



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 economic development issues
- Serve as an effective forum for discussing development issues among key development 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
- KEEI -Korean Energy Economics Institute, South Korea
- National and Regional Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Hawassa, Adama, Wolaita Sodo and Addis Ababa.

News!

- The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and EDRI's principal partner, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) signed an agreement on January 25th 2012 concerning the membership of The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Board of Governance of ACBF.
- EDRI published two working papers (WP No. 005 and 006), titled "Economic and Environmental Benefits of Forage Legume-Cereal Intercropping in the Mixed Farming System" by Menale Kassie and "Does Electricity Supply Strategy Matter? Shortage and Investment: Reflections based on CGE Analysis" by Ermias Engida, Eyasu Tsehaye, and Seneshaw Tamru.
- EDRI signed a contract agreement with University of Oxford to undertake the research project entitled "Enterprise survey and social network experiment in three African countries".
- EDRI and the Korean Energy Economics Institute (KEEI) signed a contract agreement to conduct joint research on "Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation".

Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- EDRI and JICA convened their first High Level Forum for the Policy Dialogue of Phase II on Industrial Development in Ethiopia on January 11th 2012 at Sheraton Addis.
- EDRI hosted a workshop on 19th December 2011 to discuss the major findings of a study on the longer-term perspectives of government policies and interventions in rural Ethiopia. The research is based on 20 exemplar villages in Tigray, Amhara, Oromia and SNNP regions for which baseline data were collected in 2003. The research is financed through multi-donor funding and managed by the World Bank. The researchers are Alula Pankhurst, Philippa Bevan, Catherine Dom, Rebecca Carter and numerous Ethiopian researchers.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar on "The Impact of SMS-Based Agricultural Information on Farmers: Insights from a Randomized Control Trial" by Bart Minten, December 9th 2011 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar titled "From Drought to Development in the Horn of Africa: An Exploration into Alternative Investment Options" by Derek Headey, Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse and Liang You, December 7th 2011 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a two-week seminar course on applied microeconometrics by Prof. David Stifel, November 28 – December 9, 2011 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) organized a launching ceremony of Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) Strategy Document on November 18th 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a 5-day course in game theory and industrial organization, November 7-11, 2011 at EDRI Conference Hall. The training workshop was attended by researchers and academics, also from regional universities, and postgraduate students. It was funded by ESSP II/IFPRI and the World Bank.
- EDRI and ESSP II held a one-day workshop on the theme "Taking Stock of the Economy of the Livestock Sector in Ethiopia" on November 4th 2011 at the Jupiter International Hotel, Addis Ababa.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized training workshops on "Introduction to Geographic Information System" in Hawassa (November 2-3, 2011 and Dire Dawa (December 13-15, 2011).

Networking

- EDRI signed MoU with Department of Economics of Wolita Sodo University in December 2011 to jointly engage in research, teaching, training, thesis advising and consultancy services and disseminate research results to a wide spectrum of beneficiaries and the research community.
- EDRI established relationship with the Professional Research Africa platform (South Africa) to subscribe to research resources. The platform is an essential tool for fundraising and also for staff and institutional development through scholarships, fellowships and collaborative research calls that the platform regularly identifies.



Upcoming Events/New Research Projects

- EDRI and ESSP II established a small research grant for 23 post graduate students (2 PhDs and 21 MSc) in economics in the 2010/11 academic year. A similar grant for the 2011/12 academic year will be awarded in February 2012.
- An ACBF consultant will conduct a Midterm Review for EDRI/ACBF Phase II Project (2009-2013) in February 2012.
- Total Factor Productivity and Technical Efficiency in the Ethiopian Manufacturing Sector by Melaku Teklea
- Export Performance of Ethiopia by Abebaw Zerfu
- Alebel B., Tadesse K., Firew B., Girum A. and Alemu M., Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation between Ethiopia and South Korea
- Expert Workshop on Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation will be held on March 8, 2012



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Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and Macroeconomic and Trade Policy Analysis and Research Team (EDRI), "Production of regular economic indicators (price, external trade and exchange rate and real economic indicators)"; "Development and monitoring reports"; "Input-Output Table for 2009/10"; "Updating of the Social Accounting Matrix for 2009/10"; "Flow of funds analysis"; "Savings and resource mobilization in Ethiopia"; and "The Ethiopian tax system" under the Ministry of Trade.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Food price trends analysis and policy options for enhancing food security in Ethiopia".
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Teff production and marketing in Ethiopia: domestic value chain analysis".
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Performance evaluation of cotton supply and demand situation in Ethiopia: opportunities and challenges".
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), "Sectoral performance of the Ethiopian economy: the education and health sectors".
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), "Who learns from success? Social learning in Ethiopian agriculture".
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI) with IGC, "Institutional arrangement of successful farmers award".
- Firew Bekele and Girum Abebe (EDRI), "Enterprise survey and social network experiment in three African countries".
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), "Does saving constraint matter in enterprise development? Experimental evidence from Ethiopia".
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), "Recall bias in retrospective surveys: evidence from enterprise level data".
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), "Impacts of management training and selection into participation: the case of the garment sector in Ethiopia".
- Firew Bekele (EDRI), "Public spending and growth".
- Firew Bekele (EDRI), "The effects of devaluations: expansionary, contractionary or neutral".

Completed Research

- Hashim Ahmed and Macroeconomic and Trade Policy Analysis and Research Team (EDRI), "Price Transmission Analysis of Goods along Supply Chain".
- A quarterly report, October–December 2011, on "Real and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Indexes for Ethiopia" was published and distributed the Macroeconomic and Trade Policy Analysis and Research Directorate.
- A quarterly report, October–December 2011, on "Inflation and Overall Domestic Price Development in Ethiopia" was published and distributed by the Macroeconomic and Trade Policy Analysis and Research Directorate.
- 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.

Meetings and Presentations

- The Ministerial Steering Committee, designated to follow-up and monitor the preparation of strategy document for Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy, held its meeting on January 18th 2011. In this meeting the Committee discussed the next steps and follow-up activities.
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Participation in Conferences

- Tadesse Kuma participated in a regional workshop for the project "Analysis of trends and policy options to guide strategies for enhanced food security in eastern and central Africa", held November 28 – December 1, 2011 at Entebbe, Uganda.
- Mezgebe Mihretu attended a workshop on "Resource Mobilization Strategy Workshop" organized by TTI/IDRC in Nairobi, November 2–4, 2011.