EDRI holds Book Launching and Research Dissemination

The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) organized book launching and research dissemination workshop on entrepreneurship and small business development in Ethiopia on the 21st of September 2018 at Eililly International Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The workshop was officially opened following the welcoming remarks delivered by Dr. Yohannes Ayalew, Executive Director of EDRI.

One of the core events in this workshop was the official launch of the book the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development in Ethiopia (ESBDE) Research Programme at the EDRI has published with the title: Main Features of Micro and Small Enterprises in Ethiopia. The book was officially launched by Dr. Yohannes Ayalew, Executive Director of EDRI, and Mr. Asfaw Abebe, Director of the Federal Small and Medium Manufacturing Industry Development Agency (FeSMMIDA).

In the book’s launching ceremony, Mr. Asfaw Abebe gave a brief speech. In his remarks, Mr. Asfaw acknowledged the immense contribution EDRI and the team in the ESBDE Research Programme had made in initiating this project which aims at filling the gap in knowledge generation and dissemination regarding the sector in Ethiopia and showing the commitment towards its realization.

The other core event in the workshop was the dissemination of research findings. The workshop involved set of presentations mainly organized around three broad areas. One of the areas covered focuses on giving description of the ESBDE Research Programme, the methodological considerations in the ESBDE survey, and major contents of the survey report published as a book. The second aspect emphasized on is Business Development Services (BDS) related survey activities. The third area treated involves research undertakings that address a range of variables which have bearings to the MSE sector.

In this workshop ten presentations were given. While the first presentation, by Dr. Mulu Gebreeyeusus, Coordinator of the ESBDE Research Programme and Senior Research Fellow at EDRI, provided the audience with an overview of and updates on the ESBDE research programme, the second presentation, by Dr. Ginum Abebe, member of the Research Programme and Director of the Micro and Sectoral Development Research Centre at EDRI, stressed sharing with the participants the potentials and limits of the existing micro and small enterprise data set as well the methodological departure in the entrepreneurship and small business development in the current survey. Given by Mr. Abebe Ambatchew, Associate Researcher at EDRI, the third presentation focused on highlighting the major contents of the ESBDE Research Programme’s baseline survey report which is published as book.

The next two papers paid attention to the theme ‘BDS to MSMEs in Ethiopia’. While the first paper, by Mr. Abebe, presents the methodological considerations in the BDS survey, the second paper, by Dr. Habtamu, introduces the preliminary findings of the survey.

The presentations that followed shared the participants of the workshop with findings and insights on the topics: Group entrepreneurship; Can worker cooperatives provide viable paths to create successful...
EDRI’s new ED meets Staff

Dr. Yohannes Ayalew, the new Executive Director of EDRI, meets the entire EDRI staff in an introductory session organized on 25 July 2018.

In the occasion, Dr. Yohannes expressed his happiness for being assigned to lead EDRI, a renowned state-owned think tank in Ethiopia. He also acknowledged the contribution of his predecessors, Mr. Neway Gebre-ab and Mr. Mekonnen Manyaevel, in EDRI’s accomplishments so far and called for a collaborative effort in moving the institute forward by building on what has been achieved.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Yohannes underscored that each employee has to exert their level to make EDRI’s vision of becoming a premier think tank and Centre of Excellence a reality.

Dr. Yohannes Ayalew is currently serving as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI). He is also an Alternate Governor of the IMF and Alternate Steering Committee member of East-

AFRITAC. Dr. Yohannes served as Vice Governor and Chief Economist of Ethiopia’s Central Bank (National Bank of Ethiopia) prior to coming to EDRI. He brings a three decades cumulative experience in the areas of finance, monetary policy and economic growth. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

EDRI Supports Orphans

EDRI provided financial and material supports to children who lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS. The event was organized on the 2nd of September 2018 at EDRI training room.

In the occasion, Mr. Nigatu Taye, Director of Finance and Budget Directorate, pointed out that EDRI, as part of its corporate social responsibility, has been contributing its share in order to improve the lives of those children, among others, through the donations of various schooling materials and clothing for more than five years.

The children who received the material and financial aid come from Kirkos sub-city of Addis Ababa. Included in the group are pre-primary, primary, secondary and preparatory school level students.
Publications

EDRI Working Paper


EDRI Research Report


Peer Reviewed Publications


Seminars and Conferences

Papers presented by EDRI Researchers

“Drivers of quality problems in the leather sector value chain in Ethiopia” by Dr. Berihu Assefa, Dr. Mulu Gebre-eyesus and Mr. Fikru Debele as part of EDRI’s seminar series at EDRI’s conference room in Addis Ababa on July 27, 2018

“What Determines Management Practices in Micro and Small Enterprises?” by Dr. Tsegay G. Tekleselassie in the ESBDE Research Programme’s workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa on September 21, 2018

“Determinants of labor turnover in micro and small enterprises in Ethiopia” by Dr. Tsegay G. Tekleselassie in the ESBDE Research Programme’s workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa on September 21, 2018

“Group entrepreneurship: Can worker cooperatives provide viable paths to create successful enterprises?” by Dr. Girum Abebe in the ESBDE Research Programme’s workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa on September 21, 2018

“The effects of power outage on micro and small enterprises productivity and revenue: Evidence from urban Ethiopia” by Dr. Seid Hassen in the ESBDE Research Programme’s workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa on September 21, 2018

“How does the business environment affect firm entry and performance? Evidence from MSE sector in Ethiopia” by Dr. Berihu Assefa in the ESBDE Research Programme’s workshop held at Elily International Hotel in Addis Ababa on September 21, 2018