



The primary mission of EDRI is to conduct research on the development of the Ethiopian economy and disseminate the results.

**EDRI Vision:** An Emerging Think Tank Group engaged in research, training and consultancies. Founded in August 1999 as semi-autonomous government development research institute, sponsored by the Ethiopian government, ACBF, UNDP, IDRC-TTI and IFPRI/ESSP.

### Goals and Objectives of EDRI:

- Disseminate results of policy research
- Build professional excellence and capacity in socio-economic policy analysis
- Conduct policy research rooted in rigorous analysis that is responsive to knowledge and policy needs.
- Create a research agenda that examines short, medium and long term economic development issues
- Serve as an effective forum for discussing development issues among key development stakeholders.

### Collaborative Programs:

- International Food Policy Research Institute - Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSP II)
- Ethiopia Growth Research Program (IGC, EGRP) with the International Growth Center of U.K.

### Projects Hosted by EDRI:

- Young Lives Project (YLP) with a consortium of international collaborators
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE) with Gothenburg University

### National and International Partners:

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex, U.K.
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
- African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET), Ghana, Accra
- University of Oxford, U.K.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Chair of Econometrics, Mannheim University, Germany
- KEEI -Korean Energy Economics Institute, South Korea
- National Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Hawassa, Adama, Wolaita Sodo, Gondar, and Addis Ababa.

### News!

- EDRI and its partners, ESSP II, EEPFE and YLP, participated at an International Exhibition organized by the UNECA during the Conferences of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, March 22-27, 2012 at the African Union facilities.
- An ACBF consultant conducted a Midterm Review for EDRI/ACBF Phase II Project, March 5-14, 2012.

### Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar on “Biofuels, Poverty and Food Security: Micro-evidence from Ethiopia” by Martha Negash and Jo Swinnen, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI organized a seminar on “Review of Ethiopia’s Debt Sustainability Analysis” by Firew Bekele, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar on “The Effect of Natural Resources on Income Inequality” by Byron Hewson, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized a seminar on “Roads, Agriculture and Welfare: Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Setting in Rural Ethiopia” by Prof. David Stifel, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at EDRI Conference Hall.
- EDRI and the Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI) of South Korea organized a half-day expert workshop on “Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation between Ethiopia and South Korea” at Addis Ababa Hilton, Ibex and Nyala on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- EDRI and ESSP II organized training workshops on “Introduction to Geographic Information System” in Bahir Dar (March 23-26, 2012) and Assosa (March 29, 2012).
- Bart Minten, Program Leader of ESSP II, gave a seminar on “Structural Transformation in Ethiopia: Evidence from Cereal Markets” at the School of Economics, AAU on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, Senior Research Staff of IFPRI/ESSP II, gave a seminar on “Formation of Aspirations: An Empirical Analysis” at the School of Economics, AAU on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Derek Headey, Senior Research Staff of IFPRI/ESSP II gave a seminar on “Urban Wage Behavior during Food Price Hikes: The Case of Ethiopia” at the School of Economics, AAU on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### Networking

- EDRI signed a MoU with the Department of Economics of Gondar University to jointly engage in research, teaching, training, thesis advising, consultancy services, and disseminate research results to a wide spectrum of beneficiaries and the research community.
- EDRI signed a MoU with Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (AACCSA). The broad objective of the collaboration is to support private sector development in Ethiopia by way of organizing workshops, trainings, panel discussions, seminars, experience sharing platforms and conducting surveys on selected research topics.
- A MoU was signed between EDRI and The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) of South Korea to lay out the terms of collaboration between the two institutions in supporting the Government of Ethiopia on the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) strategy and implementation process.
- EDRI signed a sub-grant agreement with The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern Central Africa (ASARECA) to undertake a research on “Food Price Trends Analysis and Policy Options for Enhancing Food Security in Eastern Africa”.

### Meetings and Presentations

- The Ministerial Steering Committee, designated to follow-up and monitor the preparation of strategy document for Ethiopia’s Climate Resilient Green Economy, held its first meeting of Phase II on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at EDRI Conference Hall. In this meeting the Committee discussed follow-up activities on the climate resilience strategy.



