



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

Goals and Objectives of EDRI:

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

Current Programs Hosted by EDRI:

- Young Lives Project (YLP) with a consortium of international collaborators.
- International Food Policy Research Institute - Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (IFPRI-ESSPII)
- Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE) with Gothenburg University.
- Ethiopian Growth Research Program (IGC, EGRP) with the International Growth Center of U.K

Partners

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex, UK
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan)
- University of Oxford UK
- London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

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.

News!

- EDRI's newly constructed website was presented to EDRI's Executive Director on February 10, 2010 and it was launched in the presence of EDRI researchers on February 12, 2010. To visit the new site, follow this link: www.edri.org.et
- EDRI's Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) 2005/06 was finalized and published in December 2009.

Seminars, Workshops and Conference

- EDRI and DFID organized a half-day workshop on 12 January 2010 at the Hilton Hotel on "Preliminary Findings of Pastoral Economic Growth Study", a research project sponsored by DFID.
- EDRI and JICA held their fourth High-Level Forum on Industrial Development at Sheraton Addis on 3 March 2010.
- Two EDRI research teams presented their preliminary findings of two studies, namely, "The Level of Competitiveness of Major Exportables in Ethiopia and the Relevance of Trade and Macro-economic Policies" and "Impact of WTO Accession on Economic Growth, Poverty, Female Labour Force Participation and Child Labour: Lessons from dual-dual Micro CGE Model for Ethiopian Economy" on 5 March 2010 at the College of Economic, Business and Informatic Sciences of Addis Ababa University.
- The Executive Director and Director of Programs attended a learning event organized by the Think-Tank Initiative of IDRC on 8-10 March 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Training

- EDRI and UNU-MERIT of The Netherlands conducted a 5-day intensive training on the "Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy in Developing Countries" from 22-26 February 2010 at the Ghion Hotel.
- EDRI, ESSP/IFPRI and the School of Economics of Addis Ababa University conducted a 2-week intensive training on Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) and Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) modeling to research and teaching staff of seven Universities. The training was delivered by Dr. Paul Dorosh and Dr. James Thurlow of IFPRI.
- With the financial support of ACBF, three economists (2 from MoFED and 1 from CSA) were sent to South Africa in the second week of February 2010 to do their MSc in economics.

Meetings and Presentations

- The Management Committee of EDRI held its quarterly meeting in January 2010.
- The Technical Advisory Committee of EDRI/ACBF project met on Dec. 17, 2009 and Feb. 11, 2010.
- The National Advisory Committee of ESSP II held their quarterly meeting on April 05, 2010 at EDRI.

Completed Research

- EDRI team, "A Study for the Formulation of Policy Options and Strategies to Enhance the Participation of Producers, Traders and Processors in Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX)".
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma, Dr. Gezahegn Ayele, Tsegay Gebre-Kidan, Birouke Tefera and Mekonnen Bekele (EDRI), "Assessing Progress by the Developing Regional States in Implementing their Development Plans and Documenting Lessons Learned to Inform the MoFA (Ministry of Federal Affairs) Strategic Plan for Acceleration of Development Outcomes in these States". The regional states are; Somali, Gambella, Afar and Benishangul-Gumuz.
- Tigabu Degu, EDRI, Metal Work Industry Survey. A project between EDRI and FASID/GRIPS of Japan.
- EDRI and MoARD, "Determination of Agricultural Land Rent".
- Tigabu Degu, EDRI and FASI/GRIPS, "Surveys on Leather-Shoes and Garment Industries".
- Production and publication of monthly Economic Indicators.

Staff News!

- Hanna K/Mariam (EDRI) was promoted to a Program Officer on January 9, 2010.
- Mekdis Nigussie (EDRI) was promoted to Accountant II on February 3, 2010.
- Tewodros Assefa & Abebaw Zerfu joined EDRI as a Junior Researchers on February 12 & 15, 2010.



