

## **SEED honoree Athleet-Colonel Derartu Tulu Gemechu:**



Derartu Tulu is the first African women Olympic gold medalist winning the 10,000 meters races in Barcelona, Spain. She was able to prove the world African women in general and Ethiopian women in particular, could compete in a world stage.

### **SEED honors Colonel Derartu Tulu:**

**As a distinguished role model to Ethiopians everywhere, in recognition of her outstanding athletic excellence which has brought pride, fame and prestige to Ethiopia and its people, for representing Ethiopia and Ethiopians in positive light in the world stage over the last 3 decades and counting, in appreciation of the rich and positive contribution she has made by exemplifying ideals and standards of our Ethiopian community, for her entrepreneurial and leadership skills, civic responsibilities and demonstrated love of love of country.**