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Introduction

Whereas, the Ethiopian Economics Association is established with a view to promoting and advancing the objectives set forth under Article V of these Articles of Association;

Whereas, the developments that took place in the Association since its establishment call for amendment of its earlier Constitution to enable the Association and its various organs to adapt to the changing circumstances and the growing needs of the Association;

Whereas, this problem of amending the Constitution is increasingly felt both within the membership and the implementing organs of the Association;

Now therefore, the General Assembly of the Ethiopian Economics Association, duly constituted and convened this 26th day of December 2009, has hereby adopted these Revised Articles of Association and has fully repealed the earlier Constitution that was active to date.

Article I

Establishment

2. This Association was established on the 25th November 1991 and based on the revised article of the Association re-established on the 25th December 2008.
2. The Association is established for an indefinite period of time.

Article II

Name of the Association

The name of the Association shall be "**The Ethiopian Economics Association**", abbreviated as EEA.

Article III
Address of the Association

1 The Association shall have its head office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and shall, as appropriate, have branch offices, subsidiaries and chapters in other parts of Ethiopia

2 The present address of the Head Office of the Association shall be the following, Ethiopian Economics Association.

P. O. Box : 34282

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel. : 011 645 3200

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Web Cite : <http://www.eaecon.org>

E-mail : eea@ethionet.et.

3 Address of EEA Chapters

3.1 Region: Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's

Zone: Sidama

City: Hawassa

Kebele: 1/05 Haik Dar

Specific place: Hawassa University

P.O.Box: 05 Hawassa University

Tel: 046 220 9676

Fax: 046 220 5421

3.2 Region: Amhara

Zone: Bahir Dar

City: Bahir Dar

Kebele: 07

Specific place: Bahir Dar University Economics Department

P.O.Box: 79 Bahir Dar University

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Article IV

Definitions and Gender Reference

1. Unless the context provides otherwise, in these Articles of Association:

"Association" means the Ethiopian Economics Association.

"General Assembly and Executive Committee" means the General Assembly of the Association in which its members are present and the Executive Committee constituted of members to be elected by the General Assembly of the Association.

"Chapters" means branches of the Association as the Executive Committee may, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, establish from time to time.

"Subsidiaries" means institutes, centers and such other implementing arms of the Association engaged in economic research, education, training, funding, capacity building, etc., as the General Assembly may establish for the purpose of discharging the goals and objectives of the Association that are set forth in these Articles of the Association.

"Officers" means directors and/or chief executive officers, and their deputies, of institutes, centers and other implementing organs of the Association appointed by the Executive Committee.

"Secretariat" means the Secretariat of the Association established in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association.

2. Save provisions to contrary, expressions set out in these Articles of Association in the masculine gender shall also apply to the feminine gender.

Article V
Objectives of the Association

The Association is a non-profit making, non-political and non-religious professional organization established with a view to advancing the objectives outlined hereunder.

1. To contribute to the economic policy formulation capability and broadly to the economic advancement of Ethiopia.
2. To promote the professional interests of Economists.
3. To promote the study of economics in the country's educational institutions.
4. To promote economic research and assist in the dissemination of the findings of such research in Ethiopia.
5. To provide fora for the discussion of economic issues.
6. To promote professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

Article VI
Membership

1. The General Assembly has given mandate to the Executive Committee of the EEA to accept new members who subscribe to the objectives of the Association and fulfill all the requirements set forth in these articles.
2. A person, having attained the age of 18, who subscribes to the objectives of the Association and who fulfills the requirements set forth in these Articles of Association shall become a member thereof upon filing the necessary application to this effect to the Executive Committee.
3. **Classes of membership.** There shall be five types of membership: full membership, student membership, associate membership, institutional membership and honorary membership.

3.1 Full Membership

- a. Membership is open to all who have a minimum of first degree in Economics and who subscribe to the objectives of the Association.
- b. Members shall pay a registration fee of Birr 50.00 (fifty) and an annual membership fee of Birr 60.00 (sixty).

