

ENHANCING HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE IN AFRICA:

Integrating Health and Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights Considerations in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation



SPEAKER: **PROF BELAY SIMANE**

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BIO: **Belay Simane** is a professor at Addis Ababa University (AAU) specializing in Environmental Studies and Agricultural Development. His academic and research focus includes climate change adaptation, sustainable development, and food security, with particular emphasis on Ethiopia and East Africa – exploring the links between environmental change, agricultural systems, and community resilience.

Professor Simane's leadership positions include Head of the Center for Environment and Development Studies and Director of Research at Haramaya University, among others. Currently serving as a professor at the Center for Environment and Development at AAU and as the Lead Scientist for the Choke Mountains Development and Research Initiative, with over 35 years of experience in teaching, research, and rural development across Ethiopia, India, Syria, Kenya, the USA, and Mozambique.

Additionally, Professor Simane is a fellow of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences and is actively involved in international scientific and development initiatives, including the UNFCCC and the GEF-Small Grants Program.

