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Prior to Heifer, Martha served as the Program Policy Advisor for Ethio-Netherlands Development Cooperation; and led the Gender and Development Division for the Cooperation. Martha has also served on several boards of international organizations, in various roles including: Board Chair, Vice Chair and a member. She holds an M.Sc. in Natural Resources Management and Sustainable Agriculture from Agricultural University of Norway, and a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from Alemaya Agricultural University of Ethiopia, and various diplomas in leadership and sustainable development, from various institutions.