3.2 Student Membership

- a. Membership is open to registered students of economics in any college and who subscribe to the objectives of the Association.
- b. Student members shall pay a registration and annual membership fee of 20 percent of the corresponding basic fees as per 2.1.b.

3.3 Associate Membership

- a. Associate membership is open to all who have a minimum of college diploma in any field of study and subscribe to the objectives of the Association.
- b. Associate members shall pay a registration and annual membership fees of 50 percent of the corresponding basic fees as per 2.1.b.

3.4 Institutional Membership

- a. Institutional membership is open to all institutions within and outside the country that subscribe to the objectives of the Association.
- b. Institutional members shall pay a registration fee of Birr 500 (five hundred) and an annual membership fee of Birr 700 (seven hundred).

3.5 Honorary Membership

- a. Honorary membership is bestowed by the Association on individuals who have made distinguished contributions to promoting the objectives of the Association.
- b. Honorary members shall not pay any fees.

Article VII
Rights and Duties of Members

1. Rights of Members

1.1. Full members

- a. All full members of the Association shall have equal rights in matters that pertain to the Association.
- b. Full members shall have the right to take part and vote in the General Assembly of the Association, to elect and be elected to its offices, to receive information on its activities provided, however, that only Ethiopians by nationality and foreigners of Ethiopian origin might be elected as officers of the Association.
- c. Membership is personal to the individual or the institution concerned and as such is not subject to transfer or assignment to third parties.
- d. A full member is entitled to purchase a single copy of each of the publications of the Association, its subsidiaries, chapters and other organs at a reduced price to be determined by the appropriate authority.

1.2. Student members

- a. Student members have the right to participate in the activities of the Association but not to elect or be elected to the offices of the Association.
- b. Student members have the right to purchase a single copy of each publication of the Association at a reduced price.

1.3. Associate Members

- a. Associate members have the right to participate in the activities of the Association but not to elect or be elected to the offices of the Association.
- b. Associate members have the right to purchase a single copy of each publication of the Association at a reduced price.

1.4. Institutional Members

- a. Institutional members have the right, through their designated representatives, to participate in the activities of the Association but not to elect or be elected to the offices of the Association.
- b. Institutional members have the right to purchase a single copy of each publication of the Association at a reduced price.

1.5. Honorary Members

- a. Honorary members have the right to participate in the activities of the association. They may elect and be elected to the offices of the Association
- b. Honorary members have the right to receive a copy of each of all publications of the Association free of charge.

2. Duties of Members

- 2.1. Every member of the Association shall pay the required membership contribution in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association.
- 2.2. A member shall have the duty to respect the objectives of the Association and to abide by any and all decisions made in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association.
- 2.3. A member who fails to pay the required membership fees and/or who fails to render the services expected of him to the Association may not avail himself of the rights set forth hereof.
- 2.4. A member who relinquishes membership of his own free will is liable to pay all arrears relating to his membership fees.
- 2.5. Full members are bound to attend all meetings of the General Assembly.

Article VIII

Termination of Membership

Any one of the following conditions shall have the effect of terminating membership:

1. Death of an individual member.
2. Dissolution, winding up or deregistration of an institutional member.
3. Written resignation of a member duly submitted to the Executive Committee.
4. Dismissal from membership by a court of law or by the relevant organ of the Association for failure to pay membership fees or for violation of the provisions of these Articles of Association.

Article IX

Organization of the Association

1. The Association shall have the following organs:

- 1.1. General Assembly
- 1.2. Executive Committee
- 1.3. Secretariat
- 1.4. Auditor
- 1.5. Branches
- 1.6. Subsidiaries

2. The General Assembly

2.1. Powers and Functions

- a. The General Assembly, which shall be composed of all members, is the highest policy and decision- making organ in all matters that pertain to the Association.
- b. Without limitation to the generalities of the provisions of 2.1. a hereof, the General Assembly shall have the following specific powers and functions.
 - i. Determine the policy direction of the Association
 - ii. Elect the officers of the Association.

