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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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Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy Held

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) organized the Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy which was held from July 18-20, 2013 in its Conference Hall in Addis Ababa. The conference was co-organized by the Ethiopian Strategy Support Program (ESSP II) of the International Food Policy Research Institute. The threeday conference attracted about 600 participants from

different organizations both from within and outside Ethiopia. H.E Ato Mekonnen Manyazewal Commissioner, National Planning Commission, opened the conference. In his opening speech, he appreciated the contributions of the Ethiopian Economics Association and urged it to continue making its fruitful efforts in economic policy research as well as policy formulation and implementation. More than 70 papers were

presented on the Ethiopian Economy focusing on the agricultural, industrial, social and service sectors. During the opening ceremony, the Association honored H.E Ato Newai Gebre-Ab, Executive Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute in recognition of his long and dedicated service to EEA, and Dr. Abdul Amid Bedri Kello for his considerable contributions to the teaching of economics in Ethiopia.

Fifth Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development

The fifth Annual conference focusing on the Amhara Regional State social and economic development, organized by EEA in collaboration with its Bahir Dar chapter, was held on August 31, 2013 at the Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall, Bahir Dar. The conference was attended by about 130 participants includ-

ing professionals from Regional Bureaus, universities (Bahir Dar and Wollo), NGOs, private sector representatives, University students, and EEA members of the Bahir Dar Chapter. The conference was officially opened by H.E Ato Gedu Andargachew Amahra National Regional State V/President & Head, Bureau of Agriculture, after welcoming

statements by Dr. Tesfaye Shiferaw Bahir Dar University, Research & Community Service V/ President and Ato Demiraw Getachew, Head EEA Secretariat. During the one day conference, Seven papers were presented and discussed in plenary sessions. The conference was partially financed by the FRIEDRICH EBER STIFTUNG.





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Workshop at the EEA Jimma Chapter

In accordance with the provision of the constitution of the association, EEA opened its sixth chapter at Jimma University on the 13th of April 2013. To commemorate the opening of the Chapter, EEA organized a half day inaugural panel discussion. During the discussion, Ato Demiraw Getachew, Head of the Secretariat of the Association, briefed the participants about the vision, objectives, constitution and the overall activities of the Association. Following the briefing, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between EEA and Jimma University. A representative of Dr. Taye Tole Mariam, V/president of Academic, Research and Student Affairs of Jimma University and Ato Demiraw Getachew signed

the memorandum. Two papers were also presented entitled “Analysis of Poverty and Vulnerability to Poverty in Rural Oromiya–Ethiopia” by Dereje Fekadu and “The impact of community based forest management on poverty alleviation in Ethiopia: Case study of Adaba-Dodola forest dwellers association/Wajib” by Muhdin Mohammedhussen. The event was attended by more than 130 participants from the staff and students of Jimma University, representatives from various government offices in Jimma, and the private sector. The workshop was partially funded by FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFUNG.

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

The Second 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 29, 2013 at Axum Hotel, Mekelle. About 70 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, the Universities of Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum, NGOs, regional chamber of commerce and private sector representatives and EEA members of the Mekelle Chapter attended

the conference. The conference was officially opened by Ato Daniel Assefa, Head of Tigray BoPaF after welcoming statements by Dr. Abdelkader Kedir, Vice President of Mekelle University and Ato Demiraw Getachew, Head EEA Secretariat. During the one day conference, nine papers were presented and discussed. The conference was partially funded by FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG

Think Tank Initiative Launches new website

The Think Tank Initiative has launched its brand new website: www.thinktankinitiative.org. The website contains up-to-date information about the think tank and its activities. EEA/EEPRI has a portion on the website with the following links:

<http://www.thinktankinitiative.org/think-tanks/EEA-EEPRI>

Launching of New EEA Website

After many months of efforts, EEA is delighted to announce the launch of the new website: <http://www.eeacon.org/>. The new website has a new look with improved navigation which allows navigators to find the information they need more quickly and easily. EEA has reviewed and updated all the information so that users can be confident that any reading is as current as possible.

On Going Research Projects

- Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia: It aims at investigating the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies.
- Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in agriculture: The purpose is to assess the current livelihood assets, needs and aspirations of the rural poor. It is a collaborative research project with the University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF).
- Features, governance, characteristics and policy relevance of Non State Social protection in Ethiopia
- Food price volatility: It is a collaborative project with ZEF and some preliminary activities have been undertaken.
- Exploring the Future of Food and Nutrition Security: It aims at assessing the role of domestic policy in Food and Nutrition Security
- Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model: It aims at providing well analyzed information to policy makers and other government officials that would be used as policy inputs.

