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Biography: **Seblework Mekonen** is an Associate Professor of Toxicology and Food Safety in the department of Environmental Health Science and Technology, Jimma University, Ethiopia. She obtain her PhD in Applied Biological Sciences, from Ghent University, Belgium in 2016 and her research is on “Human Exposure and Consumer Risk Assessment from pesticides uses in Ethiopia”. Her research is mainly focus on the analysis of pesticide residues in commonly consumed food items and drinking water and assessing associated health risks using Monte-Carlo Simulation Models. She obtain her MSc in Master of Science in Environmental Sanitation from Ghent University, Belgium, in Sept. 2009 and obtain Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy from Jimma, University, Ethiopia in July, 2006. **Seblework** is Secretary General of Jimma University Teachers Association (JUTA), Chairwoman of staff promotion committee in Faculty of Public Health, Jimma University, leader of POPRIC project funded by UNESCO-IDRC/CRDI in Jimma University, leader of Human and Environmental Toxicology course team, member of Peace Campus Initiative committee in Jimma University, member of staff lounge advisory committee in Jimma University.

Seblework is a member of Organization for Women in Science for the developing World (OWSD), life member of Society of Women in Science and Technology (SWIST), member of Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association (EPA), member of Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA), member of Ethiopian Environmental Health Association (EHA), member of Ethiopian Teachers Association (ETA), reviewer of Journal of Science of Food and Agriculture (JSFA), life member of Ethiopian Red cross Society and member of Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC, Europe).

Awards for her scientific accomplishments include the 2018, **first cohort OWSD Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS)** fellowship award. She obtain post-doctoral guest lecturer position in Ghent University for the 2018 International Training Program on Food Safety (ITP Food Safety) and Certificate obtained. She also attended international course on Rights- Based Approach in Food and Nutrition Security organized by Wageningen University and Research and Wageningen Center for Development Studies Initiatives (WCDSI) and certificate Obtained.