



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

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.

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.

Current Programs Hosted by EDRI:

- Young Lives Project (YLP) with a consortium of international collaborators.
- International Food Policy Research Institute -Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSP II)
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE) with Gothenburg University.
- Ethiopian Growth Research Program (IGC, EGRP) with the International Growth Center of U.K

National and International Partners

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex, U.K.
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan.
- University of Oxford, U.K.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Chair of Econometrics, Mannheim University, Germany.
- National and Regional Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Hawassa, Adama and Addis Ababa.

News!

- The ACBF fielded a project supervision mission from March 21-30, 2011. The mission was conducted by Dr. Roger Atindehu, Senior Program Officer at ACBF.
- An ACBF Delegation, led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Frannie Leautier, was in Addis from January 12-16, 2011 on a mission to discuss about the 20th Anniversary of the ACBF with different institutions. The Delegation also met with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi on January 15th 2011.
- Dr. Alan Gelb was in Addis January 17-18, 2011 to assess the effectiveness of Ethiopia Growth Research Program (EGRP), a collaborative program between EDRI and IGC (U.K.).
- A book, titled “An Enterprise Map of Ethiopia”, authored by Prof. John Suttan (LSE, U.K.) and Nebil Kello was launched on January 12th 2011 at Sheraton Addis. The book is a product of research partnership between the International Growth Centre (IGC) and the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI).
- EDRI and ESSP II have granted a small research award for 23 post-graduate students (2 PhDs and 21 MSc) in economics and agricultural economics at Ethiopian public universities.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI) *et al.* published an article titled “Wastewater Use in Crop Production in Peri-urban Areas of Addis Ababa: Impact on Health in Farm Households” in the *Journal of Environment and Development Economics*, February 2011.
- EDRI Working Paper Series No. 3 titled, “Fertilizer Consumption and Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia” by Kefyalew Endale was published in February 2011.

Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- EDRI held a workshop on a consultancy research report, titled “The Status of Irrigated Agriculture in Ethiopia”, on December 10th 2010 at EDRI conference room. The presenter was Yohannes Sefero, from the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange Authority.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a workshop, titled “Does Electricity Supply Strategy Matter? Shortage and Investment; Reflection Based on CGE Analysis”, at EDRI conference room on December 29th 2010. The presenters were: Seneshaw Tamiru, Ermias Engeda and Eyasu Tsehay.
- JICA and EDRI held their Seventh High-Level Forum at Sheraton Addis on January 20th 2011. The themes of discussion were: Organizational Structure of Ministry of Industry, Linkage with Other Ministries, and The Making of High Priority Development Strategies: International Comparison of Policy Procedure and Organization.
- EDRI convened a workshop on a consultancy research, titled “Road Transport in Ethiopia: Trends, Stock of Achievements and Impact on Overall and Sectoral Economic Growth”, on January 21st 2011 at EDRI conference room. The presenter was Ibrahim Worku from IFPRI/ESSP II.
- EDRI held a workshop on “Soil Fertility, Fertilizer Consumption and Economic Benefits in Ethiopia: Is Inorganic Fertilizer a Panacea for Agricultural Growth and Transformation?” on February 22nd 2011 at EDRI conference room. The presenter was Dr. Gezahegn Ayele.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar, titled “A CGE Analysis on Financing Alternatives of Ethiopia's Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) 2010/11 - 2014/15”, on April 12th 2011 at EDRI conference hall. The researchers were: Sherman Robinson, Paul Dorosh, Dario Debowicz, Seneshaw Tamiru, Eyasu Tsehaye and Ermias Engeda.

Networking

- EDRI signed an MoU with the Chair of Econometrics, Mannheim University, Germany in November 2010. The objectives of the collaboration are: to produce demand driven research outputs, to strengthen Ethiopian policy research capacity, and to establish partnership that enhances policy analysis.
- EDRI signed a contract with The African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) to conduct a country case study titled “Ethiopia: Country Case Study on Economic Transformation”. The research outcome will be published in a book.