- iii. Appoint the Auditor of the Association
- iv. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee or of its own motion, establish subsidiaries and chapters of the Association and issue the terms of reference thereon.
- v. Upon the recommendations of the Executive Committee, appoint the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Association.
- vi. Receive, deliberate upon and approve the annual reports of the Executive Committee.
- vii. Receive, deliberate upon and approve the audited annual financial reports of the Association.
- viii. Deliberate upon and approve the annual budget of the Association to be submitted to it by the Executive Committee.
- ix. Consider and approve the program of action of the Association.
- x. Bestow honorary membership on deserving individuals and organizations upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- xi. Make amendments to or alterations on these Articles of Association.
- xii. Decide on the liquidation and winding up of the Association in accordance with the law.
- xiii. Perform such other functions, which, under these Articles of Association or under other resolutions, do not fall in the domain of activities of other organs of the Association.
- xiv. Delegate some of its powers to the Executive Committee provided such powers do not call for authorization by an extra ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

2.2. Meetings of the General Assembly

- a. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year.
- b. Meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Executive Committee or at the written request of at least 10 percent of full members who have paid their membership fees in full.
- c. The Executive Committee shall inform the time, venue and agenda items of the meeting to all members a minimum of ten days ahead of the date

fixed for the meeting. The Executive Committee shall choose the appropriate media.

- d. Thirty Five percent of full members who have fully paid up their membership contributions shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, a second meeting of the General Assembly shall be called where deliberations and decisions are to be made by members attending the meeting unless the agenda item is of such a nature that it requires the presence of an absolute majority for its consideration.
- e. Subject to the provisions of Articles 13 and 14 hereof, decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by simple majority. In the event of tie, the chairperson of the meeting of the General Assembly shall have a casting vote.
- f. Elections to all offices of the Association shall be conducted by secret ballots and administered by an election committee of three members designated for this purpose by the General Assembly.

3. The Executive Committee

- 3.1. The Executive Committee, which shall be constituted by and accountable to the General Assembly, is responsible for the management of the activities of the Association.
- 3.2. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer of the Association as well as the Editor-in-Chief of the Association's journal and three other members to be elected by the General Assembly. The Head of the Secretariat as well as the directors and chief executive officers of subsidiaries shall also be its non-voting members.
- 3.3. The term of office of elected members of the Executive Committee shall be three years. They may be re-elected for a maximum of one more successive term. The term of office of the Vice President, the Editor-in-Chief and one other member shall be so arranged that it terminates a year after that of the president. In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Committee other than for the office of the President, the Executive Committee may fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

3.4. Meetings of the Executive Committee:

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every quarter. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the President or any four of its members.
- b. The presence of fifty percent plus one of the voting members shall constitute a quorum and all decisions are to be made by a vote of simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chairman shall have a casting vote.
- c. In the absence of a quorum, a second meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called. If there is no quorum in the second meeting a written notice shall be made to all members to attend a third meeting informing them that deliberations and decisions are to be made by those members attending the meeting.

3.5. No remunerations are due to members of the Executive Committee acting in this capacity.

3.6. Powers and responsibilities of the Executive Committee

- a. Draw up the annual report of the Association for approval by the General Assembly.
- b. Draw up the Associations annual program of activities as well as its short and long-term plans for consideration by the General Assembly.
- c. Draw up the annual budget of the Association for eventual endorsement by the general Assembly.
- d. Approve the editorial policy of the Association and appoint members of the Editorial Board.
- e. Ensure the observance and implementation of directives and resolutions of the General Assembly by all organs and personnel of the Association.
- f. Be responsible for initiation and formulation of policies to be considered and adopted by the General Assembly.
- g. Devise ways and means of generating revenues to fund the various activities of the Association.
- h. Recommend establishment of subsidiaries and draw up their by-laws and terms of reference for approval by the General Assembly.