New Publications from EEA

- Proceedings of the Tenth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. Volume I and Volume II
- EEA Quarterly on the Ethiopian Economy
- Ethiopian Journal of Economics_ Volume XXI Number 2
- Report on the Ethiopian Economy: private sector Development in Ethiopia with particular emphasis to the manufacturing sector
- Proceedings of the fourth Regional Conference of the Amhara Regional State Economic Development
- Proceedings of the first Regional Conference of the Tigray Regional State Economic Development
- Fuel taxes and the poor: the distributional effects of gasoline taxation and their implications for climate policy
- Fundamentals of international economics for developing countries: a focus on Africa
- Pastoralism and development in Africa: dynamic change at the margins
- The contribution of town functions to development of rural area
- The oxford handbook of the economics of food consumption and policy
- Reading on the Ethiopian economy
- Ethics in Journalism: a reader on their perception in the third world

Recently Completed Research Projects and Activities

- 2013 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy: The 2013 economic report with a thematic focus on “The Private Sector Development in Ethiopia” The report was published and disseminated
- Fifth Round of the Ethiopian National Health Accounts (NHA) Household Survey: This project aims at conducting the fifth round National Health Survey. The survey data is expected to reveal the health expenditure at household level. It is a collaborative project with Abt. International.
- Ethiopian Project on Interlinking Insurance with Credit in Agriculture (EPIICA): It aims at providing insurance and credit to the vulnerable farming population.
- Ethiopian Land Administration Program (ELAP) Re-survey: The objective of the project is to know the impact of the land certificate program which was implemented in four regions of Ethiopia (i.e. Amhara, Oromia, SNNPRS, and Tigray), that has been supported by USAID- ELAP.
- The Determinants of Inflation Dynamics in Ethiopia: Its purpose is to identify the major drivers of inflation, assess the impact of the inflation on the poor communities, and the levels of economic activities at which inflation is observed most.
- EEA Quarterly Report on the Ethiopian Economy: It highlights the issue of credit allocation and directed lending in Ethiopia and other macroeconomic development.

Workshop on “Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in agriculture”

The Ethiopian Economics Association organized a three day workshop on one of its projects entitled “Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in agriculture” which was held from April 18 –20, 2013 in Addis Ababa. More than 25 scholars from different countries attained the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to:

1. discuss the state of research activities and approaches followed by the partners of the TIGA project
2. present & discuss methods for the selection of the study site and segmentation
3. make suggestions for research activities for the next phase of the TIGA project.

During the workshop, two invited scholars from IFPRI and SG-2000 presented papers and shared their experiences.

Working paper Published

EEA publishes research outputs using periodical working papers. The following working paper is published during the reporting period:

- Working Paper No 1/2013 “Small commercial vegetable producers in Lume woreda, Ethiopia: Assessment of status and Dynamics“ by Samuel Gebreselassie

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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EEA organized Regional consultation Workshop on Post 2015 Development

Two rounds of regional consultation Workshop on the Post-2015 Development Framework with Ethiopian CSOs and Stakeholders were held on April 05 at PANAFRIC hotel, Adama and on May 8/2013 at Debre Damo Hotel, Addis Ababa. The workshops were organized by EEA in collaboration with Poverty Action Network Ethiopia (PANE). About 95 invited participants from Oromiya, Afar and SNNPRS regions and Addis Ababa city Administration attended the workshop. Ato Eshetu Bekele, PANE's Executive Director made introductory statements to highlight the MDG objectives and the project, while Ato Worku Gebeyehu, lead researcher from EEA, presented the overall performance of MDGs, and the post-2015 development framework. The workshop looked at progress on MDG achievement in Ethiopia, identified the key impediments, and discussed the post-2015 development framework. Similar consultation workshops will also be held at national and regional levels. The project was funded by CAFOD/SCIAF.

STATA software application training for ATA staff

EEA organized short term training on the STATA software application to Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA) staff from May 08-10, 2013 at EEA training Hall, Addis Ababa. The training was meant to build capacity on software application to research work. During the three day training a total of 15 ATA staff attended the training.

Media Engagement

Dr. Assefa Admassie and Dr. Bekele Hunde gave interviews to the Ethiopian Television regarding the Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.

Call for Papers and Conference Announcement

The 2nd Annual conference on the economic development of Eastern Ethiopia

The Second Annual Conference focusing on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development will be held in November 30, 2013 at Haramaya University. Interested applicants are invited to send their research abstracts before August 30, 2013. The first and final drafts for selected abstracts are expected to be submitted before 30 September and 15 October 2013, respectively.



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