

## 10. ICT, Documentation, and Membership Services

- The documentation center has a collection of numerous materials which includes books, journals, newsletters, proceedings, CD-ROMs, video and audio recordings.
- EEA also provides free internet services to its members.
- EEA has introduced online membership and registration payment system.
- EEA has a SMART video conference facilities.
- EEA offers other membership services like membership renewal, sale of publications, delivery of information, etc.

## 11. Membership

Membership is open to all Ethiopians and non-Ethiopians. There are five types of EEA memberships.

**F**ull membership is open for those who hold at least a first degree in Economics. Full members have the right to elect and be elected to the different positions of the Association. They have the right to get information related to different activities of EEA.

**A**ssociate membership is open for those who hold at least diploma in any other discipline. Associate members have the right to participate in the activities of the Association but shall not have the right to elect or be elected to the different positions of the Association.

**I**nstitutional membership is open to any institution who support the objectives of the Association. An institutional member has the right, through its representative, to participate in the activities of the Association but shall not elect and be elected to the different positions of the Association.

**S**tudent membership is open for those who are attending school in the department of Economics in their respective universities/colleges in Ethiopia. Student members have the right to participate in the activities of the Association but shall not elect and be elected to the different positions of the Association.

**H**onorary membership is bestowed by the Association on individuals who have made distinguished contributions to promote the objectives of the Association. Honorary members do not pay fees and have the right to receive all publications of the Association free of charge.

All the above types of Members have the right to purchase publications of the Association at a discounted price, use/borrow books from the EEA library and have free access to internet. They have the duty of attending General Assemblies, participating on different conferences and workshops, promoting the objectives of the Association, and paying their membership fees (except honorary members) regularly.

## Vision

The EEA is envisioned to become a premier economics association in Africa by 2030.

## Mission

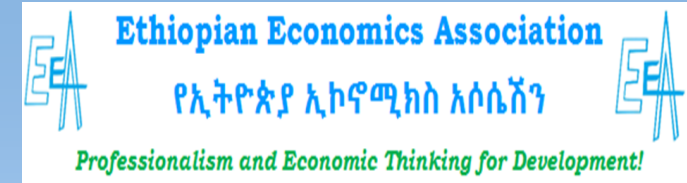
The mission of EEA is to provide a platform for networking, access to information and learning; to contribute to a better understanding of the global, national and local economic issues; to inform and influence economic policymaking and investment decision; to offer training and foster the advancement of the discipline of economics.

## Values

Professionalism, integrity, independence, quality, efficiency, inclusiveness, teamwork, accountability and transparency.

## Motto

*Professionalism and Economic Thinking for Development!*



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## 1. Establishment

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) was established in 1991 as a non-partisan and non-profit making professional Association in Ethiopia.

Since its establishment, the EEA has been contributing to Ethiopia's development needs, facilitating networking among members, undertaking rigorous research work and contributing to frontier economic, social, and environmental issues. This is being achieved by strengthening its organizational capacity, refocusing research and analysis activities, extending technical assistance programs, and expanding outreach and partnerships.

EEA has passed through a reform program that helped to strengthening its organizational and governance capacity to make the Association fit-for-purpose, refocusing and reprioritizing research activities and training programs to meet the demands of development, enhancing the ability to deliver services more proficiently and cost-effectively, facilitating strategic partnerships at all levels and putting in place an effective accountability system.

## 2. Objectives

The EEA is formally registered in accordance with the Civil Society Proclamation (No. 1113/2019) to realize the following objectives:

- To provide inputs for policy and investment decisions by conducting economic policy research;
- To promote the professional interests of economists and serve as a center of excellence;
- To encourage and support efforts to improve quality of economics education in the country's higher educational institutions;
- To promote economic research and assist in the dissemination of the findings of such research in Ethiopia and beyond;
- To offer trainings that support economic policy design and implementation;
- To provide fora for the discussion of economic issues; and
- To promote professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

## 3. Governance Structure of EEA

EEA has created a transparent, accountable and dynamic governance structure. The General Assembly (GA) of EEA, the highest decision-making body, is responsible for providing the overall strategic guidance. It determines the policy direction of the Association and approves the annual plan, performance reports, audited financial reports and annual budget of the Association. The Association's financial status is audited by Chartered Certified Accountants and Authorized Auditors and presented to the GA every year.

The Auditors' opinions have been consistently positive over the years. The GA also gives strategic guidance to the Executive Committee (EC), elected volunteers serving a maximum of two terms (six years). The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the highest-ranking position of the EEA, appointed by and accountable to the EC. The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Association overseeing the activities of three divisions: Research and Policy Analysis (RPA); Partnerships and Communication (PC); and Finance and Administration Division (FA).

Research and policy analysis division of EEA is responsible to lead research and generate reliable scientific evidence and evidence-based policy analysis that will support and contribute to policymaking, help investment decision, and create public awareness/ information. Partnerships and communication division is responsible for organizing events, strengthening and supporting EEA chapters as outreach sites, initiating and leading partnerships nationally and abroad, and documenting and publicizing outputs through different media. Administration and finance division is responsible for the stewardship of human and financial resources, budget management including financial forecasting, and provide up-to-date financial and budget information.

Furthermore, EEA has seven chapters: Bahar Dar, Dire Dawa, Mekele, Hawasa, Haramaya, Jigjiga, and Jimma Chapters with possibilities of opening additional new chapters and reorganizing the existing ones. EEA has also an independently registered Income Generating Unit (IGA) established in June 2020.

## 4. Strategic Objectives

**The EEA's five-year (2021-2025) strategic plan stipulated the following four strategic objectives:**

**Strategic Objective 1:** Conduct an independent social, economic, environmental, and policy research;

**Strategic Objective 2:** Strengthen capacity of members, and national and regional institutions through training and focused technical assistance;

**Strategic Objective 3:** Broaden and diversify EEA's strategic partnerships and networking for sustainable economic and policy research, training and technical assistance, and knowledge generation and dissemination; and

**Strategic Objective 4:** Enhance internal capacity of EEA to realize its vision and mission.

## 5. Research Themes

EEA has the following six major research thematic areas:

1. Macroeconomy,
2. Agricultural and rural transformation,
3. Trade and industrial development,
4. Welfare and human development,
5. Institutions, environment and climate change, and
6. Gender and Women & Youth Economic Empowerment.

## 6. Organizing Scientific Events

The Association has a long history of organizing various scientific events. These include the following:

- International conferences on selected themes
- Regional conferences on selected themes
- Occasional theme-based workshops
- Dialogue forums
- Panel discussions
- Collaboratively hosting conferences of other professional associations
- Media briefings
- Other related events.

## 7. Publications

The research findings of EEA and the outcomes of workshops, conferences and dialogue forums are published and distributed to the different stakeholders in various formats. Some of the regular publications of EEA and its output include the following:

- Ethiopian Journal of Economics (published twice in a year)
- Conference proceedings
- State of the Ethiopian Economy (published once in two years)
- Policy Working Papers
- Policy Briefs
- Occasional Newsletters
- Books
- Other research publications as deemed necessary.

## 8. Training and Internship Activities

- EEA organizes different need-based short-term training events to its members and other stakeholders.
- It also provides internship facilities for economics students from different universities in Ethiopia and abroad.
- EEA also hosts its members coming from partner institutions as pre- and post-doc researchers up on request.
- EEA has a plan to launch long-term training activities in an effort to contribute to the quality of economics education in the country and beyond.

## 9. Collaborative works and policy advices

EEA is often engaged in national and international collaborative works with international organizations, research institutes, universities, the government of Ethiopia, governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and civil society organizations.