



*Ethiopian Economics Association  
(EEA)*



*15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy  
(Co-organized by IFPRI-ESSP)  
Conference Program*

*July 20 - 22, 2017*



## Objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association

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

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

### Vision

**“To become the premier Economic Association in Africa renowned for its excellence in membership services and economic policy research”**

### Mission

**“To represent the professional interests of our members, advance the discipline of Economics and contribute to the development of the Ethiopian Economy”**

### Organizational Values of EEA

**Professionalism**

**Independence**

**Credibility**

**Integrity**

**Teamwork**

**Inspiring leadership**



## *Day 1 (July 20, 2017)*

8:00	Registration
8:30	Opening Ceremony
9:00	Welcoming address by Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, President, Ethiopian Economics Association
9:15	Official Opening Statement by [High Level Official]
10:00	Presidential Address
10:30	<i>Honoring Ethiopian Economists Book Donation to EEA Documentation Centers and EEA Chapters</i>
11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
11:30	PLENARY SESSION I Co-organized by IFPRI-ESSP <span style="float: right;"><i>Conference Room 1</i></span>
	<p><b>The Future of Agriculture in Ethiopia by IFPRI-ESSP</b>  <i>Chair Person: Bart Minten</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse: Resilience and the role of safety nets</i></li> <li>2. <i>Bart Minten: Evolving Agricultural Markets</i></li> <li>3. <i>Paul Dorosh: Natural resource constraints and CGE simulation results</i></li> </ol>
13:00	<i>LUNCH</i>

14:00	PARALLEL SESSION I			
<p><b>The Demographic Dividend: an Opportunity for Ethiopia's Transformation</b> Co-organized by EEA and Population Reference Bureau <b>Conference Room 1</b> <i>Chairperson: Assefa Admassie</i></p> <p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>William Muhwava:</b> Africa's perspectives on the Demographic dividend and the Youth</li> <li><b>Assefa Admassie and Seid Nuru:</b> Prospects for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend in Ethiopian Regional States</li> <li><b>Assefa Admassie and Seid Nuru:</b> Fostering Employment in Productive Sectors to Maximize Ethiopia's Potential to Reap a Demographic Dividend</li> </ol>	<p><b>Development and other issues</b> Co-organized By AAU <b>Conference Room 2</b> <i>Chairperson: Atlaw Alemu</i></p> <p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Atnafu Gebre:</b> The Link between Access to Bank Loans and Income Distribution in Agent Based Modeling: A Theoretical Framework</li> <li><b>Tsegaye Mulugeta:</b> Impacts of Improved Agricultural Technology Adoption on Rural Poverty: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia Using Propensity Score Matching and Endogenous Switching Regression Approaches</li> <li><b>Yemane Michael:</b> The FDI-Domestic Investment Nexus in SSA</li> <li><b>Atlaw Alemu:</b> Manufacturing Growth and Sustained Growth of Low Income Economies</li> </ol>	<p><b>The Economics of Livestock Systems</b> Co-organized By IFPRI-ESSP <b>Conference Room 3</b> <i>Chairperson: Fantu Bachewe</i></p> <p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Getachew A. Abegaz:</b> The consumption of animal source foods: Patterns and dynamics</li> <li><b>Feiruz Yimer:</b> The rising costs of animal source foods and of diet diversity in Ethiopia: Evidence and implications</li> <li><b>Agajie Tesfaye:</b> Adoption status of dairy technologies in the Oromia region -</li> <li><b>Fantu Bachewe:</b> Cattle prices in Ethiopia: Trends, quality premiums and associates</li> </ol>	<p><b>Shocks and Government Policies and Growth</b> <b>Conference Room 4</b> <i>Chairperson: Esubalew Asmare</i></p> <p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ruth Hill and Habtamu Fuje:</b> What is the impact of drought on prices? Evidence from Ethiopia</li> <li><b>Mulugeta Dereje:</b> The impact of government expenditure on economic growth of Ethiopia: a Johansson co-integration approach</li> <li><b>Esubalew Asmare:</b> External shock and monetary policy: case study in Ethiopia</li> </ol>	<p><b>Adoption of Modern Agricultural Inputs</b> <b>Conference Room 5</b> <i>Chairperson: Mulat Goshu</i></p> <p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kalle Hirvonen:</b> The role of transaction costs in 'cash versus food' debate: Evidence from the Ethiopian Productive Safety Net Program</li> <li><b>Fitsum Hagos, Gebrehaweria Gebregziabher, Nicole Lefore and Amare Haileslassie:</b> Credit access, irrigation technology adoption and repayment performance: reflections on the role of risk perception on credit demand and repayment</li> <li><b>Mulat Goshu:</b> Effect of credit constraints on intensity of fertilizer adoption and agricultural productivity in Amhara, Ethiopia</li> </ol>
15:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK			

