne Bigsten)

18) **"The macroeconomic implications of financing MDGs in Ethiopia"** (2005), (with Alemayehu Geda), paper prepared for UNDP

19) "A **Synthesis of Research on Income Inequality in Africa**". (2005) Paper prepared for Department for International Development. London. UK

20) **"The Dynamics of Consumption in Ethiopia"** (2005). Mimeo. Department of Economics. University of Gothenburg.

21) **"Poverty, Income Distribution and Growth in Ethiopia: 1994-2000**". (2005). Mimeo. Department of Economics. University of Gothenburg. (with Arne Bigsten).

22) **"Can Africa Cut Poverty by Half in 2015?", (2005),** Background Paper for ECA-OECD Report on "Mutual Development Review Report''. UNECA-OECD. Forthcoming.

23) **"Taxes and tax reform in Ethiopia: 1994-2003",** (2005), WIDER Research Report 2005/65, WIDER, Helsinki.

24) **"Trade Reform and Poverty in Africa", (2004).** Background paper for "African Economic Report". UNECA. 2004

25) **"The Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia"** (2004). WIDER Research Paper 2004/39, Helsinki, (with Arne Bigsten).

26) **"Prospect for a 'Pro-Poor' Growth Strategy in Africa** "(with Arne Bigsten). (2004). WIDER Research Paper 2004/42, Helsinki,

27) **"Millennium Development Goals: Challenges and Prospects for Ethiopia**" (2003). Report prepared for the Millennium Development Goals Task Force. Addis Ababa. (With Alemayehu Geda)

28) **"Consumption Variability, Risk and Poverty in Ethiopia"** (2003). Paper Presented at a WIDER workshop on Risk, Insurance and Poverty in Ethiopia. Addis Ababa.

29) **"Poverty Efficient Aid Allocation in Africa: A revisit".** (2003). Mimeo. UNECA.

30) **"Vulnerability and Poverty in Africa"** (2002). Background Paper for "Harnessing Technologies for Sustainable Development ". UNECA. 2002.

31) **"Institutional Aspects of Rural Poverty: Land Tenure and Vulnerability to Shocks in Ethiopia"** (2002). Paper prepared for Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development (FASID). Tokyo. Japan

32) **"Poverty, Income Distribution, and Labor Market Issues in Ethiopia"** (2001). AERC. Mimeo. Nairobi, (with Bigsten, A, B. Kebede and M. Taddesse).

33) **"Poverty, and Rural Institutions in Ethiopia**", (2001) Paper prepared for Foundations for Advanced Studies in Development. Tokyo. Japan. (With Geda, A. and Kebede. B.)

34) **"Poverty and Welfare in Ethiopia: Measurement and Determinants",** (2000), paper presented at "A Symposium for Reviewing Ethiopia's Socio Economic Performance, 1991-1999, Inter Africa Group, Addis Ababa, April

35) **"Revisiting Poverty Estimates in Ethiopia".** Mimeo. With Ali, A.G.., UNECA, Addis Ababa

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36) **"Public Expenditure Allocation in Africa: an Exploratory Analysis",** (1999), Working Paper Series ESPD/WPS/99/11 With Ali, A.G., Ali,

37) **"The Challenges of Meeting the International Development Goals",** (1999). In 'Economic Report on Africa'. UNECA. Addis Ababa. (with A.Ali.Ali)

38) **"Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches to the Measurement of Poverty"**, (1999), Occasional Paper 0001, UN/ECA, ESPD.

39) **"Patterns of Income Inequality in Ethiopia"**, *(1999)*. Mimeo. Action-Aid Ethiopia (with B. Kebede)

40) **"The Welfare Implications of Removal of Subsidies on Selected Commodities in Ethiopia",** *(1999)*, . Mimeo. (With Taddesse, M), Action-Aid Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

41) **"Poverty Measurement and Profile in Ethiopia" (1999),** paper presented on the collaborative research project workshop on "Poverty, Income Distribution and Labour Market Issues in Ethiopia", AERC, May 28-29, 1999 Accra, Ghana. (With Mekonen Taddesse, 1999),

42) **"Macroeconomic Reform, Growth and Poverty in Ethiopia, Evidence from Household Panel Data", (1998),** paper presented in the Bi-annual AERC workshop, AERC, May 1998. (With Bereket Kebede and Mekonnen Taddesse)

43) **"Poverty and Welfare Comparison in Ethiopia: an application of Stochastic Dominance Test"**, *(1998)*, paper presented in a seminar at Center for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford and University of East Anglia, (With Mekonnen Taddesse)

44) **"Structure of The Rural Economy and Adjustment in Ethiopia"**, 1998, paper presented at the workshop "Economic Reform, Income Distribution and Poverty in Ethiopia" Sept 24, organized by Action Aid-Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

45) **"Urban Poverty in Ethiopia: 1994-1997"** *(1998)*, World Bank Discussion Paper. With Mekonnen Taddesse

46) **"Issues in the Measurement and Dynamics of Poverty: a Survey",** *(1995)*, paper presented at the fifth annual conference on the Ethiopian Economy, November 1995, Nazereth

47) **"Gini Coefficients and Concentration Curves: Measuring Welfare Changes in Ethiopia",** (1995). Mimeo. Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University

Special Skills/Short term Training

- Comfortable with statistical software such as : SAS, STATA, LIMDEP, and SPSS
- Comfortable with the preparation, organization and management of large data sets such as household budget surveys, census data, etc.
- Participated in advanced training courses in poverty analysis, General Equilibrium Methods, micro-simulations organized by AERC, July 1997
- Participated in advanced training course on poverty mapping organized by AERC, September 2000.
- Participated in Executive Training on Evaluating Social Programs, Cape Town, January 2011, the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab.

References

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