

Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)

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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 socioeconomic policy analysis
- Conduct policy research roote 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.

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

National and International Partners

- Institute of Development Studies of Sussex (U.K)
- GRIPS-National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan)
- University of Oxford, U.K
- London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Chain of Econometrics, Mannheim University, Germany
- National and Regional Universities: Mekelle, Aksum, Bahir Dar, Jimma, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Arba Minch, Awassa 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.

News!

- TTI/IDRC made an institutional visit to EDRI on June 22nd 2010 by Dr. John Okidi and Dr. Paul Okwi.
- ACBF fielded a supervision mission from October 1–4, 2010. The mission was conducted by Dr. Roger Atindehu, Senior Program Officer at ACBF.
- Mr. Kwabena Boakye from ACBF was at EDRI from November 1-5, 2010 to provide training on Results Measurement Framework, Quarterly Reporting Tool and M&E Plan Matrix.
- The Global Development Program of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation supported Dr. Peter da Costa (adviser and consultant) on November 18th 2010 to assess how TTI-funding has impacted the work of EDRI.
- With the facilitation and logistics support of EDRI, ACBF held an international dissemination workshop on Gender Budgeting from November 22–24, 2010 at the Hilton Hotel
- The Central Statistical Agency (CSA), The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI), published the 2007 Population and Housing Census Atlas 2007 and it was launched on November 25th 2010 at UNECA at Africa Statistic's Day.

Seminars, Workshops and Conference

- EDRI and JICA held their fifth High-Level Forum on July 6th 2010 at Sheraton Addis with focus on basic metal and engineering industries and institutionalization of Kaizen.
- Yoseph Yilma Getachew presented a half-day seminar on "Poverty Traps, Aid and Optimal Public Policy" at EDRI conference room on July 22nd 2010.
- Gezahegn Ayele and Tadesse Kuma gave a seminar on research findings "Food Price Surges and Price Transmission in Ethiopia" at EDRI on August 3rd 2010.
- Mihret Alemu (consultant) conducted a workshop on "Micro-Credit, Agricultural and Non-agricultural Development" on July 30th 2010 at EDRI.
- Tewodaj Mogues (IFPRI/ESSP II) presented a seminar on "The Benefit Incidence of Public Spending on Rural Services in Ethiopia" at EDRI on August 20th 2010.
- JICA and EDRI held their sixth High-Level Forum on October 7th 2010 at Sheraton Addis.
- EDRI and ESSP organized a policy seminar by Dr. Gezahegn Ayele on "Poultry Avian Flu Shocks: Impacts on Livelihoods" on October 8th 2010 at EDRI.
- EDRI and ESSP led a workshop on the early results, "Savings, Consumption and Investment Behavior of Successful Farmers in Ethiopia" on October 22nd 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, presented by Alebel Bayrau, Gebrehiwot Ageba, Guush Berhane and Tassew Woldehanna.

Networking

- Partnership in climate related economic research was established with Hohenheim University, Stuttgart, Germany in August 2010.
- EDRI signed MoU with the universities of Aksum and Dire Dawa to collaborate in research, teaching, capacity building and co-advising in August and June 2010, respectively.
- Initiative is underway to forge partnership with the Chair of Econometrics, Mannheim

Staff News!

- Haregewoin Tekle Sewoya was recruited as Librarian in October 2010
- Tirsit Amha Asres was hired as IT assistant in August 2010.



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Upcoming Events / Research

- Workshop on the findings of EDRI's study on "Status of Irrigated Agriculture in Ethiopia"
- Workshop on the findings of EDRI's research on "Road Transport Development in Ethiopia"
- Short-term training on econometric applications to policy and impact analysis is planned for March 2011 for university faculty and other researchers with Professor Markus Frölich, Chair of Econometrics at Mannheim University,



EDRI and the McKinsey group on a consultative meeting on initial findings of Ethiopia's green growth plan fact base on July 21st and 27th 2010.

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Ongoing Research

- Hashim Ahmed and macroeconomic modeling team (EDRI) "Production of Price and Other Economic Indicators".
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Power Asymmetry in the Coffee Value Chain and Producers Price in Ethiopia: Implication for Poverty Reduction"
- Tadesse Kuma (EDRI), "Official and Unofficial Livestock Marketing in Ethiopia: Value Chain Analysis".
- Alebel Bayrau "The Livestock Sector and its Contribution to Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia".
- Tigabu Degu (EDRI), "Metal Work Survey & Training".
- Tigabu Degu (EDRI), "Survey on Cut Flower Industry".
- Alemu Tulu and Birouke Tefera (EDRI), "Analysis of Formal Sector Employment in the Oromiya Regional State".
- Hansa Teklay (EDRI), "Investigating the Challenges and Opportunities in the Foreign Trade Sector: Reconciling Data from Commercial Banks and Ethiopian Customs Authority".
- EDRI, "Consumption, Savings and Investment Behavior of Successful Farmers in Ethiopia" by Gebrehiwot Ageba, Tassew Woldehanna, Alebel Bayrau, Guush Berhane and Paul Dorosh, funded by IDRC, ACBF and IFPRI-ESSP II.
- Green Growth Plan and Strategy for Ethiopia South Korean Institute of Global Green Growth, McKinsey Group, EDRI and other relevant government agencies.
- Alemu Mekonnen, Zenebe Gebregziabeher, Adane Tufa and Assefa Seyoum, "Climate Finance, Climate Conventions, Carbon Markets and Carbon Trading".

Completed Research

- Hashim Ahmed (EDRI), "Flow of Funds Analysis".
- Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Food Security and Price Hikes in Mountain Areas of Ethiopia"
- Ibrahim Worku (EDRI), "Road Transport Development in Ethiopia".
- Tekie Alemu and Jonse Wane (AAU), "Urban Growth and Urbanization Processes in Ethiopia since the 60's".
- Yohannes Sefere, "Status of Irrigated Agriculture in Ethiopia".
- Gezahegn Ayele (EDRI), "Food Markets and Integration in Ethiopia".

Meetings and Presentations

- The Research Staff Promotion Committee made it first meeting on November 19th 2010.
- Dr. Kidane Georgis (research affiliate) attended and presented a paper on "Climate Change and Agriculture" on a workshop organized in Seoul, South Korea by the Korean Institute of Global Green Growth, October 28th 2010.
- EDRI and the McKinsey group conducted two high-level consultative meetings with researchers, experts and the donor community on initial findings of Ethiopia's green growth plan fact base on July 21st and 27th 2010.
- USAID and EDRI conducted a lecture on "Competitiveness, Fiscal Revenue and Dutch Disease" by Professor Arnold C. Harberger of UCLA on August 23rd 2010 at Sheraton Addis.
- EDRI organized a seminar on the Green Growth Plan for high-level experts and officials on September 28th 2010 at Sheraton Addis.
- EDRI and IMF country office organized a dissemination forum for the launching of IMF's Regional Economic Outlook Survey (October 2010 Issue) on October 27th 2010 at EDRI.

Participation on International Conferences

- Gezahegn Ayele and Tadesse Kuma participated in a seminar, in Lilongwe, Malawi, September 6-8 2010, with focus on "Risk Management in African Agriculture".
- Alebel Bayrau attended the IGC annual conference, held at LSE on September 20-25 2010.