16:00	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION II</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Conference Room 1</i></span></p> <p>Panel Discussion on EEA's Journey in the next 25 years (to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of EEA (1992-2017))</p> <p><i>Chair Person: Assefa Admassie</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Mekonnen Manyazewal</i></li> <li>2. <i>Tewodros Makonnen</i></li> <li>3. <i>Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse</i></li> </ol>
18:00	<i>Cocktail Reception at EEA Atrium</i>



## **Day 2 (July 21, 2017)**

8:00	<i>Arrival</i>				
8:30	PLENARY SESSION III Co-organized by IFPRI-ESSP		<i>Conference Room 1</i>		
	<p>Learning Agenda Co-organized by IFPRI-ESSP  <i>Chair Person: Guush Berhane</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Mehari Hiluf</i>: Do PSNP transfers crowd-out private transfers? -</li> <li>2. <i>Fanaye Tadesse</i>: Pathways Less Explored: Locus of Control and Technology Adoption</li> <li>3. <i>Guush Berhane</i>: Safety nets, asset growth and poverty transitions: Any roles for safety nets to lift the poor out of poverty? Evidence from Ethiopia.</li> </ol>				
11:00	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>				
11:30	<b>PARALLEL SESSION II</b>				
	<p><b>Industrialization and sustainable development</b>  Co-organized by UNECA  <b>Conference Room 1</b>  <i>Chairperson: Girum Abebe</i>  Paper presenters:  1. <i>Edlam Yemeru/ Hopestone Kayiska</i>  <i>Chavula</i>: Industrialization and urbanization for Africa's structural transformation - Based on the findings of the Economic Report on Africa  2. <i>Yesul Mohammednur</i></p>	<p><b>Rural Outmigration: Trends and its implication on Wood fuel Extraction</b>  Co-organized by EEA and Center for International Forestry Research  <b>Conference Room 2</b>  <i>Chairperson: Assefa Admassie</i>  Paper presenters:  1. <i>Assefa Admassie, Degnet Abebaw, and Habtemariam Kassa</i>: Patterns and Trends of Rural Outmigration in Ethiopia: Evidence from a Micro-level Study</p>	<p><b>Poverty and Child Well related Topic</b>  <b>Conference Room 3</b>  <i>Chairperson: Essa Mussa</i>  Paper presenters:  1. <i>Habtamu Demilew Yismaw</i>: Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty and Child Well - Being In Ethiopia: Early Childhood Health, Nutrition and Cognitive Development  2. <i>Naod Mekonnen and Bamlak Alamirew</i>: Is Public Investment on</p>	<p><b>Resettlement and Improved Agricultural Technology</b>  <b>Conference Room 4</b>  <i>Chairperson: Kassa T. Alemu</i>  Paper presenters:  1. <i>Shumet Assefa</i>: Determinants and Measurement of Resource Productivity and Technical Efficiency of Resettled Farm Households in Western Ethiopia: Stochastic Frontier and Data Envelopment Approaches  2. <i>Amare Teklay and Arild Angelsen</i>: Performance payment and reference</p>	<p><b>Climate Change and Natural Resource Management</b>  <b>Conference Room 5</b>  <i>Chairperson: Kebebe Ergano</i>  Paper presenters:  1. <i>Fissha Asmare</i>: The effect of climate change adaptation strategy on farm household's welfare in Nile Basin of Ethiopia: is there synergy or trade off?  2. <i>Dawit Woubishet and Amare Fentie</i>: The impact of forest cover</p>

