



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
- 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 issues
- Serve as an effective forum for discussing development issues among key 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
- National and Regional Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Hawassa, Adama and Addis Ababa

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 II.

News!

- Call for 2011/12 research grant competition (MSc and PhD students) is announced to public universities, which offer postgraduate programs in agricultural economics, economics or other related fields. For more information, contact: Hanna Ketselamaryam at hanna.ketselamaryam@yahoo.com.
- The TTI/IDRC held its annual monitoring visit July 20-26, 2011. The mission was conducted by Dr. John Okidi and Dr. Paul Okwi, Senior Program Officers at TTI/IDRC Kenya, Nairobi, and Dr. Peter Taylor, Senior Program Officer of TTI/IDRC based at the headquarters of TTI in Ottawa, Canada.
- An ACBF Monitoring and Evaluation Expert, Adeboye Adeyemo (PhD) was at EDRI on July 22nd 2011 to finalize EDRI's Result Measurement Framework (RMF).
- A proposal development is underway between EDRI and the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (ASARECA). In this connection, Mr. Negash Techalew, Mr. Itaza Muhiirwa, and Ms. Miriam Kyotalimye were at EDRI July 29th 2011

Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- EDRI in collaboration with Professor Markus Frölich, Chair of Econometrics at Mannheim University, and Addis Ababa University organized a high-level training on econometric application to policy and impact analysis. The training was held May 2-4, 2011 at AAU, School of Economics, for University staff and other researchers.
- EDRI in collaboration with YLP organized a seminar on “School Meals Programme in Ethiopia: A Mixed-methods Based Impact Study”, on May 4th 2011 at EDRI conference room. The study is authored by Getinet Haile, Robert Poppe, and Markus Frölich from University of Mannheim and was presented by Robert Poppe.
- EDRI held a workshop on a consultancy research report titled “Dynamics of Urban Growth and Urbanization Processes in Ethiopia” on May 6th 2011 at EDRI conference room. The presenters were Tekie Alemu and Jonse Bane from Addis Ababa University.
- JICA and EDRI held their final and eighth High-Level Forum at Hilton Addis on May 17th 2011. The themes of discussion were Ethiopia's Industrialization Drive under GTP, New MSE Development Strategy, and Inter-ministerial Coordination and Achievements in the Quality and Productivity Improvement (KAIZEN) Project, its Dissemination and Institutionalization Plan.
- EDRI and Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia (EEPFE) jointly held a half-day workshop on Climate Change at Jupiter International Hotel on July 20th 2011. A total of five papers were presented on climate conventions, climate finance, carbon markets, impact of climate change on Ethiopian agriculture, and economy-wide effects of climate change in Ethiopia.
- EDRI, ESSP II, and the School of Economics of Addis Ababa University (SoE-AAU) jointly held a training workshop on Econometric Techniques for Panel Data Analysis – Ethiopian Rural Household Survey (ERHS) and Young Lives Survey (YLS) July 25-28, 2011 at the computer lab of SoE-AAU. The training workshop was attended by young university teachers, researchers, regional university graduates and postgraduate students.

Networking

- EDRI signed a MoU with the Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI), Korea in July 2011. The objective of the collaboration is to establish a framework for the exchange of energy policy/planning and economic information, and institutional cooperation between KEEI and EDRI.
- EDRI is in the final phase of launching a joint research project titled “Food Price Analysis in ECA Counties” in collaboration with the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), based in Kampala, Uganda.

Staff News

- Ethiopia Abate joined EDRI as Communication and Administrative Assistant.
- Tigabu Degu, Alemu Tulu, Kibrome Tafere, Tsegay Gebrekidan are due to leave for their PhD training at different universities in Europe and USA since August 2011.



Upcoming Events/ Research

- EDRI and ESSP II granted a one-time small research award in November 2010 for 23 post graduate students (2 PhDs and 21 MSc) in economics, agricultural economics, and related fields at Ethiopian public universities. These have now finalized their thesis. The same support will be provided in the 2011/12 academic year, including 6 MSc thesis research in the areas of Fiscal policy (2), Monetary policy (2), Application of SAM and CGE (2). The support will be granted to winners of the competition in November 2011.
- A workshop titled “Country Case Studies on Structural Transformation: The Case of Ethiopia” will be organized in August 2011. The study is a joint work between EDRI and ACET.



EDRI and JICA Eighth High-Level Forum at Hilton Addis on May 17th 2011

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Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Production of Price, Quantity and Other Economic Indicators”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “The Ethiopian Tax System”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Inter-Sectoral Linkages of GTP”.
- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI), “Price Transmission Analysis of Goods along Supply Chain”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Pattern and Determinants of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Ethiopia: Value Chain Approach”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Sectoral Performance of the Ethiopian Economy: The Education and Health Sectors”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “Investigating the Effectiveness, Adoptability and Impact of Irrigation Technologies for Sustainable Water Resource Use and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia”.
- EDRI in collaboration with The African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), based in Accra, Ghana, on “Ethiopia: Country Case Study on Economic Transformation”.
- Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia by South Korean Institute of Global Green Growth, McKinsey Group, EDRI and other relevant government agencies.

Completed Research

- A monthly report on “Real and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Indexes for Ethiopia” for May 2011 was published and distributed by the Macro and Trade Policy Research Directorate.
- Monthly reports on “Inflation and Overall Domestic Price Development in Ethiopia” for May and June 2011 were published and distributed by the Macro and Trade Policy Research Directorate.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), Tassew Woldehanna, Gebrehiwot Ageba, and Guush Berhane, “Econometric Analysis of the Consumption, Saving and Investment Behaviours of Successful Farmers”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “Livestock Marketing Chain in Ethiopia: Value Chain Approach”.
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), “An Assessment of Impact of Food Price Inflation on Household Food Security and Poverty in Ethiopia”.
- Alebel Bayrau (EDRI), “The Contribution of Livestock Sector to Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth”.
- Alemu Mekonnen, Zenebe Gebregziabeher, Adane Tufa, and Assefa Seyoum, “Climate Finance, Climate Conventions, Carbon Markets and Carbon Trading”.

Meetings and Presentations

- The Ministerial Steering Committee established for the study titled “Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia” held its third and fourth meetings at EDRI Conference Hall on May 24th and July 6th 2011, respectively. This study is a joint engagement between EDRI, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) of South Korea, McKinsey Co., Environmental Protection Authority, and other relevant government institutions and agencies.
- The Technical Advisory Committee of ACBF/EDRI held its second meeting for the 2011 fiscal year on May 9th 2011.
- Dr. Alebel Bayrau presented a paper on “Vulnerability to Water-mediated Climate Change Impact and Institutional and Policy Options for Adaptation: Methodological Issues” on May 13th 2011 in Adama city at an event organized by the Institute of Technology of Addis Ababa University.

Participation in International Events

- Dr. Tadesse Kuma attended a proposal completion workshop organized by ASARECA for the project “Analysis of Trends and Policy Options to Guide Strategies for Enhanced Food Security in Eastern and Central Africa”. The workshop was held from June 13–17, 2011 in Nairobi.
- Dr. Alebel Bayrau Weldesilassie attended an Advanced Course for Researchers in Randomized Evaluations in Cape Town by the Jameel Poverty Action Lab Africa Office housed at the University of Cape Town. The event took place from July 6-7, 2011.
- Mr. Mezgebe Mihretu and Ms. Mekdes Nigussie attended a dissemination workshop on revised ACBF procurement and disbursement manuals by the African Capacity Building Foundation based at Harare July 21-23, 2011 in Johannesburg, South Africa.