Workshop on “Transport Sector Development and Implications for Growth”

With the objective of providing an independent and professional view on the Ethiopian Economy, the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) has been publishing annual report on the performance of the Ethiopian economy since 1999/00. The report comprises an in-depth analysis of a topical thematic issue. For the 2012 Economic Report, EEA identified **Transport Sector Development and Implications for Growth** as the thematic issue. The Ethiopian Economics Association organized a half day workshop on October 13, 2011 at EEA Head Office to solicit relevant issues on the topic from the concerned stakeholders. The participants of the workshop came from various institutions such as Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopian Airlines, Ethiopian Railway Corporation, and Private Consultant.

**Think Thank Initiative (TTI) Resource Mobilization Strategy Workshop**

Think Thank Initiative (TTI) of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) organized a Resource Mobilization Strategy Development Workshop from November 1-5, 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya. W/o Etalem Engeda, Executive Member and Treasure of EEA, Dr. Assefa Admasie, Director of EEPRU/EEA and Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat attended the workshop. The main purpose of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of thank thanks in successful resource mobilization to ensure their long-term sustainability. The workshop informed the participants of the workshop different tools and skills that are needed to develop effective resource mobilization strategy. During the workshop, EEA’s experience in resource mobilization was presented as an example of successful resource mobilization effort. The presentation was well received by the participants.

**10th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy**

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) will organize its 10th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy in June 2012. The Ninth International Conference which was held from July 21-23, 2011 at EEA Multipurpose Building was an unqualified success. It was attended by more than 450 participants. More than 90 papers were presented. Following this experience and success, the Association has already collected more than 70 abstracts from individual researchers. Institutions such as World Bank, International Food Policy research Institute, Future Agriculture, UNDP, Forum for Social Study and etc will co-organize session at the upcoming international conference.

**New staffs**

EEA has recruited five new staffs on competitive basis. These staffs include; one senior research fellow, two junior research fellows, one public relation & communication officer and a cashier.
Ethiopian Economics Association

EEA organized five-day training on Applied Econometrics with Software Application

The Ethiopian Economics Association offered a five-days training on Applied Econometrics and Software Applications to its members at the EEA meeting Hall from December 26 to 30, 2011. A total of 50 participants who came from different sectors including academia, government organizations, NGOs and think tanks working directly on the subject matter attended the training.

Before the latest training, a similar training (advanced level) was provided to 40 active members of the Association working in higher education, private sector, public organizations, NGOs, as well as graduate students. The participants highly appreciated the training and recommended EEA to organize similar trainings to other interested members of the Association.

EEA also plans to provide similar trainings at the regional chapters at regional universities in February 2012 to build the capacity of university lecturers.

EEA participated in the Great Ethiopian Run

Members and staffs of EEA participated on the 2011 Great Ethiopian Run that was held on November 27, 2011. More than 94 EEA members and staffs participated and completed the 10 KM race.

In-house Seminars

Two in-house monthly seminars were organized on the 3rd of September and 15th of December 2011 at the EEA Meeting Hall. The title of the papers presented at the seminars are “Supporting Africa’s Post-Crisis Growth: the Role of Macroeconomic Policies” by Zuzana Brixiová from UNDP Swaziland and “Coffee Farmer Cooperatives’ Role in Upholding Livelihood Assets in Ethiopia: Value Chain Integrated Livelihood Analysis” by Berhanu Gebremichael PhD candidate, University of Trento, Italy. The first paper discussed on macroeconomic policies that would help African countries, especially the low income countries (LICs), sustained and shared growth in the post-crisis world. While the second paper attempted to examine the impact of the coffee farmer cooperatives on building the assets of the farmers using value chain integrated livelihood approach. The seminars attended by EEA staffs and EEA members.

New Arrivals

- FAO at work 2010-2011: women-key to food security
- 2011 global Hunger Index: the challenge of Hunger
- EFDRE Growth and Transformation Plan 2010/11-2014/15: main text
- Afri-Beza Journal Vol 1 No1 Sept 2011
- Political economy of climate change: IDS Bulletin Vol 42 No 3 May 2011
**On Going Research Activities**

- **2012 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:**
  The 2012 economic report with a thematic focus on “The Transport Sector Development in Ethiopia” is under preparation.

- **Nile Basin Development Challenge: Rainwater Management in the Ethiopian Highlands:**
  The objective is to improve livelihood through landscape approach to water management in the Nile Basin. The project is conducted in collaboration with ILRI.

**Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and coping Strategies in Ethiopia:**
The aim is to investigate the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies.

- **Interlinking Insurance with Credit in Agriculture** providing insured credit to one of the world’s most vulnerable farming populations is the objective of the project.

**Completed Research Activities**

- **Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for SNNPR**
  The project is conducted for SNNPR Bureau of Revenue. The main purpose is to conduct a study on the revenue generating potential and gap analysis of the region.

- **Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change:**
  The objective is to prepare a book on the title “Demographic Transition and Development in Ethiopia” and to conduct field research on determinants of youth migration in Ethiopia. The project is conducted in collaboration with Packard Foundation.

- **Food Poverty Situation Analysis Using the Food Basket Approach:**
  In collaboration with PANE, EEA conducted the study to investigate the current state of household food security and food poverty and to analyze their determinants in Amhara region and Addis Ababa.

- **Quarterly Macro Economic Report:**
  To provide an independent review of the performance of the various sectors of the Ethiopian economy was produced.

- **Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in sub-Saharan Africa:**
  The aim is to generate relevant data and information on the effects of climate change at various levels in Ethiopia. The project is a collaborative work with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) based in Sri Lanka.

- **Marginality Reduction for Enhanced Investments for and with the Poorest.**
  The program focuses on marginality in Ethiopia. It is a joint project with the Center for Development Research—University of Bonn.

**Software Application Training for USAID Health Sector Financing Project Staffs**

Two round training on Econometric Analysis and Application of STATA and SPSS was organized at Ethiopian Economics Association Meeting Hall on Nov 21-25 and Dec 19-23, 2011 to USAID Health Sector Financing Project staffs. The trainings were meant to build the capacity of the staff on the software application on research works. A total of 27 staffs attended the training during both rounds.

**Training on the Estimation of the Regional Income Accounts for the Amhara Regional State Staffs**

As per the request of the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (BoFED), five staff of EEA provided five day training at Amhara Regional State Management Institute meeting Hall during 3-9 October 2011. The training was attended by about 35 participants that were drawn from Amhara BoFED (15), Tigray Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (4) and Bair Dar University lecturers and MA Students (16). The training was opened by H.E. Ato Ayalew Gobeza, President of the Amhara National Regional State.
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- to contribute to the economic policy formulation capability and broadly to the economic advancement of Ethiopia;
- to promote the professional interest of its members;
- 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 forum for the discussion of economic issues, and
- to promote professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

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