<p><i>Awel/Hopestone Kayiska Chavula:</i> The service sector and Africa's recent growth performance</p> <p>3. <i>Khaled Hussein/ Yesul Mohammednur Awel/Hopestone Kayiska Chavula/ Allan Mukungu/Nadia Ouedraogo:</i> Drivers of inclusive growth in Africa</p>	<p>2. <i>Assefa Admassie, Degnet Abebaw, and Habtemariam Kassa:</i> Does Rural Outmigration Reduce Forest Pressure for Wood fuel Extraction? Initial Evidence from Rural Ethiopia</p>	<p>Rural Road Sector in Ethiopia Pro-poor? Evidence from the Ethiopian Rural Socio-economic-Living Standard Measurement Survey (LSMS)</p> <p>3. <i>Essa Mussa:</i> The effects of childhood work on earnings as adults in rural Ethiopia</p>	<p>levels: a framed field experiment on forest conservation</p> <p>3. <i>Kassa T. Alemu:</i> Resettlement and sustainable livelihoods in Ethiopia: A comparative analysis of Amahra and Southern regions</p>	<p>on potable water treatment costs: panel evidence from Ethiopia</p> <p>3. <i>Kebebe Ergano:</i> Adoption determinants and welfare impact of Agro forestry technologies in Ethiopian highlands</p>
12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>			
14:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION IV: Co-organized by AKLDP</b>		<i>Conference Room 1</i>	
<b>El Niño and its impact Co-organized by AKLDP</b>				
<i>Chairperson: Mestawet Gebru</i>				
Paper presenters:				
1. Solomon Bogale: El Niño and Indebtedness in Ethiopia: Impacts of drought on household debts in Amhara, Tigray and Oromia National Regional States				
2. Yelebe Kinfu, Abe Ususu and Adrian Cullis: Gap Analysis, Response Planning and Resource Mobilization				
3. Mestawet Gebru: Impacts of El Niño on Young Rural Women in Amhara National Regional State				
16:00	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>			
16:30	<b>PARALLEL SESSION III</b>			
<p>Poverty and Children Wellbeing Co-organized by Young Lives <b>Conference Room 1</b> <i>Chairperson: Tasew Woldehanna</i> Paper presenters: 1. <i>Tasew Woldehanna, Adiam</i></p>	<p>Aspects of Structural Transformations: Evidence from Recent IGC Ethiopia Researches Co-organized by IGC <b>Conference Room 2</b> <i>Chairperson: Niclas Moneke</i> Paper presenters:</p>	<p>Industry and Related Topics <b>Conference Room 3</b> <i>Chairperson: Guta Legesse</i> Paper presenters: 1. <i>Yibeltal Gelaye:</i></p>	<p>Dynamics of Poverty and Wellbeing in Ethiopia Co-organized By WB <b>Conference Room 4</b> <i>Chairperson: Dean Jolliffe</i> Paper presenters: 1. <i>Dean Jolliffe:</i> Brief</p>	<p>Poverty and Fiscal Policy Reform related topics Co-organized By JRC <b>Conference Room 5</b> <i>Chairperson: Hasan Dudu</i></p>



