

Mrs. Deressa was appointed Representative on the ICAO Council on 5 October 2022. She has over 21 years of extensive experience in infrastructure development and leadership in the public sector. She is a Civil Engineer with an advanced degree from the University of Reading, UK, in Construction Management.

From 2018 to 2020, Mrs. Deressa served as State Minister of Transport and played a key role in transport policy making, overseeing the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority's activities including managing Ethiopia's regional and international relations in aviation. As Deputy CEO of Ethiopian Airports Enterprise (2015 - 2017), she was responsible for Civil and IT infrastructure development, facilitation and operations of 22 airports in Ethiopia including Addis Ababa Bole International Airport. She also has over 10 years of experience in local and cross-country highways development and skills in planning, procurement, design, construction and maintenance management.

Mrs. Deressa's extensive experience as CEO of three Public Enterprises along with her participation on various Boards of Directors, has served to enhance her leadership, business development, negotiation, advocacy and communication skills.