Networking

- In this first quarter of the 2010 fiscal year, EDRI signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mekelle, Arba Minch, Bahir Dar, Jimma and Haramaya Universities to collaborate in thesis advising, research, teaching and capacity building.
- International Growth Centre (IGC) Ethiopia Country Programme established office at EDRI and appointed Office Manager and Research Fellow in March 2010.
- A project proposal has been submitted and approved by UN-WFP in September 2009 to support the EDRI project: "Data Systems and Economy-wide Modeling to Support Policy Analysis in Ethiopia" in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex, U.K



Trainees of the "Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy in Developing Countries" Ghion Hotel; Feb 22-26, 2010



Ato Newai Gebre-Ab (right) and Prof. Dr. Adam Szirmai (left) opening the "Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy in Developing Countries" Feb 22-26, 2010

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Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and team (EDRI) "Construction of a Social Accounting Matrix for 2007/08", and "Study on the Ethiopian Tax System".
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Power Asymmetry in the Coffee Value Chain and Producers Price in Ethiopia: Implication for Poverty Reduction"
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Performance of Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives in Ethiopia: Opportunities and Constraints".
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma and Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Agricultural Technology Adoption and Marketing in Ethiopia".
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma and Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Trends of International Food Price Hikes and the Domestic Prices".
- Dr. Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Value Chain Analysis, Mitigation and Institutions for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry, Ethiopia: Policy Analysis and Issues in Perspective".
- Dr. Alebel Bayrau "The Livestock Sector and its Contribution to Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia".
- Tigabu Degu, et al (EDRI), "The Level of Competitiveness of Major Exportables in Ethiopia and the Relevance of Trade and Macro-economic Policies" with MoTI.
- Tigabu Degu (EDRI), "The Kaizen 2010 survey" with MoTI and GRIPS.
- Alemu Tulu and Birouke Tefera (EDRI), "Analysis of Formal Sector Employment in the Oromiya Regional State".
- Hansa Teklay (EDRI), "Investigating Challenges and Opportunities in the Foreign Trade Sector".
- Tsegay Gebre-kidan (EDRI), "The Real Estate in Addis Ababa: Performance, Challenges and Opportunities".
- Hansa Teklay, et al (EDRI), "The Impact of WTO Accession on Economic Growth, Poverty, Female Labour Participation and Child Labour: Lessons from a Dual-Dual Micro CGE Model" with MoTI.

Upcoming Events / Research

- Publication of Annual Report for 2009.
- Launching of EDRI's Working Paper Series.
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI) "Official and Unofficial Livestock Marketing in Ethiopia: Value Chain Analysis".
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "An Assessment of Impact of Food Price inflation on Household Food Security in Ethiopia: Recent Development and Future Policy Options".
- Dr. Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), Dr. Guush Berhane (IFPRI-ESSP2), Dr. Tassew Woldehanna (EDRI/AAU), Dr. Gebrehiwot Ageba (AAU), Dr. Paul Dorosh (IFPRI-ESSP2), "Survey on Consumption, Savings and Investment Behavior of Successful Farmers in Ethiopia" funded by IDRC, ACBF and IFPRI-ESSP2: This study will investigate the consumption, savings and investment behavior of farmers who have been recognized as successful farmers by their respective local governments. The household survey will go to the field in April 2010.
- EDRI/IFPRI-ESSP2/IWMI/EIAR "Adoption and Initial Impacts of Sustainable Land and Watershed Management Practices in Ethiopia"
- EDRI/IFPRI-ESSP2/ILRI/EIAR "Dynamic Implications of Production Shocks and Policies on Livestock Markets and Household Welfare: A Sector and Economy-Wide Analysis"
- Seminar on "Assessing Spatial Patterns of Fertilizer Profitability in East Africa: An Integrated Use of Transport Cost, GIS and Crop Simulation Models" by Stan Wood and Guo Zhe (IFPRI) at EDRI on April 6th, 2010.
- Seminar on "Adoption of weather-index insurance: Learning from willingness to pay among a panel of households in rural Ethiopia" Ruth Vargas Hill et al. (IFPRI) on April 7th, 2010
- Seminar on "The Rural Urban Transformation in Ethiopia: A Dynamic General Equilibrium Analysis" by Paul Dorosh (IFPRI-ESSP) on April 20th, 2010.
- Seminar on "Rural Urban Migration: Preliminary Results for a 2009 Survey in Ethiopia" by Tassew Woldehanna and Lisa Moorman at ILRI on April 27th, 2010.
- Agricultural Price Analysis Course: May 3-5, 2010 by Guush Berhane, Stefano Caria and Paul Dorosh
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Course: April 22-23, 2010 by Emily Schmidt
- Panel Discussion on Private Sector Development in collaboration with Ethiopia Chamber of Commerce.