



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
- Develop policy research rooted in rigorous analysis that is responsive to the needs of policy makers
- 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)
- International Food Policy Research Institute-Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSPII)
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE)
- Ethiopian Growth Research Program (IGC, EGRP)

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

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!

- Dr. John Page (Country Director) and Mrs. Ines Garcia (Chief Administrative Officer) from the International Growth Center (U.K) visited EDRI on 20-21, August 2009 to pave the way for the establishment of the Ethiopia Growth Research Program at EDRI.
- The GIS Lab at EDRI was officially launched on October 9, 2009.
- Dr. John Okidi, Senior Programme Officer at Think-Tank Initiative (TTI) of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) paid an institutional visit to EDRI on October 15, 2009.
- Ato Mezgebe Mihretu and Ato Getachew Yoseph participated in a workshop organized by the ACBF in Johannesburg, South Africa on December 1 – 3, 2009. The workshop focused on the revised procurement and disbursement manuals of ACBF, new developments at the foundation and the management action plan. The Executive Secretary of ACBF, Dr. Frannie Léauter, was also in attendance and made presentations on the last two sub-themes.

Seminars, Workshops and Conference

- Dr. Gezahegn Ayele participated in a 2-day regional workshop on Enhancing the Impact of Policy Research in Eastern and Central Africa on September 1 – 2, 2009 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was organized by ASARECA-PAAP.
- EDRI's Librarian Dereje Letyeblu participated in a one-day seminar organized by Enterprise Networks, Data Center and Applications Infrastructure Division of Seven Seas Technologies in collaboration with Net and Com PLC (Ethiopia), in Addis Ababa on the 24th of September, 2009. The focus was on data center and security solutions.
- ESSP II, in collaboration with EDRI organized an International Policy Conference titled "Accelerating Agricultural Development, Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia" on October 22 – 23, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel. [For soft copies of discussion papers presented at the conference, please visit http://www.ifpri.org/book-757/ourwork/program/ethiopia-strategy-support-program](http://www.ifpri.org/book-757/ourwork/program/ethiopia-strategy-support-program)
- ESSP II, in collaboration with EDRI organized an International Symposium titled "The Structural Transformation of Ethiopia's Economy: Future Directions for Development Strategy" on October 24, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel.
- EDRI/ESSP II organized a workshop in Lalibela town (Amhara Region) on October 26-28, 2009 to discuss initial results from the seventh round of the Ethiopian Rural Household Survey (ERHS).
- EDRI/EEPFE Project organized a half-day public lecture on climate change by Professor Thomas Sterner of the University of Gothenburg on November 2, 2009 at Harmony Hotel, Addis Ababa.
- EDRI organized a seminar titled "Integrated Watershed Management with Particular Focus on Tree Crops" by Dr. Kidane Georgis (EIAR) at EDRI on November 10, 2009.
- EDRI/ESSP II organized a seminar titled "Making Rural Services Work for the Poor and Women: An Institutional Analysis of Agricultural Extension and Drinking Water in Four Districts in Ethiopia" by Marc J. Cohen, Oxfam America (Formerly IFPRI) and Mamusha Lemma, EEA at EDRI on November 11, 2009.
- EDRI/ESSP II organized a seminar "Economy Wide Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation in Ethiopia: Preliminary Results" by Sherman Robinson and Dirk Willenbokkel at EDRI on November 20, 2009.
- EDRI/ESSP II organized a CGE Policy Analysis Workshop by Dr. Paul Dorosh on December 15, 2009

Networking

- EDRI institutionally registered with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) of the U.K in September 2009. This is an institution which grants funds for research projects on a competitive basis.
- MoU was signed between the International Growth Center (IGC, UK) and EDRI on August 21, 2009 to launch a research program called "IGC Ethiopia Growth Research Program", covering a period of three years. The Director of the Country Program is Dr. John Page from the International Growth Center.
- A financial agreement was signed on October 26, 2009 between EDRI and the London School of Economics and Political Science (on behalf of the International Growth Center, U.K) to support the Ethiopian Growth Research Program based at EDRI.



Training

- A tailor-made training on GAMS and CGE was given to EDRI researchers for four days by Dr. Paul Dorosh, Program Leader of ESSP II on September 22-25, 2009. Certificates were handed out to course participants at the ESSP II conference.
- A GIS training course was delivered by Emily Schmidt (IFPRI-ESSP II) on October 6 & 7, 2009 to EDRI researchers and experts from beneficiary institutions at ILRI campus. Participants received certificates in recognition of successful completion of the course.



