



Highlights from 2013/2014

- The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) in collaboration with the French Development Agency (AFD) and Addis Ababa University (AAU) organized a **public lecture on Rethinking Development Economics and Public Policy** on June 5, 2013 at the College of Business and Economics, AAU.
- EDRI in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London organized a **workshop on The Importance of Agricultural Exports: macro-economic, employment and poverty reduction potential in Ethiopia** on November 7, 2013 in Intercontinental Addis Hotel.
- EDRI organized a meeting for the ministerial steering committee on May 5, 2013 to discuss the climate resilience strategy undertaken by the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority in collaboration with a technical committee and researchers. The institute also hosted the subsequent meeting on August 15, 2013 that aimed at following up the progress of the Climate Resilience Strategy. Additionally, the plan for Climate Resilience Strategy in other sectors including water and energy were discussed.
- EDRI, IFPRI and USAID/AGP/Agribusiness Market Development (made) project jointly organized a forum to discuss Agricultural Price Policy in Ethiopia on June 17, 2014 at the Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa.
- The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) in collaboration with the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce organized the fifth seminar on Issues and Problems of the Ethiopian Private Sector: The Case of Shoe Manufacturing Companies on July 4, 2014 in Hilton Addis Hotel.

Ongoing Research in EDRI

- “Coffee Income and Household Food Security in Major Coffee Producing Areas of Ethiopia” Dr. Tadesse Kuma
- “Private Investment in Commercial Agriculture in Ethiopia: Review of Progresses and Challenges” Dr. Tadesse Kuma
- “Food and Nutrition Security in Ethiopia: Review of Current Status and Future Policy Options” Dr. Tadesse Kuma
- “ADLI: Assessing the link between agriculture income growth and demand for industrial products” Dr. Andualem Tilaye
- “Do water users associations (WUAs) sustain the irrigation sector? Evidences from central Ethiopia” Dr. Mekonnen Bekele
- “Price incentive-distinctive analysis of maize, wheat, and lentils in Ethiopia” Dr. Mekonnen Bekele
- “Adaptation strategy for climate resilient sugar cane and cotton” Dr. Berihu Assefa
- “An Economic Inquiry into the Drivers of Emigrants’ Choice of Remittance Transfer Channel” Dr. Berihu Assefa & Dr. Girum Abebe
- “State-inducement Vs Self-initiation: a Comparative Study of Micro and Small Enterprises in Ethiopia” Dr. Berihu Assefa
- “Does Saving Constraint Matter in Enterprise Development? Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia” Dr. Girum Abebe
- “Learning to be Efficient: The Effect of Kaizen ICT in Workplace Practices and Enterprise Performance” Dr. Girum Abebe



BETTER GROWTH, BETTER CLIMATE

The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate made two sets of recommendations focusing on low-carbon, climate-resilient investment and growth (1 to 6) and on the potential for sectoral change which drives future growth and lower climate risk, especially in urban, land use and energy systems (7-10).

1 Accelerate a low-carbon transformation by integrating climate action and risk into strategic economic decision-making.

2 Create the confidence needed for global investment and climate action by entering into a strong, lasting and equitable international climate agreement.

3 Phase out subsidies for fossil fuels and agricultural inputs and incentives for urban sprawl.

4 Introduce strong, predictable carbon prices as part of good fiscal reform.

5 Substantially reduce the capital cost of low-carbon infrastructure investment.

6 Scale up innovation in key low-carbon and climate-resilient technologies and remove barriers to entrepreneurship and creativity

7 Make connected and compact cities the preferred form of urban development.

8 Halt the deforestation of natural forests by 2030.

9 Restore at least 500 million hectares of degraded forests and agricultural land by 2030.

10 Accelerate the shift away from polluting coal-fired power generation.



Participants pose for a group picture with (right to left, front row) Helen Mountford, Carlos Lopes, Trevor Manuel, Yvo De Boer, and H.E. Neway Gebre-ab

New Climate Economy Report Launches in Addis Ababa

The Ethiopian Development Research Institute and the Global Green Growth Institute launched the Global New Climate Economy report on September 16, 2014 at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa.

The new major global report includes ten recommendations for sustainable development.

This research conducted in Ethiopia is a crucial part of The New Climate Economy project by The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate.

The report is produced in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forest. Speakers at the event include: H.E.

Belete Tafere – Minister for Environment and Forest; Trevor Manuel, former Minister of Finance of South Africa and Global Commissioner; Ato Neway Gebre-ab, Chief Economic Advisor to the Ethiopian Prime Minister; Yvo de Boer, Director General of the Global Green Growth Institute.

Trevor Manuel described the report as “tangible evidence of the ability to develop and reduce emissions.”

The report is the result of a year-long study conducted by leading research institutes from China, India, the US, Brazil, Korea, Europe and Africa.

