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Berhe G. Tekola, a national of Ethiopia, holds a Doctor's degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Camaguey, Cuba; a Master's degree in Veterinary Science from l'École nationale vétérinaire de Toulouse, France and a PhD from l'Institut national polytechnique de Toulouse, France in Recombinant Vaccine Development.

In 1986, Tekola started his professional career as a field veterinarian, then in 1992, he joined the National Veterinary Institute of Ethiopia where he worked and led the Institute (Vaccine Production Enterprise) until 2007.

In 2007, he was appointed Director of Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Ethiopia, where he worked on many projects with different intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and collaborated with the private sector, civil societies, research institutions and academia under the principles of Public Private Partnership.

In August 2011, he joined the FAO as Director of the Animal Production and Health Division, leading the Animal Health Service, the Livestock Production and Animal Genetic Resources Branch and the Livestock Information, Sector Analysis and Policy Branch. He and his team strive to address the sustainability of the livestock sector for the benefit of the livestock keepers (including the wildlife), finding a balance between the livestock/animal and the environment. Securing the livestock sector's contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals is his priority.



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