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Goals and Objectives of EDRI:

- Disseminate results of policy research
- Build professional excellence and capacity in socio-economic policy analysis.
- Develop a policy research responsive to the needs of policy makers which is rooted in rigorous analysis.
- Create a research agenda that examines both short, medium and long term issues,
- Serve as an effective forum for discussing development issues among key stakeholders.

Current Programs Hosted by EDRI:

- Young Lives Project (YLP)
- International Food Policy Research Institute -Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSPII)
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE)

Partners

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex (U.K)
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan)

EDRI Vision: An Emerging Think Tank Group engaged in research, training and consultancies. Founded in August 1999 as semi-autonomous government development research institute, sponsored by the Ethiopian government. ACBF, UNDP and IFPRI/ESSP.

News!

- Three EDRI PhD students from their respective universities visited for the summer to gather data and literature for their dissertation.
- Two researchers visited EDRI from Stockholm University, Sweden on June 25 – July 25, 2009.
- Four Professors from the International Growth Center (UK) visited EDRI in mid July 09.
- Certificate of completion was awarded for 13 successful GAMS trainees on Aug 12, 2009.

Meetings and Presentations

- The National Advisory Committee (NAC) for ESSP II had their quarterly meeting on April 8, 2009.
- Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), presented a paper entitled “Agricultural Input Use and Development” at the World Bank Ethiopia Office.
- Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI) presented a paper entitled “Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology Development for Sub-Saharan Africa” UNECA (May 29, 2009).
- A discussion was held in the presence of the Executive Director of EDRI and in-house researchers on a draft report on “Tourism Flows and its Determinants in Ethiopia” by Yabibal Mulualem, from AAU and “Fertilizer Consumption and Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia” by Kefyalew Endale, from AAU (April 14, 2009) EDRI.
- Tigabu Degu (EDRI) presented a paper entitled “Explaining Growth Performance and Total Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Ethiopia”, at the 7th International Conference EEA (25-27 June 2009).
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI) presented a paper entitled “Spatial Integration of Coffee Growers Market in Ethiopia” , at the 7th International EEA Conference (25-27 June 2009)
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI) presented a paper entitled “Analysis of Changes in Food Consumption Pattern in Urban Ethiopia”, at the 7th International Conference EEA (25-27 June 2009).
- Hashim Ahmed (EDRI) and Dr. Paul Dorosh (ESSP II) presented their paper entitled “The Implications of Growth on Sectoral Migration, Poverty and Structural Transformation: The Case of Ethiopia”, at the 7th International Conference EEA (25-27 June 2009).
- Hashim A. Ahmed (EDRI) and Dr. Paul Dorosh (IFPR-ESSP II) presented their paper entitled “Foreign Exchange Rationing and Food Security in Ethiopia”, at the 7th International Conference EEA (25-27 June 2009)
- H.E Ato Newai GebreAb gave a keynote speech at the 7th International EEA conference (Capital Newspaper, June 28, 2009 issue).
- Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of EDRI/ACBF Project on Jul 30, 09.

Seminars and Workshops

- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Cereal Markets in Ethiopia: Policies and Performances” by Shahidur Rashid and Asfaw Negassa (April, 15, 2009).
- EDRI Policy Seminar: “Tourism Flows and Its Determinants in Ethiopia” by Yabibal Mulualem and “Fertilizer Consumption and Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia: Panel Data Evidence” by Kefyalew Endale (April 23, 2009).
- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Commodity Exchange: Setting the Rules of the Game” by Dr. Eleni Gabre-Madhin (April, 30, 2009).
- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Agricultural Input Systems and Markets in Ethiopia” by David J. Spielman, Dawit Kelemwork and Dawit Alemu (May 8, 2009).
- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Growth, Poverty and Chronic Poverty in Ethiopia” by John Hoddinott (May 29, 2009).
- JICA/EDRI Forum: “Developmental State, Agriculture and Industrial Development & Quality and Productivity Improvement in the Industrial Sector” Sheraton Hotel (June 2, 09)
- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Patterns of Food Consumption in Ethiopia” by Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, Zelekawork Paulos, Seneshaw Tamiru, Sinafikeh Asrat & Kibrom Tafere (June 16, 2009).
- ESSP II/EDRI Seminar: “Economic Implications of Foreign Exchange Rationing in Ethiopia: A General Equilibrium Analysis” by Paul Dorosh, Sherman Robinson and Hashim Ahmed. Hilton Hotel , Addis Ababa (August 12, 2009)



