

After the announcement of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's death on 20 August 2012, Hailemariam was named acting prime minister. He is the first Protestant Christian head of government in the history of Ethiopia



Public offices:

2005–present: Member of the House of People's Representatives

2010-2012: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

2008–2010: Government Chief Whip, with a Ministerial portfolio

2005–2008: Social Affairs Special Advisor to the PM, then Public Mobilization & Participation Special Advisor to the Prime Minister

2002–2005: President of the SNNPR

2000–2002: Vice President of the SNNPR

Party posts:

2010- present: Deputy Chairman of the EPRDF

2002–present: Chairman of the SEPDM

2000-present: Member of the Executive Committee of the EPRDF and the SEPDM

Education:

Upon his return to Ethiopia he served in different academic and administrative capacities, including the dean of the Water Technology Institute, for 13 years.

Tampere University of Technology in Finland: Masters degree in sanitation engineering.

1998: Addis Ababa University, bachelor degree in civil engineering