<p><b>Hagos, and Yisak Tafere:</b> Dynamics of Multi-Dimensional Poverty among Children in Ethiopia: Evidence using longitudinal data of children from Young Lives Study</p> <p>2. <b>Mesele W. Araya, Tassew Woldehanna and Jere R. Behrman:</b> The Effect of Early Childhood Malnutrition on Cognitive Achievement: Evidence from Young Lives Study</p> <p>3. <b>Tassew Woldehanna, Jere R. Behrman, and Mesele W. Araya:</b> What Determines Ethiopian Children's Dietary Diversity? Insights from Young Lives</p>	<p>1. <b>Simon Quinn and Marc Witte:</b> Job referrals and strategic network formation - Experimental evidence from urban neighbourhoods in Ethiopia</p> <p>2. <b>Tsegaye Ginbo:</b> Residential Pricing in Ethiopia: Do Urban Green Amenities Influence House Buyers' Decision?</p> <p>3. <b>Niclas Moneke :</b> the Effects of Electrification on Firms: Preliminary Results from Ethiopia</p>	<p>Determinants of Technical Efficiency of Ethiopian Metals and Engineering Industries</p> <p>2. <b>Yigzaw Negrew:</b> Economic Benefit and Effect of Addis Ababa Light Rail Transit on Private Business Firms: A case area study from Ayat station to Stadium station</p> <p>3. <b>Guta Legesse:</b> Distribution and determinants of high growth firm in Ethiopia: a quintile regression approach</p>	<p>Presentation on articles of the special issue of Ethiopian Journal Economics</p> <p>2. <b>Kashi Kifle, Kevin McGee, Alemayehu Ambel, Ilana Seff:</b> Once poor always poor? Exploring consumption- and asset-based poverty dynamics in Ethiopia</p> <p>3. <b>Anna D'Souza and Dean Jolliffe:</b> A profile of food insecurity dynamics in rural and small town Ethiopia</p> <p>4. <b>Habtamu Fuje:</b> Recent welfare dynamics and drought in Ethiopia</p>	<p><b>Paper presenters:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Emerta Aragie:</b> Public spending for rural development and rapid poverty reduction in Ethiopia</p> <p>2. <b>Hasan Dudu:</b> Analysis of fiscal Policy Reforms in Senegal</p>
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*Happy Anniversary!*

## *Day 3 (July 22, 2017)*

8:00	<i>Arrival</i>		
8:30	PLENARY SESSION IV: Co-organized by IGC		<i>Conference Room 1</i>
<p style="color: green;"><b>Aspects of Structural Transformations: Evidence from Recent IGC Ethiopia Researches</b></p> <p>Co-organized by IGC  <i>Chairperson: Tewodros Makonnen Gebrewolde</i></p> <p>Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Simon Quinn, Antonio Stefano Caria, Girum Abebe:</i> Application Incentives and the Allocation of Talent: Experimental Evidence”</li> <li><i>Kibrom A. Abay, Bethelhem Koru, Gashaw Tadesse Abate and Guush Berhane:</i> How should Rural Financial Cooperatives be best Organized? Evidence from Ethiopia</li> <li><i>Dawit Zenebe and Jeremy Foltz:</i> Trade Liberalization, Productivity, and Exit, in Ethiopian Manufacturing Firms</li> </ol>			
10:30	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>		
11:00	PARALLEL SESSION V		
<p style="color: green;"><b>Agricultural and Others</b></p> <p>Co-organized By IFPRI-ESSP  <b>Conference Room 1</b>  <i>Chairperson:</i>  Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mekdim Dereje:</i> The rapid – but from a low base – uptake of agricultural mechanization in Ethiopia: Patterns, implications and challenges</li> <li><i>Hosaena Ghebru:</i> Land access and youth livelihood strategy in Ethiopia: The role of land rental markets</li> <li><i>Seneshaw Tamru:</i> Tracking the “value” in agricultural value chains:</li> </ol>	<p style="color: green;"><b>ICT, Market integration and Tax Revenue</b></p> <p><b>Conference Room 2</b>  <i>Chairperson: Workineh Ayenew</i>  Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Haftu Girmay:</i> Information Communication Technology and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li><i>Tinsae Demise:</i> Market integration and price transmission under institutionalized Ethiopian coffee market: Evidence from Nonlinear ARDL model</li> <li><i>Workineh Ayenew:</i> Determinants of Tax Revenue in Ethiopia (Johansen</li> </ol>	<p style="color: green;"><b>Selected Topics</b></p> <p><b>Conference Room 3</b>  <i>Chairperson: Zewdie Habtie</i>  Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Abrha Megos &amp; Ståle Navrud:</i> Farmers’ Technology Adoption under Hard Uncertainty: A Framed Field Experiment on Motives, Risk preferences and their determinants.</li> <li><i>Hassen Hussien:</i> The impact of vagaries of nature and institutions on fastening economic growth in Ethiopia</li> <li><i>Zewdie Habtie:</i> Governance</li> </ol>	<p style="color: green;"><b>Finance and Related Topics</b></p> <p><b>Conference Room 4</b>  <i>Chairperson: Gashaw Desalegn</i>  Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Gashaw Desalegn and Gebe Yemataw:</i> Understanding Financial inclusion in Ethiopia using World Bank’s ESS Data</li> <li><i>Gashaw Desalegn and Gebe Yemataw:</i> Barriers to financial inclusion in Ethiopia using World Bank’s ESS Data</li> <li><i>Abdilahi Nedif:</i> A causality analysis between financial</li> </ol>

