



**Tsion Tekalegn**

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Fellow

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Tekalegn is one of a growing number of women agricultural scientists who have won a customized institutional Fellowship for the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR). The customized institutional Fellowship is an intervention of AWARD's Gender Responsive Agricultural Research and Development (GRARD) initiative that supports institutional capacity for gender-responsive agricultural research.

<b>Position</b>	Junior Researcher
<b>Institution</b>	Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>BSc</b>	Rural Development and Agricultural Extension
<b>Mentor</b>	Professor Anna Treydte, Lecturer, NM-AIST
<b>Research Area</b>	Evaluating agro-ecological intensification using pesticidal plants.

Tsion Tekalegn is a junior researcher at the Melka Werer Research Centre. She works in agricultural extension, mainly involved in conducting demonstrations and technology transfer.

Tekalegn holds a BSc in Rural Development and Agricultural Extension from Jimma University. From childhood, she had always dreamt of becoming an agricultural scientist because she had witnessed the struggles that her people, especially those living in rural areas, underwent due to the low standards of living.

"Through the AWARD fellowship, I hope to build my skills in the areas of gender, capacity building and proposal writing," she concludes.

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