## Upcoming Events/New Research Projects

- National workshop on “Food Price Dynamics and Policy Implications”, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Launching event of partnership of EDRI and Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (AACCSA).
- Microeconometrics training by Prof. David Stifel for postgraduate students of Jimma and Hawassa Universities and lecturers from Arba Minch University, June 4-15, 2012.
- Training on Supply Chain Operation Reference (SCOR) Model for high-level official and practitioners will be organized by EDRI and Ministry of Industry, May 2012.
- Publication of Research Reports titled:
  - Harnessing Climate Finance for Climate Protection and Sustainable Development in Africa
  - Climate Conventions and Africa/Ethiopia
- Publication of Working Paper titled:
  - Stove Adoption and Implications for Deforestation and Land Degradation: The Case of Ethiopia



Workshop on “Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation between Ethiopia and South Korea” at Addis Ababa Hilton, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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## Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and Macroeconomic and Trade Policy Analysis and Research Team (EDRI), “Production of regular economic indicators (price, external trade and exchange rate and real economic indicators)”; “Development and monitoring reports”; “Input-Output Table for 2009/10”; “Updating of the Social Accounting Matrix for 2009/10”; “Flow of funds analysis”; “Savings and resource mobilization in Ethiopia”; and “The Ethiopian tax system” under the Ministry of Trade.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Food price trends analysis and policy options for enhancing food security in Ethiopia”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Teff production and marketing in Ethiopia: domestic value chain analysis”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Performance evaluation of cotton supply and demand situation in Ethiopia: opportunities and challenges”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Sectoral performance of the Ethiopian economy: the education and health sectors”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Who learns from success? Social learning in Ethiopian agriculture”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI) with IGC, “Institutional arrangement of successful farmers’ award”.
- Firew Bekele and Girum Abebe (EDRI), “Enterprise survey and social network experiment in three African countries”.
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), “Does saving constraint matter in enterprise development? Experimental evidence from Ethiopia”.
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), “Recall bias in retrospective surveys: evidence from enterprise level data”.
- Girum Abebe (EDRI), “Impacts of management training and selection into participation: the case of the garment sector in Ethiopia”.
- Firew Bekele (EDRI), “Public spending and growth”.
- Firew Bekele (EDRI), “The effects of devaluations: expansionary, contractionary or neutral”.
- Abebaw Zerfu (EDRI), “Export Performance of Ethiopia”.
- Melaku Teklea (AAU), “Total factor productivity and technical efficiency in the Ethiopian manufacturing sector”.
- Alebel B., Tadesse K., Firew B., Girum A. and Alemu M., “Energy Policies and Plans of Ethiopia: Opportunities for Cooperation between Ethiopia and South Korea”.

## Completed Research

- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI). “Analysis of fruit and vegetable marketing in Ethiopia: Value chain approach”.

## Participation in Conferences

- Dr. Alebel Bayru participated in a workshop organized by the Low Emissions Development Strategies (LEDS) Global Partnership, on the theme “LEDS Collaboration in Action” which was held March 21-23, 2012, in London, UK at Latimer House. The workshop brought together carefully selected low emission development countries from around the world to share experiences and explore opportunities to enhance coordination on LEDS globally.
- Ato Eyasu Tsehaye participated in a consultation workshop organized by the National Economic Accounts Directorate (NAD) of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development which was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at MoFED Conference Hall. The main objective of the workshop was to revise the existing series of the National Accounts Statistics with the base 1999/2000 to 2010/2011 by using new sources of data and estimation methods.

## Publications

EDRI published the following publications and reports:

- EDRI Working Paper 07 “Environmental Resource Collection versus Children’s Schooling: Evidence from Tigray, Northern Ethiopia” by Bahre Gebru and Sosina Bezu.
- EDRI Research Report 13 “Consumption, Saving, and Investment Behaviors of Successful Farmers in Ethiopia” by Alebel Bayrau, Guush Berhane, Gebrehiwot ageba, Tassew Woldehanna, Paul Dorosh, Fanaye Tadesse, Bethlehem Koru, and Kibrom Tafere.
- EDRI Research Report 14 “Carbon Markets and Mitigation Strategies for Africa/Ethiopia: Literature Review and the Way Forward” by Zenebe Gebreegziabher, Alemu Mekonnen, Adane Tufa, and Assefa Seyoum.
- A quarterly report, January–March 2012, on “Real and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Indexes for Ethiopia” was published and distributed by the Macroeconomic Research and Trade Policy Analysis Directorate.
- A quarterly report, January–March 2012, on “Inflation and Overall Domestic Price Development in Ethiopia” was published and distributed by the Macroeconomic Research and Trade Policy Analysis Directorate.