The case of washed coffee in Ethiopia	Co-Integration Approach)	structure and incentives in the wheat industry	development and economic growth in Ethiopia
<i>12:30</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>		
<b>14:00</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSION VI</b>		
<b>Agricultural and Others</b> Co-organized by IFPRI-ESSP <b>Conference Room 1</b> <i>Chairperson: Bart Minten/ Helina Tilahun</i> <b>Paper presenters:</b> 1. <i>Guush Berhane, Kalle Hirvonen, Thomas Woldu:</i> Assessing health information systems in Ethiopia: evidence from child health records in PSNP kebeles 2. <i>Gashaw T. Abate and Kibrom A. Abay:</i> Measurement Errors in Self-Reported Land Area and Production: Implications on Farm Size—Productivity Analysis. 3. <i>Helina Tilahun and Bart Minten:</i> Big cities, small towns, and poor farmers: Evidence from Ethiopia	<b>Food Insecurity and vulnerability</b> <b>Conference Room 2</b> <i>Chairperson: Temesgen Kebede</i> <b>Paper presenters:</b> 1. <i>Dinkisa Kumsa:</i> The level and determinants of food insecurity among rural households in east Wollega zone: the case of Diga Woreda 2. <i>Samrawit Seleshi:</i> Informal sector employment, food security and vulnerability of households in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 3. <i>Temesgen Kebede:</i> Evaluation of rural households’ resilience to food insecurity indicators in west Shewa, Ethiopia	<b>Selected Topics</b> <b>Conference Room 3</b> <i>Chairperson: Eshetie Woretaw Meried</i> <b>Paper presenters:</b> 1. <i>Aynalem Shita:</i> Determinants of urban youth unemployment; evidence from east Gojjam zone of Amhara region 2. <i>Aregawi G. Gebremariam, Elisabetta Lodigiani, and Giacomo Pasini:</i> The impact of Ethiopian Productive Safety-net Program on children's educational aspiration 3. <i>Eshetie Woretaw Meried:</i> Households’ Preferences and Willingness to Pay for Improved Solid Waste Management Interventions Using Choice Experiment Approach: Debre Tabor Town, Northwest	<b>Selected Topic</b> <b>Conference Room 4</b> <i>Chairperson: Hibret B. Maemir</i> <b>Paper presenters:</b> 1. <i>Zelalem Ejigu:</i> What drives the growth of the service sector in Ethiopia? Evidence from ARDL approach 2. <i>Kurabachew Menber:</i> Financial development link with growth, investment, inequality and poverty 3. <i>Hibret B. Maemir:</i> Taxing the Good? Distortions, Misallocation, and Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa
<i>15:30</i>	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>		
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Closing Sessions</b>		
<i>16:30</i>	<i>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</i>		

## Note to Paper Presenters

Considering the number of papers we have and the need to have reasonable time for discussion, the Secretariat of the Ethiopian Economics Association would like to advise paper presenter to note the following points:

1. Paper presenters are advised to briefly introduce themselves;
2. Each paper presenter will have 15 minutes including self introduction; and
3. Paper presenters are advised to give due attention for their findings and limit the number of their slide accordingly.

## Note to Chair Persons

The Secretariat of the Ethiopian Economics Association would like to remind the following points to chair persons:

1. Introduce or Advise paper presenters to briefly introduce themselves;
2. The chair persons have the responsibility of facilitating the discussion i.e. the chair persons are advised as much as possible not to involve themselves in the discussion;
3. Should always try to keep the time allotted to each paper presenter which is about 15 minutes in order to allocate more time for discussion; and
4. Remind paper presenter when 5 minutes remains and stop when the time is over.

*Thank you*

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