

PSI-ESSP Seminar

FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN ETHIOPIA



Socio-Economic Research Agenda

In a joint effort, the Ethiopia Strategy Support Program (ESSP) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Policy Studies Institute (PSI) successfully organized a half-day seminar focusing on the theme of "Towards a Socio-Economic Research Agenda for Food Systems Transformation in Ethiopia." on September 25, 2023.

The seminar, held at the Main Meeting Hall of the Policy Studies Institute, aimed to delve into the current state of the Ethiopian food system and bring attention to key research questions and approaches relevant to addressing the challenges and potentials of the system's development in the medium to long term.

The formal proceedings of the seminar began with an opening remark delivered by H.E. Prof. Beyene Petros, Director General of PSI. Subsequently, the three distinguished speakers presented their insights on the subject matter.

H.E. Prof. Beyene Petros said that the Ethiopian government has taken various measures to improve the food system situation in Ethiopia. Prof. Beyene also said that the EPRDF has done a lot to bring about change in the country's food system. He also mentioned the document "Vision 2020: transforming Ethiopia's food system."

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H.E. Prof. Beyene Petros

Prof. Beyene also mentioned the reason for the establishment of the former Alemaya College of Agriculture, mentioning that he had served at the college for one year in his youth.

Dr. Tadesse Kuma



Dr. Tadesse Kuma, lead researcher and coordinator of the Agriculture and Rural Development Study Center at PSI, provided insights on relevant research issues and approaches to food systems in Ethiopia.



Dr. Paul Dorosh

Dr. Paul s discussed a lot about the Ethiopian context and proposed research agenda for Ethiopia for the next three years. He pointed out that IFPRI has undergone a transformation in recent years.

Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum



Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, Program Leader of ESSP's Development Strategies and Governance Division at IFPRI. He presented the objectives of food systems transformation in Ethiopia.