



The primary mission of EDRI is to conduct research on the development of the Ethiopian economy and disseminate the results.

Goals and Objectives of EDRI

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

Collaborative Programs

- International Food Policy Research Institute -Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSP II)
- Ethiopia Growth Research Program (IGC, EGRP) with the International Growth Center of U.K

Projects Hosted by EDRI

- Young Lives Project (YLP) with a consortium of international collaborators.
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE) with Gothenburg University

National and International Partners

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex, U.K.
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
- African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET), Ghana, Accra
- University of Oxford, U.K.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Chair of Econometrics, Mannheim University, Germany
- Energy Economics Institute of South Korea
- National and Regional Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Hawassa, Adama and Addis Ababa

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, IDRC-TTI and IFPRI/ESSP.

News!

- The ACBF Senior Program Officer, Roger B. Atindéhou (PhD) was at EDRI during September 19-24, 2011 for a supervision mission and to assess the project preparation for the implementation of the midterm review.
- Two MSc students from Jimma University were hosted by EDRI on internship basis during the months of July and August.
- Of the 23 grantees of EDRI/ESSP II award, 15 MSc students have successfully completed their thesis work.
- The Editorial Board of EDRI Working Paper Series met on August 29th 2011 and approved the publication of Ibrahim Worku's article titled "Road Sector Development and Economic Growth in Ethiopia". The article was subsequently published in September 2011 as Working Paper 004.
- Dr. Nzinga Harriet Broussard from Ohio State University is posted at EDRI to act as IGC Visiting Fellow from September to December 2011.

Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) and the International Growth Centre of the U.K. (IGC, U.K.) held a seminar at EDRI on September 8th 2011 on the theme "Neighbors and Extension Service in Ethiopia: Who Matters More for Technology Diffusion?". The seminar was presented by Dr. Pramila Krishnan who is a recognized researcher at Cambridge University, U.K. Participants came from the public sector, the academia, the research community and international organizations. The research was based on panel data from the Ethiopian Rural Household Survey (1999–2009).
- On September 6th 2011, the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) and Ethiopia Strategy Support Program (ESSP II/IFPRI) held a workshop on the findings of the project titled "Study on Successful Farmers in Ethiopia" at Jupiter International Hotel – Bole. There were four presentations:
 - Study background and livelihood profile by Dr. Alebel Bayrau
 - Income profile and asset building behavior by Dr. Guush Berhane
 - Consumption profile and behavior by Dr. Tassew Woldehanna
 - Savings and investment behavior by Dr. Alebel Bayrau

Some 40 participants including federal and regional officials and experts, researchers, academics and international research organizations attended the workshop. The Executive Summary of the research report was distributed to participants.

- ESSP II and EDRI held a training program in GIS at ILRI Campus on September 20-22, 2011.
- EDRI held a seminar titled "Fairness and Framing in Public Goods" on October 14th 2011 at EDRI Conference Room. The presenter was Professor James Konow from Loyola Marymount University, USA.
- EDRI, ESSP II and the School of Economics of Addis Ababa University (SoE-AAU) jointly held a training workshop on GAMS/CGE (both Static and Dynamic Versions) from October 17-28, 2011, at the computer lab of SoE-AAU. The training workshop was attended by researchers and academics, including regional university and postgraduate students. It was funded by ESSP/IFPRI and the World Bank.

Networking

- EDRI signed MoU with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), USA, in August 2011 to undertake the project titled "Industrial Labor in Ethiopia".

Staff News

- Two EDRI researchers, Firew Bekele and Girum Abebe, have successfully completed their PhD study abroad and resumed work at EDRI in September 2011.



Upcoming Events

- EDRI and ESSP II granted small research award for 23 post graduate students (2 PhDs and 21 MSc) in economics in 2010/11 academic year. Announcement is made for a similar grant for the 2011/12 academic year. Applications should reach EDRI or ESSP II by November 30th 2011. For more information, contact: Hanna Ketselamaryam at hannakmaryam@yahoo.com.
- ACBF will recruit consultants to conduct a Midterm Review for EDRI Phase II Project (2009-2013) in December 2011.
- A one-day workshop on the economy of the livestock sector will be held on November 4th 2011 at Jupiter Hotel.
- Training course in Game Theory and Industrial Organization is scheduled for November 7–11, 2011 at EDRI.
- Launching Workshop of Strategy Document for Ethiopia's Carbon Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) is planned for November 18th 2011 at Hilton.
- Two-week seminar on applied microeconometrics by Prof. David Stifel is planned for beginning of December 2011.



H.E. Ato Newai providing keynote speech on Successful Farmers Study Workshop (September 6th, 2011) Jupiter International Hotel–Bole

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Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Production of Price, Quantity and Other Economic Indicators”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “The Ethiopian Tax System” under the Ministry of Trade.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Inter-Sectoral Linkages of GTP”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Price Transmission Analysis of Goods along Supply Chain”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Pattern and Determinants of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Ethiopia: Value Chain Approach”
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Sectoral Performance of the Ethiopian Economy: The Education and Health Sectors”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Investigating the Effectiveness, Adoptability and Impact of Irrigation Technologies for Sustainable Water Resource Use and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia”.
- EDRI in collaboration with The African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), based in Accra, Ghana, research on “Ethiopia: Country Case Study on Economic Transformation”.
- Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia by McKinsey Group, EDRI, EPA and other relevant government agencies.

Completed Research

- A monthly report on “Real and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Indexes for Ethiopia” for the month of June and July 2011 was published and distributed by the Macro and Trade Policy Research Directorate.
- A monthly report on “Inflation and Overall Domestic Price Development in Ethiopia” for the months of July and August 2011 was published and distributed by the Macro and Trade Policy Research Directorate.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI) and Seneshaw Beyene (ESSP II), “Vertical and Spatial Integration of Live Animal and Meat Markets in Ethiopia”.

Meetings and Presentations

- The EDRI Management Committee held a meeting to review and approve EDRI Library Rules and Regulations on August 15th 2011.
- The Ministerial Steering Committee, designated to follow-up and monitor the preparation of strategy document for Ethiopia's Carbon-resilient green economy, held its fifth and last meeting on August 24th 2011. In this meeting the Committee reviewed the revised strategy document in light of the feedback they gave on their July 6th session and outcomes of consultative meetings held in sector institutions and a sample of regional states (Tigray/Mekelle, Addis Ababa and Harar). In addition, the institutional set-up proposed for the implementation of the Green Growth Strategy was presented by Dr. Teweldebirhan, Director General of the Environment Protection Authority and endorsed by the meeting.
- The Technical Advisory Committee of ACBF/EDRI Project held its third meeting for the 2011 fiscal year on August 29th 2011.
- The National Advisory Committee (NAC) of EDRI/ESSP II held a meeting on September 26th 2011. The main agenda was to update the NAC on current and future activities of ESSP II.
- The Korea International Cooperation Agency's (KOICA's) Implementation Survey Team from the Republic of Korea and EDRI researchers held a consultative meeting on future research agenda of KOICA team, October 4th 2011.
- Dr. Firew Bekele (EDRI) presented a paper on “Fiscal Response to Development Aid” on October 13th 2011 at UNECA on UNECA/UNDP joint seminar series.

Participation in Conferences

- Dr. Tadesse Kuma participated in a performance review meeting organized by the Ethiopian Coffee Development Agency in Jimma Town at Jimma University on September 3th 2011.
- Dr. Alebel Bayrau attended a seminar organized by International Water Management Institute (IWMI) on Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation which was held on August 16th 2011 at ILRI Campus.