Research/Work Completed, among others

- Tigabu Degu, EDRI, Tannery Survey (March 01- June 05, 2009). This is a complementary work to the survey on Shoe Markets in Addis Ababa.
- Hashim Ahmed, EDRI, “Model Construction and Utilization, Multiplier Effect Model”, 2008/09.
- Yabibal Mulualem, Addis Ababa University, “Tourism Flows and its Determinants in Ethiopia”, 2008/09.
- Kefyalew Endale, Addis Ababa University, “Agricultural Productivity and Consumption of Fertilizers”, 2008/09.



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Research/Work in Progress

- Gezahegn Ayele, EDRI, “Value Chain Analysis, Mitigation and Institutions for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry, Ethiopia”.
- Tigabu Degu, et al, EDRI, “The Level of Competitiveness of Major Exportables in Ethiopia and the Relevance of Trade and Macro-economic Policies”.
- Tigabu Degu, EDRI, Metal Work Industry Survey. A project between EDRI and FASID/GRIPS of Japan.
- Alemu Tulu and Birouke Tefera, EDRI, “Analysis of Formal Sector Employment in the Oromiya Regional State”.
- Hansa Teklay, et al, EDRI, “Investigating Challenges and Opportunities in the Foreign Trade Sector”.
- Tsegay Gebrekidan, EDRI, “The Real Estate in Addis Ababa: Performance, Challenges and Opportunities”.
- Hansa Teklay, et al, EDRI, “The Impact of WTO Accession on Economic Growth, Poverty, Female Labour Participation and Child Labour: Lessons from a Dual-Dual Micro CGE Model”.

Training

- IFPRI-ESSP II held 14 sessions of training on GAMS at EDRI from Jan – June 2009.
- EDRI researchers participated in a two-day GIS training organized by IFPRI-ESSP II at ILRI on June 09-10, 2009.
- A call for potential candidates to study an MA in South Africa was sent to MoFED, MoARD and CSA along with the criteria adopted by the TAC. Four people are envisaged to benefit from the ACBF training opportunity. They are expected to commence their study in January 2010.
- Eleven EDRI staff are doing their PhD abroad. In addition there are 2 more MA trainees in Europe. Sponsored by EDRI-ACBF and IFPRI/ ESSP II.
- Two staff of the National Bank of Ethiopia are on training abroad. One is doing his PhD at the University of Sussex with funding from EDRI/UNDP project. The other one recently left for South Africa to do his MA in Economics with EDRI/ACBF support.

Networking

- EDRI applied for grant support of Think-Tank Initiative (TTI) of the International Development Research Center (IDRC). EDRI was selected among 24 beneficiary research institutes in Africa.
- Preparation is underway to forge a research agreement with the New International Growth Center (DFID, UK).
- MOU signed between EDRI and IFPRI for ESSP II.
- MOU signed between EDRI and Addis Ababa University, Dep’t of Economics.

Upcoming Activities and Research

- EDRI’s first newsletter is launched with this issue!
- New Communications and Disseminations Unit to be set up at EDRI.
- GIS Lab is available for EDRI Researchers to be launched beginning of September!
- “Major Studies on the Ethiopian Tax System”, by Hashim Ahmed et al.
- “Strategy and Policy for Urban Agriculture”.
- “Domestic Market for Coffee”.
- “Urban Growth and Urbanization Processes since the Early 60s: The Case of Ethiopia”.