

## **Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopian Airlines**



Tewolde GebreMariam was appointed as Group Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopian Airlines in January 2011. He began his career at Ethiopian in 1985 as Transportation Agent and held a number of senior leadership positions in different divisions in the Airline including Ethiopian Cargo, Area Offices and Sales & Marketing.

In his role as CEO, Mr. Tewolde, has been a multiple award winner including African CEO of the Year, Best African Business Leader, The Airline Strategy Award for Regional Leadership, The Most Gender Focused CEO Award and Airline Executive of the Year Award.

Mr. Tewolde also serves as a member of the High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport with United Nations, Chief Executive Board member of Star Alliance, Board member of International Air Transport Association (IATA) and AirlinK Advisory Council. Additionally, he is an Executive Committee member of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA), a member of Board of Directors of Africa Travel Association (ATA) and Board of Directors of Ethiopian Tourism Organization (ETO).

“Considering the environmental challenges facing our world, aviation innovations which curb carbon emissions substantially will be of immense importance. As a socially responsible international airline, we are slashing carbon emissions by operating ultramodern fleet such as the B787 Dreamliner and Airbus A350. Better yet, all-electric powered or hybrid engine aircraft with operational excellence equivalent to today’s aircraft can transform the future of aviation and environmental protection. Such breakthroughs are not beyond the reach of science and human ingenuity; let’s bear in mind that the technologies we take for granted today were considered unimaginable at one point in the past!”

Tewolde graduated from Addis Ababa University with B.A. Degree in Economics. He earned his Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Open University in the United Kingdom. He has received Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa from Addis Ababa University in July 2019.