Staff News!

- Tsedey Wondyifraw was recruited as Internal Auditor in March 2011.
- Two junior researchers were awarded a full scholarship and joined the Department of Economics at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark as of February 2011 for their MSc degree.
- Two professional staff of EDRI have successfully completed their MBL work with UNISA-SBL. They were financed by ACBF.



Upcoming Events/ Research

- High-Level Training on econometric applications to policy and impact analysis is planned May 2-4, 2011 for university faculty staff and other researchers with Professor Markus Frölich, Chair of Econometrics at Mannheim University, Germany.
- Workshop on the findings of “Climate Finance, Climate Conventions, Carbon Markets and Carbon Trading”
- Workshop on the findings of EDRI’s research on “Urban Growth and Urbanization Process in Ethiopia”



The Ministerial Steering Committee meeting for Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia study 11 April 11th 2011.

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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”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI) “Inter-Sectoral Linkages GTP”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI) “Price Transmission analysis Goods along Supply Chain”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Pattern and Determinants of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Ethiopia: Value Chain Approach”
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Livestock Marketing Chain in Ethiopia: Value Chain Approach”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Sectoral Performance of the Ethiopian Economy: The Education and Health Sectors”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI) “The Contribution of Livestock Sector to Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), Tassew Woldehanna, Gebrehiwot Ageba and Guush Berhan “Econometric Analysis of the Consumption, Saving and Investment Behaviours of Successful Farmers”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Investigating the Effectiveness, Adoptability and Impact Irrigation Technologies for Sustainable Water Resource Use and Poverty Reduction Ethiopia”.
- EDRI in collaboration with The African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), based in Accra, Ghana, on “Ethiopia: Country Case Study on Economic Transformation”.
- Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia by South Korean Institute of Global Green Growth, McKinsey Group, EDRI and other relevant government agencies.
- Alemu Mekonnen, Zenebe Gebregziabeh, Adane Tufa and Assefa Seyoum, “Climate Finance, Climate Conventions, Carbon Markets and Carbon Trading”.

Completed Research

- Alemu Tulu and Birouke Teffera (EDRI), “Analysis of Public Sector Employment Profile Oromia State, Ethiopia”
- Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), “Soil Fertility, Fertilizer Consumption and Economic Benefits Ethiopia: Is Inorganic Fertilizer a Panacea for Agricultural Growth and Transformation?”
- Hansa Teklay (EDRI), “Reconciliation of Data Generated by Commercial Bank of Ethiopia and Customs Office”

Meetings and Presentations

- Prof. Lawrence Haddad, Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of Sussex University, gave a lecture on the theme “Recent Developments and Prospects on the Ethiopian Economy” on January 14th 2011.
- The National Advisory Committee of ESSP II held its quarterly meeting on February 2nd 2011 at EDRI.
- The Management Committee of EDRI met on April 4th 2011.
- Alebel Bayrau presented a paper on “Who Learns from Success: Social Learning in Agriculture in Ethiopia” at the CSAE conference held in Oxford, March 19 – 21 2011.
- The Technical Advisory Committee of ACBF/EDRI held its first meeting for the 2011 fiscal year on April 6th 2011.
- The Ministerial Steering Committee established for the study titled “Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia” held its meeting on April 11th 2011 at EDRI Conference Hall. This study is a joint engagement between EDRI, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) of South Korea, McKinsey Co., and relevant government institutions and agencies.

Participation in International Conferences

- H.E. Ato Newai Gebre-ab attended the ACBF 20th Anniversary celebration held at Kigali, Rwanda, February 8-9, 2011.
- Tadesse Kuma presented a paper on “Agricultural Productivity and Food Security under Changing Climate Condition in Ethiopia” on a workshop organized by German Agro Action, March 9-11, 2011.