The report has been simultaneously launched in New York City.

“The findings of this global initiative demonstrate there is considerable convergence between actions which support economic development and green growth- we should focus on the convergence rather than the trade offs.” H.E. Neway Gebre-ab



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IDRC Delegation Visits EDRI

A team of IDRC delegation visited EDRI on September 2, 2014. The team comprised of the president of IDRC, Jean Lebel, IDRC Acting Chairperson, the Honorary Monte Solberg, IDRC Governor, Gordon Houlton, IDRC Vice President, Programs and Partnerships, Stephen McGurk, and IDRC Communications Specialist, Gloria Lihemo.

The IDRC delegation team was met by four members of the EDRI Management; Neway Gebre-ab, Executive Director of EDRI, Mulu Gebreeyesus, Senior Researcher, EDRI, Hashim A. Ahmed, Director of the Economic Policy Analysis Unit, and Mezgebe Mihretu, Policy Analyst, Logistics, Trade and Private Sector Development.

The purpose of the visit was

to learn about the impact of IDRC support to EDRI and planned activities. The executive director of EDRI, Neway Gebre-ab made a presentation briefing the team about EDRI and how the first phase of the TTI funds have been deployed in capacitating the institute's staff development activities and organizational infrastructure. He also presented future activities and anticipated challenges that might be recurring during the second phase.

Following the presentation, the EDRI management members gave responses to a series of questions from the delegation members who wanted to know more about EDRI's strategies to overcome its challenges as a semi-autonomous institute.

Public Lecture on Farm Size and Production Efficiency



Professor Otsuka delivering his lecture

EDRI organized a public lecture on Farm Size and Production Efficiency in Agriculture delivered by Professor Keijiro Otsuka from Japan. The lecture was held at EDRI's conference room on September 8, 2014 from 10:00-11:30.

Professor Otsuka is a professor of Development Economics at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo.

Workshop on Climate Resilient Strategy for Key Agricultural Export Commodities in Ethiopia

EDRI organized a half-day workshop on Climate resilient strategy for key agricultural export commodities in Ethiopia on September 3, 2014 at the EDRI conference hall.

Three papers were presented during the workshop: Climate Modelling by Dr. Geremew Sahilu and Dr. Agizew Nigussie, Agronomy of Cotton and Sugarcane by Dr. Kidane Giorgis and Dereje Getu, and Economic Analysis: Climate Risk, Vulnerability and Adaptation by two associate researchers from EDRI Dr. Alebel Bayrau and Dr. Firew Bekele.

The purpose of the workshop was to create a discussion forum and get feedback for the preliminary results from the field survey of the research to generate inputs

for formulating a Climate Resilient Strategy for Major Agricultural Export Commodities in Ethiopia, such as, Sugarcane and Cotton.

The workshop was a follow-up on the inception workshop held in February, 2014.



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EDRI and AACCSA held the 6th seminar on The Current Trade Practices in Ethiopia

The sixth bimonthly seminar organized by the Ethiopian Development Research Institute and the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (AACCSA) was held at Intercontinental Addis Hotel on October 3, 2014 from 9:30-11:30. The seminar focused on "The Current Trade Practices in Ethiopia" and was chaired by the Executive director of EDRI. Two presentations were delivered at the seminar: "Trade Competition and Consumer Protection" by Ato Merkebu Zeleke, Director General of Trade Practice and Consumer Protection, and a second on "Trade Practices and Regulatory Affairs" by Ato Nuredin Mohammed, Advisor to the State Minister of Trade. In the presentations, it was emphasized that the government is working towards ensuring acceptable trade practices that satisfy the major three actors of the sector,

producers, sellers, and consumers. The presenters told participants that existing laws and subsequent reforms are in place to support the private sector by promoting fair trade and to protect consumers from unfair trade practices. In response to a question raised

by participants, Ato Merkebu said that the trade policy adopted by the government is not anti-free trade but is one that is responsive to the needs of consumers. Ato Nuredin also told participants that in an effort to protect consumers from misleading advertisements on media, the Ministry of Trade has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC).



Left to Right: Yayehyirad Abate, Neway Gebre-ab, Yohannes Afewerk

Forum: Agricultural Price Policy in Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Strategy Support Program, ESSP/IFPRI and USAID/AGP AMDe in collaboration with EDRI have organized a follow-up forum on "Agricultural Price Policy in the Context of Rapid Growth in Ethiopia" held on Tuesday September 9, 2014 at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa. The forum was

aimed at discussing with lead panelists the issues raised during the June 17, 2014 forum and making recommendations on the way forward.

The panelists were Prof. John Mellor, Director General of EGRE, the adviser to the Minister of Trade, and the Director of the Trade Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (TCCPA).



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