- i. Establish chapters of the Association both within and outside Ethiopia and issue their operational guidelines.
- j. Appoint Head of the Secretariat, directors and chief executive officers of subsidiaries and issue their terms of reference.
- k. Establish any committee that it deems is necessary for the conduct of the Association's activities.
- l. Recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of honorary members of the Association
- m. Recommend to the General Assembly termination of membership of any one who fails to pay his membership fees for a period of more than two consecutive years.
- n. Grant the President power to conclude contracts on behalf of the Association.
- o. Authorize the President to borrow money from banks or other lending institutions by offering as collateral the property of the Association.
- p. Issue personnel manuals that govern employees of the Association.
- q. Adopt its own rules of procedure.
- r. Perform such other functions as may be entrusted to it by the General Assembly.

4. Auditor

The Auditor shall have the following powers and functions:

- 4.1. Monitor the financial and property administration of the society;
- 4.2. Prepare the internal audit report in accordance with the standards acceptable in Ethiopia and submit to the General Assembly

5. The Secretariat

5.1. The Secretariat is the standing organ of the Executive Committee responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Association. It shall be headed by a Chief Executive Officer appointed by and accountable to the Executive Committee. It shall have the required personnel.

5.2. Without limitation to the generalities of Sections 3.1. hereof, the Secretariat shall have the following duties and responsibilities :

- a. It shall conduct the business of the Secretariat in line with directives to be issued by the Executive Committee.
- b. It shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all members of the Association.
- c. It shall draw up and keep minutes of all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee
- d. It shall draw up its operating manuals for approval by the Executive Committee.
- e. It shall maintain the bank accounts of the Association, other than those of subsidiaries, which shall be jointly operated by the chief Executive Officer and other staff to be designated by the Executive Committee.
- f. It shall publicize the objectives, programs and activities of the Association.
- g. It shall draw up its plan of activities for approval by the Executive Committee.
- h. It shall administer the property and finance of the Association in accordance with accepted principles of financial management.
- i. It shall prepare the agenda of meetings of the Executive Committee.
- j. It shall discharge such other duties as are entrusted to it by the Executive Committee.

6. Subsidiaries

- 6.1. A subsidiary (institute, center, etc.) is a semi-autonomous unit of the Association established by a charter or by-laws issued by the General Assembly in accordance with the appropriate provisions of these Articles of Association.
- 6.2. A subsidiary shall be headed by a director or a chief executive officer to be appointed by the Executive Committee. It shall have the required staff for the discharge of its functions.
- 6.3. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, a subsidiary shall conduct its business independently of the Secretariat.

- 6.4. The terms of reference and the basic operational principles of subsidiaries shall be spelt out by the General Assembly.
- 6.5. A subsidiary shall draw up an operating manual governing its objectives, activities, financial mobilization and related matters for approval by the Executive Committee.
- 6.6. A subsidiary shall maintain bank accounts, which shall be jointly operated by the director or the chief executive officer and his designate.
- 6.7. A subsidiary shall solicit its own income in line with approved guidelines of its operation.
- 6.8. A subsidiary shall be accountable to the Executive Committee, to which it will submit an annual plan and a report on its operation.
- 6.9. Upon authorization by the Executive Committee, a subsidiary shall conclude contract agreements with the Government and/or its agencies, donors, consultants and research organizations.

7. Chapters

- 7.1. Chapters are branch offices of the Association, which the Executive Committee may establish within and outside Ethiopia with a view to furthering the objectives of the Association and discharging the duties and functions of the Executive Committee and those of the Secretariat.
- 7.2. The terms of reference on the basis of which chapters may carry out their duties shall be issued by the Executive Committee. But they may draw up their own internal rules of procedure for approval by the Executive Committee.
- 7.3. Chapters are responsible, on behalf of the Association, for undertaking such activities, which will promote the objectives of the Association in the regions or countries in which they are based.
- 7.4. The day-to-day activities of chapters are headed by an officer appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 7.5. Funds raised by chapters shall be used in a manner proposed by them and approved by the Executive Committee.

