**As you will see it from my enclosed CV and other credentials, I believe that my qualifications and relevant work experiences for the last 12 years of translation, transcription, editing and related works in English into Afan Oromo and English into Amharic make me competitive in translation.**

**I have MA degree in Journalism and Communication, and BA degree in Foreign Languages and Literature (English) both from Addis Ababa University. In addition to these, I have had a number of relevant term trainings, among others, in Professional and Participatory Journalism in Brave 21st Century and Investigative Reporting both offered by BBC World Trust Service. The training on Fundamentals of Communication as offered by US Embassy Public Affairs Section, and Population, Health and Environment Nexus as offered by the Ethiopian Consortium of Population, Health and Environment are also impeccable.**

**Above and beyond, the trainings I have had at different times on formative research and basics of qualitative and quantitative researches offered by different non-government organizations and consultant and research firms are also invaluable ones.**

**My experiences of working for the Ethiopian Herald—a daily English and Barissa –Oromo weekly newspapers since September 2007 till now on different positions from proofreader to my current position of the Ethiopian Herald Senior Editor made me capable media practitioner.**

**I had also acquired extensive experience in teaching languages at different colleges for four years prior to joining the Ethiopian Press Agency as a journalist. During my career at the colleges, I worked in preparing teaching modules, serving as Head of Languages Department, Academic and Exam committee and coordinating the colleges’ year bulletins.**

**What makes me a very competitive in translation business is my experience as a freelance researcher and research tool designing and translation for over the last ten years. One of my experiences both in formative research and translation are with the Empowering New Generations in Improving Nutrition and Economic Opportunities (ENGINE) taking part as a supervisor and research tool translator and editor as well.**

**The key strengths to succeed in this position is therefore, my relevant qualifications, work experience, and own aspiration to be dependable media researcher. All these qualities I possess will be an asset for your organization, given that you will consider working with me.**

**Please, see my CV and other relevant documents attached for additional information on my qualification and experience. I look forward speaking to you about this opportunity.**

**My rate for translation is 0.05 USD per word, 15 USD per page or 30 USD per hour**

**Sincerly,**

**Berhanu**

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**Place of Birth: Wollega**

**Sex: Male**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**2011 – 2014 MA in Journalism and Communication Addis Ababa University School of Journalism and Communication**

**1998 – 203 BA degree in Foreign Languages and Literature Addis Ababa University Institute of Language Studies**

**Diploma in Computer from Shalom Computer Engineering**

**Certificate in Professional and Participatory Journalism in Brave 21st Century from BBC World Trust Service**

**Certificate in Investigative Reporting from BBC World Trust Service**

**Certificate in Fundamentals of Communication from US Embassy Public Affairs Section**

**Certificate in Population, Health & Environment (PHE) reporting**

**Certificate in Movies, Media, and Global Citizenship from Sandscribe Communications and Wagner College, New York (Collaborative Program).**

**A number of uncertified short term training on editorial values, production, packaging, editing, etc.**

**Training on basics of qualitative and quantitative researches, data management, In-depth-Interview , Focused Group Discussion**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**2007—Present**

**Translating research tools, software, medical, literature, media, scriptures, textbooks, training manuals, general, etc**

**2014—present**

**BBC Media Action Radio Producer on Mothers and Children Health**

 **2007—2014 Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA)**

**Editor of the Ethiopian Herald (January 30 2010 to December 2014).**

**Assistant Editor of the Ethiopian Herald (August 1, 2009 to January 30 2010).**

**Senior Reporter of the Ethiopian Herald from (September 1, 2008 to July 30, 2009).**

 **Reporter of the Ethiopian Herald (February 1, 2008 up to August 30, 2008).**

**Proofreader of Barisa Weekly Newspaper in Afan Oromo (October 2, 2007 up to January 30, 2008)**

 **2004—2007 Batu Global College**

**Teaching English, Afan Oromo, Amharic and Civic Education Courses both at diploma and certificate levels.**

**Working as a Head of Language Department, Year Books, Literature and Culture Club, and as a member of Exam Committee.**

**Public and External relations officer**

 **2003—2004 New Generation University College**

**Teaching English, Afan Oromo, Amharic and Civic Education Courses both at diploma and certificate levels.**

**Head of Language Department.**

 **2008—Present Freelance Researcher and Translator**

**Population Service International/Ethiopia: Translator and Editor.**

**Sub-Saharan Research and Training Center: Translator, Editor, Research Supervisor, Coordinator and Research Tool Designer**

**Le Monde Health Development Consultant: Research Tool Translator and Field Supervisor**

**Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Development and Social Service Commission (EECMY—DASSC): Annual Report Editor.**

**International Reporting Project: Fixer and Translator on Newborn and Mothers’ Health Reporting Project**

**Rift Valley Women and Children Development: Data Collector**

**Worked with Alliance for Knowledge**

**SKILLS**

**Computer**

**All Microsoft Offices,**

 **AU (Audio Editing)**

**Language (perfect in speaking, reading and writing)**

**English**

**Amharic**

**Afan Oromo**

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**Reading scriptures and creative writings**

**Listening to spiritual songs**

**Sport (football, volley ball)**

 **Paying attention to daily events both locally and internationally**

**REFERENCES**

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