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EEA organized different public dialogue forums both in Addis Ababa and Regions.

Different trainings were held at EEA and its chapters.

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1. ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC DIALOGUE FORUMS

The 19th Annual Conference of the Africa Region Chapter of the Econometric Society and the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy

The Ethiopian Economics Association organized the 19th Annual Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES) on Economic Analysis and Policy Challenges in Africa concurrently with the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy on July 16-19, 2014 in the organization's Conference Hall, Addis Ababa Ethiopia. The conferences were graced by the presence of by H.E Dr. Abraham Tekeste, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and other high government dignitaries and invited guests. At the conferences more than 110 paper presentations were made in four plenary and seven parallel sessions, and four keynote speech and lectures. Keynote speeches and lectures were delivered by prominent economists that

include Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Honorary Dean of National School of Development of Peking University; Prof. Manuel Arellano, President of the Econometric Society; Prof. Christopher Udry, professor of Economics at Yale University; and Professor Shiferaw Gurmu, Professor of Economics, Georgia State University. The conferences attracted about 523, 362, 291 and 276 participants during the first, second, third and fourth days of the conference, respectively. Out of the 110 presentations, about 65 came from different countries across Africa, Europe, China, USA and Canada. These Conferences have helped participants to understand some of the complex challenges that Africa has faced in this fast moving Global environment. EEA has enhanced effective

global networking and synergized among the efforts of like-minded individuals, institutions/ organizations. Some of the national and international organizations have made sponsorship contributions for these conferences include: the Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Development - Ethiopia, the USAID- Ethiopia office, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program II (ESSP II) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), the UNDP Ethiopia, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany (FES), the UNECA, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Economic Research Consortium, the African Center For Economic Transformation (ACET), the International Growth Center (IGC), and the Abt. Associates Inc.

The 21st General Assembly of EEA

The General Assembly (GA) of EEA was held on January 10, 2015 at the EEA Conference Hall. The GA discussed and endorsed the External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2013/14) and the plan for the year 2014/15.
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The 6th Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development

The Ethiopian Economics Association/EEA/ organized the sixth round conference on the Economic and social development of the Amhara Regional State on 20 September, 2014 in collaboration with EEA Bahir Dar chapter¹. The conference was opened by the welcoming remarks of Tesfaye Shiferaw (PhD), Vice President for Research and Community Services of Bahir Dar University, and Assefa Admassie (PhD), Principal Research Fellow of EEA/EEPRI. This was followed by an official opening statement by H.E. Ato Gedu Andargachew, President of the Amhara National Regional State.. The objective of the conference was to strengthen the regional economic development by further inspiring

the researchers and disseminate the research outputs to the people and/or regional policy makers. It also gives an opportunity for researchers and participants to share their experiences and enhance their linkage.

During the conference, 12 papers were presented by various researchers from EEA, Universities of Bahir Dar, Gonder, Jimma and Addis Ababa, and Adet Agricultural Research Center, Andassa Livestock Research Center /ARARI/, Bahir Dar Municipality, and Amhara Bureau of Finance and Economic Development. The conference had attracted about 150 participants and was funded by the FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG of Germany.

The Third Annual Conference on the Tigray National Regional State Economic Development

The Third Annual conference on the Tigray National Regional Economic Development, Co-organized by EEA Mekelle Chapter in collaboration with the Ethiopian Economics Association Secretariat, was held on June 28, 2014 at Axum Hotel, Mekelle. About 100 participants drawn from Mekelle City Administration, higher officials and expertise from the Tigray Regional State Council, Tigray Agriculture Research Institute and Development Bank of Ethiopia Tigray Branch, Regional Bureaus, the Universities of Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum,

NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region attended the conference. The conference was officially opened by Ato Daniel Assefa, Head of Tigray BoPaF after the welcoming statements by Dr. Abdelkader Kadir, Vice President of Mekelle University and Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of the EEA Secretariat. During the one day conference, seven papers were presented and discussed. The conference was funded by the FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG of Germany.

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In addition, elections were held to replace those Executive Committee members who have finished their terms of office. Thus, Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, as President, Dr. Amdissa Teshome and Dr. Fantu Guta, Member of EC and W/ro Fanaye Taddesse, as Treasurer were elected by the GA. The elected members gave their words of commitment to serve the association with full capacity for further improvement. The GA applauded the efforts made by the Executive Committee and the management in securing the renewed EEA license.

¹The Ethiopian Economic Association Bahir Dar Chapter comprises four member universities, namely Gonder University, Debre Markos University, Wollo and Woldiya Universities. It is located at the Department of Economics, Bahir Dar University

2. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

On Going Research Projects

- **2015 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The 2015 economic report with a thematic focus on “Economic Transformation in Ethiopia, Assessing the Dynamics and Looking into the Future” is under preparation
- **Enhancing the role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing in Ethiopia.** It aims to develop local capacity to generate and disseminate evidence on HCFR and overall health systems, by undertaking evaluations and researches. It is a collaborative research project with USAID.
- **Fair Trade Labour Market and Women’s Economic Empowerment – Growth and Labour in Low Income Countries-Back Ground Study:** It aims to conduct baseline survey for the project. It is a collaborative research project with Carleton University.
- **Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia:** it aims to help the country revisit existing shortcomings (in existing strategies, projects and programs) and to identify gaps and opportunities that hamper sustainable land management and development in the country. The background paper was produced; which later developed into full research paper. The paper is a joint work with Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn.
- **Leveraging Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WATSAN) Nexus: Synergies, Thresholds, and Trade-offs for a Better Nutrition and Health Outcome in Ethiopia:** it aims to investigate the complex interaction between and among irrigation agriculture and drainage system, domestic water supply, sanitation and hygiene practices, and their impact on human health and nutritional outcomes. It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF)
- **EEA Quarterly Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** It highlights the Macroeconomic Development in Ethiopia.
- **Updating of Social and Economic Database:** it provides users with a complete set of data for the country economic activity.
- **Business plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities:** it aims to improve the small holder farmers’ access to agricultural technology innovations in the target research areas, namely Halaba special Woreda in SNNPR and Baso Liben Woreda in the Amhara National Region State
- **Exploring the Future of Food and Nutrition Security:** it aims to assess the role of domestic policy in Food and Nutrition Security
- **Female labour Force Participation :**

3. NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM EEA

- Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. Volume I and Volume II, 2013
- Ethiopian Journal of Economics_ Volume XXII Number 1, April 2013
- 2014 Report on the Ethiopian Economy: Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia: Policies, Performances, Constraints and Prospects

Recently Completed Research Projects and Activities

- **2014 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The 2014 economic report with a thematic focus on “The Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia” The report was published and disseminated
- **Business plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities:** it aims to improve the small holder farmers’ access to agricultural technology innovations in the target research areas, namely Halaba special Woreda in SNNPR and Baso Liben Woreda in the Amhara National Region State

The Third Annual Conference on the Economic Development of Eastern Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Economics Association/EEA/ organized a day conference on the Economic development of Eastern Ethiopia for the third round on 22 November, 2014 in collaboration with EEA Jigjiga, Haramaya and Dire Dawa chapters at Hamda Hotel Conference Hall, Jigjiga. The objective of the conference was to strengthen the sub region’s economic development by further inspiring the researchers and disseminate the research outputs to the people and/or regional policy makers. It also gives an opportunity for researchers and participants to share their experiences and expand their linkage. The Conference was officially opened by Sultan Abdi Ali Shaga, Social and Economic adviser to the President of Somalia Regional State, after Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat and Ato Seid Mohammed Ali V/presedant of Jigjiga University made the welcoming address. The conference attracted about 113 participants including members of Regional Parliament, higher officials and expertise from Somalia Regional State, Universities of Jigjiga, Dire Dawa and Haramaya, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the Eastern Ethiopia. During the conference, 8 papers were presented by various researchers from EEA, Universities of Jigjiga, Dire Dawa, and Haramaya. The conference was funded by FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG of Germany.

4. RECRUITMENT OF NEW STAFF

EEA has recruited a junior research fellow on competitive basis for the Macroeconomic Division. The junior research fellow has excellent academic background and is keen to work at EEA. It is hoped that he will contribute significantly to the research and training activities of EEA.

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Vision:

“To become the premier Economic association in Africa renowned for its excellence in membership services and economic policy research.”

Mission:

“ To represent the professional interests of our members, advance the discipline of economics and contribute to the development of the Ethiopian Economy”



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5. SHORT TERM TRAINING ACTIVITIES

⇒ EEA organized a Short term Training on Tools for Applied Econometrics with STATA Applications at Jigjiga University

The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with the EEA Jigjiga Chapter provided five days training on “Tool for Policy Analysis: Applied Econometrics with STATA” from November 3 - 7, 2014 at Jigjiga Hamda Hotel. A total of 24 trainees who came from Jigjiga, Dire Dawa and Haramaya Universities attended the training. Dr. Seid Nuru and Ato Fitsum Zewdu gave the training.

⇒EEA organized Two Rounds of Training on Time Series and Advanced Applied Econometric with Software application at Adigrat and Mekelle Universities

The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with the Mekelle Chapter and Adigrat University provided five days training on Time Series Econometric Techniques from April 28 – May 2, 2014 at Adigrat University. About 27 (25 Male and 2 Female) trainees who came from Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum Universities and Tigray regional state BoFED attended the training. In addition, with the second round training on “Advanced Applied Micro-Econometrics with Application of STATA Software” was delivered from September 1-5, 2014 at Mekelle University. This training was financed by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) through the NORHED project on Capacity Building for Climate Smart Natural Resource Management and Policy at Mekelle University. Totally 34 trainee benefited from the training. Dr. Seid Nuru and Ato Getachew Ahmed delivered the training.

⇒ EEA organized Training on "Time Series Econometric Techniques" at Bahir Dar University

The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with the Bahir Dar Chapter provided five days training on “Time Series Econometric Techniques” from October 21 – 25, 2014 at Bahir Dar University. About 27 (25 Male and 2 Female) trainees who came from Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar Regional State BoFed staff, Debre Markos University, Samara University, Wollo University and Debre Tabor University attended the training. Dr. Seid Nuru delivered the training.

⇒ STATA and EViews software application training for Jimma University Staff

EEA organized short term training on the STATA and EViews software application to the academia of Jimma University (JU) staff from May 05-09, 2014 at Jimma University training Hall. The training was meant to build the capacity of the staffs and researchers on software application to research work. During the five day training a total of 15 JU staff attended the training. Ato Fitsum Zewdu and Ato Getachew Ahmed gave the training.

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

⇒ The 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be held from **July 23 -25, 2015**. Interested applicants are invited to send their research abstracts with complete address before January 30, 2015. The first and final drafts for selected abstracts are expected to be submitted before 25 March and 25 April 2015, respectively.

⇒ The 3rd Annual conference focusing on the Tigray National Regional State Economic Development will be organized in **June 2015**. Interested applicants are invited to send their research abstracts before April 01, 2015. The first and final drafts for selected abstracts are expected before 15 and 30 May 2015, respectively.