- 7.6. Chapters shall be accountable to the Executive Committee, to which they will submit an annual plan and a report on their operation.

Article X

Officers of the Association

1. The President

- 1.1. The President shall be elected by the General Assembly and is the principal officer of the Association. He shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee and shall have a casting vote in such meetings where there is a tie.
- 1.2. The President shall have the following duties and responsibilities.
- a. He shall ensure proper implementation of these Articles of Association, resolutions and directives of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee by all organs and personnel of the Association,
 - b. He shall present draft policies, recommendations and programs of action drawn up by the Executive Committee for consideration and approval by the General Assembly.
 - c. He shall present reports of the Executive Committee to the General Assembly.
 - d. He shall closely follow up the activities of the Secretariat.
 - e. He shall represent the Association to third parties.
 - f. Upon the authorization of the Executive Committee, he shall conclude contracts with third parties on behalf of the Association and, in particular, he shall borrow money, on behalf of the Association, from banks or other lending institutions by offering as collateral property belonging to the Association.
 - g. Subject to prior approval by the Executive Committee, he shall sign contracts for the purchase and/or sale of properties on behalf of the Association.
 - h. He shall perform such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

- 1.3. The President shall be accountable to the General Assembly and the Executive Committee in matters that pertain to their respective powers and responsibilities.

2. The Vice President

- 2.1. The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties.
- 2.2. The Vice President shall act on behalf of the president in the event the latter is unable to fulfill his responsibilities.
- 2.3. The Vice President shall perform any other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the President.

3. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial matters of the Association.

4. Editor in Chief

- 4.1 The Editor in Chief shall be responsible for all publications of the Association.
- 4.2 Chairs the Editorial Board.
- 4.3 He shall draw up the editorial policy of the association for approval by the Executive Committee.

Article XI

Publications of the Association

1. The Association shall publish The Ethiopian Journal of Economics (EJE), Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy (AREE) and Economic Focus.
2. The Association shall also publish other publications (books, occasional papers, monographs, etc.) by its own and through its subsidiaries.

Article XII

Source of Finance, Financial Administration and budget year

1. The income of the Association shall be made up of collections from registration and membership fees, sales of publications, donations, and transfers from subsidiaries and revenues from activities that will be used further to the objectives of the Association.
2. The Association will keep separate banks of accounts for income generating activities.
3. The finance of the Association, its chapters and subsidiaries shall be administered in strict compliance of accepted principles and rules of financial management.
4. The financial records of the secretariat and subsidiaries shall be open for auditing. Detail procedures shall be outlined in operational manuals.
5. An external auditor, appointed by the General Assembly, shall audit the financial records of the Association.
6. The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on 1 July and come to an end on the 30th of June of the coming year.

Article XIII

Dissolution of the Association

1. The Association may be dissolved by a three-fourth vote of the full members of the Association in an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly in which at least two-thirds of full members who have paid their contributions are present.
2. In the event of dissolution, all residue assets of the Association shall be donated to institutions agreed upon by the members.

Article XIV

Amendments to the Constitution

1. Amendments to these Articles of Association shall be made by a majority vote of full and fee paying members in an extraordinary meeting in which at least two thirds of full members are present.
2. Proposals for constitutional amendment may be made by any twenty members of the Association or by the Executive Committee. Such proposals must be made in writing and circulated among members of the Association at least one month before the convening of the General Assembly.

Article XV

Effective Date

These Articles of Association shall come into force as of the 14th day of October 2006.

Executive Committee members of the Ethiopian Economics Association

S/N	Name	Region	Sub City	Kebele	H. No.	Signature
1	Dr. Wolday Amha (President)					
2	Dr. Mulat Demeke (Vice President)					
3	Dr. Atsede Assefa (Treasurer)					
4	Dr. Getnet Alemu (Editor-in-Chief)					
5	Weiz. Etalem Eneгда (Member)					
6	Ato Abiy Hailu (Member)					
7	Ato Workineh Denekew (Member)					

Annex

Organizational Chart of EEA

