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EDUCATION

- **B.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering:** Haramaya University, Haramaya, Ethiopia, July 2018 | GPA: 3.3/4.0
- **B.Sc. in Information Technology:** Technical and Vocational Training Institute, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia; January 2023 | GPA: 3.77/4.0
- **B.A. Degree in Management,** Unity University: Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, February 2023 | GPA: 2.7/4.0

AWARDS

- **Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) RLC Alumni:** Certified in personal development and leadership through the U.S. Government's YALI initiative, Nairobi, Kenya (2023).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IT Technician, IT Support Team- Ministry of Revenue, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

July 2019 – Present

- Led the installation of Local Area Networks across multiple offices, improving digital infrastructure for key tax collection systems.
- Organized and conducted on-the-job training for staff, enhancing their competency in using critical software for organizational efficiency.
- Managed security protocols, including protecting sensitive data and educating the staff on safe computing practices to prevent data breaches.
- Supported and maintained the various software applications the team relies on, resolving any issues to keep workflows uninterrupted.

- In addition to my role as an IT technician, I actively contribute to empowering women within the organization by voluntarily organizing and leading personal development training programs for female employees. This initiative is driven by my commitment to fostering professional growth, leadership, and self-empowerment among women in the workplace.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Volunteer Operation Support - Dire Dawa American Corner, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

April 2022 – Present

- **Facilitate Cross-Sector Dialogue:** Managed a dynamic schedule of daily activities, engaging youth, civil society, and local government leaders to promote dialogue on peace building, leadership, and youth empowerment, while fostering a deeper understanding of shared values between Ethiopia and the United States.
- **Resource Collection Management:** Maintained and organized the American Corner's resource collection, ensuring relevant educational, cultural, and informational materials were accessible to the public and tailored to the local community's needs.
- **Higher Education Outreach:** Delivered workshops and presentations on U.S. higher education opportunities to students, parents, and educators, empowering Ethiopian students to explore scholarships and understand U.S. university application processes.
- **Client and Visitor Tracking:** Maintained detailed records of visitor attendance and participation in American Corner activities to improve programming and ensure wide-reaching impact.
- **Report Generation for U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa:** Compiled reports on the Corner's activities, accomplishments, and visitor engagement. Regularly updated the U.S. Embassy on progress, ensuring alignment with their mission priorities.
- **Oversight of Material Resources:** Supervised the Corner's physical and digital resources, ensuring proper usage and safekeeping.
- **Marketing and Outreach:** Led outreach campaigns to attract diverse visitors from Dire Dawa and surrounding areas. Promoted events via social media, community partnerships, and local advertising, focusing on underrepresented groups such as women and youth.

- **Collaboration with U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa:** Worked closely with the U.S. Embassy's American Corner Advisor to plan and execute educational and cultural events, ensuring alignment with the Embassy's mission priorities, including promoting peace, security, and educational opportunities.

Eastern Ethiopia Vice Head Regional Ambassador, CGE Campaign- The Inspired Ethiopian Youth Association | Youth Network Ethiopia

July 2022 – August 2022

- **Facilitated Webinars on Reconciliation, National Dialogue, and Conflict Resolution:** I successfully organized and led a series of webinars focused on key themes of reconciliation, national dialogue, and conflict resolution. These sessions brought together experts, community leaders, and participants from various backgrounds to foster understanding and collaboration. Through interactive discussions, attendees gained valuable insights into effective strategies for promoting peace within their communities.
- **Coordinated Employability Skills Training for Dire Dawa University's Graduating Class:** In my role, I coordinated a comprehensive employability skills training program for the graduating class of Dire Dawa University. This initiative aimed to enhance students' job search strategies and professional skills. Workshops covered resume writing, interview techniques, and networking strategies, resulting in improved confidence and preparedness among participants. Feedback indicated a significant increase in students' employability awareness and a higher success rate in securing job placements.
- **Organized Over 20 Virtual Training Sessions on Peace, Security, and National Development:** I organized and facilitated more than 20 virtual training sessions aimed at engaging over 1,000 youths across the nation. These sessions centered on critical topics such as peace, security, and national development, encouraging participants to become active contributors to their communities. Through engaging content and interactive formats, we fostered a sense of empowerment and agency among attendees, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to advocate for positive change.
- **Hosted Weekly Meetings with Fellow Peace Ambassadors:** As a peace ambassador, I hosted weekly meetings with fellow ambassadors to strategize and share best practices

for engaging youth in our campaigns. These collaborative sessions focused on developing targeted outreach strategies, sharing resources, and discussing challenges faced in our efforts. By fostering a supportive network, we enhanced our collective impact, ensuring that our initiatives resonated with young people in our city and inspired them to take action.

Dire Dawa Public-Private High School Club

January 2024 – Present

- I actively volunteer with “the Dire Dawa Public-Private High School Club”, where I engage with professionals to mentor high school students. Through this initiative, I support students in achieving their academic goals and guide them in making informed decisions about their future careers.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **AF American Spaces Tradecraft:** Certified from the Office of American Spaces for completing the course, Pretoria, South Africa, 2024
- **National American Spaces Workshop:** Certified for participating on the workshop from the department of state Embassy of the united states of America, cultural affairs office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2024
- **The 7 habits of highly effective people for young professionals:** certified for the successful completion of the course, Nairobi, Kenya, January 2023
- **Master Trainer ToT:** Certified by the FDRE Ministry of Labor and Skills and Master card Foundation in foundational skills, job search, career pathways, digital skills, and entrepreneurship, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2023.
- **YALI RLC:** Certified in personal development and leadership through the U.S. Government’s YALI initiative, Nairobi, Kenya, 2023.
- **Introduction to American Spaces:** certified in recognition of completing the introduction to American spaces online course, from the department of state, March, 2023

- **American Spaces Workshop:** Certified for participating on a workshop by the department of state Embassy of the united states of America, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, 2023
- **Workshop on “Conflict management and Emotional intelligence”:** Certified for my participation in the workshop, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, 2022
- **Stress management,** Certified for participating on the international webinar organized by TOP Engineers-India, Brit Source – United Kingdom and Kuraz Consulting- Ethiopia, June, 2022
- **Effective leadership:** certified for completing the HP LIFE online course which taught me new skills including how to assess and use different leadership approaches effectively and how to communicate and collaborate more productively as a leader, December,2022
- **Finding Funding:** certified for completing the HP LIFE online course, January 2023
- **Strategies for Personal Growth and Development:** certified by the Young African Leadership Initiative in recognition of the completion of the course, January 2023
- **Design Thinking:** certified for completing the HP LIFE online course, January 2023
- **Effective Presentation:** certified for completing the HP LIFE online course which taught me new skills including how to tailor information for their audience, how to deliver a persuasive presentation, and how to create an effective and well- designed presentation, December,2022
- **Developing personal development through soft skills:** Certified for participating on the international webinar organized by TOP Engineers-India, Brit Source – United Kingdom and Kuraz Consulting- Ethiopia, June, 2022
- **Success Mindset:** certified for completing the HP LIFE online course, December 2022
- **Installation Construction Work Level-I,** Haramaya, Ethiopia, 2018