Ato Newai Gebre-Ab and Paul Dorosh presenting certificate of achievement to graduate of the CGE course



John Mellor, Alemayehu Seyoum, David Spielman and Stefan Dercon during the panel debate on "Ethiopia's Growth to 2030: The Role of Agriculture" at ESSP II Conference.

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Meetings and Presentations

- The National Advisory Committee (NAC) for ESSP II had their quarterly meeting on September 28, 2009.
- H.E Ato Newai GebreAb chaired two of the three day events of the Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II International Conference (Reporter Newspaper, October 25, 2009 issue).
- JICA and EDRI organized their third meeting of the High-Level Forum Series for Industrial Development at the Sheraton Addis on October 24, 2009.
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma and Ato Tsegay Gebre-kidan made a presentation of their research findings on their study titled "Development Gap Assessment and the Way Forward" in Semera town, the capital of the region on September 30, 2009. The study was conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Federal Affairs and UNICEF.
- A discussion paper titled "Implications of Price Shocks on Household Food Security" by S. Robinson (Sussex), Dirk Willenbokkel (Sussex), Hashim Ahmed (EDRI) and Paul Dorosh (IFPRI) was presented at the ESSP II conference on October 23, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel.
- A discussion paper titled "Constraints on the Rural Non-farm Economy: An Analysis of the Hand Loom Sector" by Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), Lisa Moorman (IFPRI), Xiabo Zhang (IFPRI) and others was presented at the ESSP II/EDRI conference on October 23, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel.
- A discussion paper titled "Real Exchange Rates, Growth and Income Distribution" by Paul Dorosh (IFPRI), Sherman Robinson (Sussex) and Hashim Ahmed (EDRI) was presented at the ESSP II/EDRI conference on October 23, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel.

EDRI Ongoing Research

- Dr. Tadesa Kuma (EDRI), "Power Asymmetry in the Coffee Value Chain and Producers Price in Ethiopia: Implication for Poverty Reduction"
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma and Dr. Gezahegn Ayele(EDRI), "Agricultural Technology Adoption and Marketing in Ethiopia"
- Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Value Chain Analysis, Mitigation and Institutions for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry, Ethiopia: Policy Analysis and Issues in Perspective"
- W/o Hansa Teklay and Ato Alemu Tulu (EDRI), "The Impact of WTO Accession on Economic Growth, Poverty, Female Labour Participation and Child Labour: Lessons from Dual-Dual Micro CGE Model on the Ethiopian Economy"
- Ato Tsegay Gebre-Kidan (EDRI), "The Real Estate Sector in Addis Ababa: Performance, Challenges and Opportunities"
- Dr. Kidane Georgis (IEAR), "The Role of Tree Crops Production in Natural Resource Management with Particular Emphasis on Watersheds".
- EDRI research team, "Assessing Progress of the Developing Regional States in Implementing their Development Plans and Documenting Lessons Learned, to inform the Ministry of Federal Affairs Strategic Plan for the Acceleration of Development Outcomes (Somali, Gambella, Beni-shangul Gumuz and Afar Regions)".
- EDRI research team, "The Formulation of Policy Options and Strategies to Enhance the Participation of Producers, Traders and Processors in the Modern Marketing System" (for the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange Authority).

Upcoming Activities and Research

- Preparation is underway to provide a training course on the Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy (DEIP) with UNU-MERIT, The Netherlands on February 22-26, 2010.
- A research on "Policy and Strategy for Urban Agriculture" is planned for 2010.
- A project proposal has been submitted and approved by UN-WFP in September 2009 to support the EDRI project: "Data Systems and Economy-wide Modeling to Support Policy Analysis in Ethiopia" in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex, U.K
- EDRI is planning to conduct a rural household survey in 2010, focusing on successful farmers.
- Ato Hashim Ahmed and team will start work on "Construction of a Social Accounting Matrix for 2007/08, and study on the Ethiopian Tax System" by the end of 2009.
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma will start work on "Official and Unofficial Livestock Marketing in Ethiopia: Value Chain Analysis" by the end of 2009.
- Dr. Alebel Bayru will start work on "The Livestock Sector and its Contribution to Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia" by the end of 2009.
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma will start work on "Performance of Agricultural Marketing, Cooperatives in Ethiopia: Opportunities and Constraints" by the end of 2009.
- Research on "Domestic Demand for Coffee" is planned for 2010.
- Research on "Urban Growth and Urbanization Processes in Ethiopia" is planned for 2010.