



## ESAP Members Information

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### *Resume:*

Difabachew Regassa, born in *Awassa* (15 January 1960, Ethiopia), is an Ethiopian animal geneticist working for the Ethiopian Livestock Revolution Research Institute (ELRRI) since 2000. He received his PhD (June 2004) in Animal Science (especially genetics and breeding) from the Humboldt University in Germany. Formerly he held an MSc degree (July 1996) in Animal Production from the Alemaya University of Agriculture, Ethiopia. His PhD thesis on "*Productivity of indigenous cattle breeds and their crossbreds with Holstein-Friesian in the Ethiopian highlands*" deciphers the potential of crossbreeding to improve milk productivity of indigenous cattle breeds and provides feasible productivity improvement pathways. His main tasks at ELRRI have been to write project proposals to solicit funds for livestock research, management and analysis of experimental data, scientific report writing, and supervision of undergraduate and graduate students. Dr Difabachew has worked for 10 years in livestock agriculture in various research and development institutions in improving animal productivity with a focus on large ruminants through improved health, breeding and management. He has authored or co-authored over 15 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and proceedings. He is a member of several professional networks including Ethiopian Quantitative Geneticists Association. Dr Difabachew is married and a father of two daughters.