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I. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wolday Amha (Ph.D), President

This year's annual report describes the activities of EEA/EEPRI during the fiscal year 2005/06, ongoing and planned activities for the year 2006/07 and the external audit report of the year 2005/06. In the reporting period, our association witnessed great successes and challenges. Among the major achievements of our Association are:

- The research output of EEA/EEPRI
- Trainings
- Vision 2020
- Workshops, seminars and conferences
- Various publications of EEA/EEPRI
- The construction of Multi-purpose Building
- Fundraising

The main message of the performance report is that our Association has made encouraging progress in the reporting period. The results benefit members, government institutions, that of private sector, international communities, NGOs, civil societies, academia and the general public. The debate on socio-economic issues through lectures, conferences, vision 2020 and workshops has strengthened our relationship with the general public and with all stakeholders of the EEA. The debates have served as a bridge among the various groups of the society.

The various research activities (through EEA's research wing EEPRI) have also been very commendable. The research undertakings of the Association have contributed a lot to policy debates and to policy designs and implementations of the country. As a result, the research wing is recognized and taken as one of the dependable research organizations in the country.

Though we were not able to organize as many trainings as we wish, the few activities carried out in this area have improved the professional standing of EEA's members and staff of government institutions.

The financial position of EEA remains very sound as indicated in the external audit report. We must keep on with this trend.

The construction of the Multi-purpose Building is well underway but we are faced with considerable challenges to complete the project within the planned period. In this regard, I would like to urge all members of the Association to pay your pledge of Birr 1000, which was unanimously decided in the previous General Assembly, as soon as possible and give your utmost support in all fundraising activities.

Our track record shows that EEA has grown in subject matter diversity, its scholarly depth and institutional strength. I would like to emphasize that EEA is currently in the phase of transition and transformation from a donor support association to self-financed and sustainable institution. In this regard, I would like to highlight two major challenges that we should overcome:

1. Expanding membership base and increasing the participation of members in the Association: although there has been encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. We need to increase membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and outside Ethiopia. In light of this, EEA plans to open up about five chapters in the regional cities that have University with economics department in 2006/07. To materialize this grand plan, EEA has tried to get support from our development partners.
2. Fundraising for the construction of Multi-purpose Building: as indicated earlier, EEA is in a transition period to be sustainable. We need the support of members, friends of the Association, the private sector, the government, and development partners to participate in fundraising activities.

In spite of the significant challenges, I remain optimistic about the future of EEA. The opportunity squarely lies before us in making a concerted effort to come to grips with perhaps the most significant economic problems of Ethiopia. The work done by economists and the research and decisions that will be made within the profession in the next few years, promise to be extraordinarily influential, in terms of improving the welfare of the entire Ethiopian society. If we fail to do this, history may be even less forgiving than our greatest critics today.

There is an abundant reservoir of goodwill towards the Association from various corners. The willingness of members to assist in the various undertakings of EEA is one of the important assets of the Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their active participation and excellent inputs. I would like to appreciate the cordial relationship with and the support obtained from government institutions and friends of EEA. The Executive Committee takes the pleasure to salute the staff of the secretariat, EEPRI, and the project for their commitment and hard work.

Last but not least, EEA recognizes the support from our dedicated partners including: the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany (FES), Embassies of the UK, Sweden, Norway, Ireland and the Netherlands.

Wolday Amha
President, EEA

II. INTRODUCTION

Since its establishment in 1991 as non partisan and independent professional association, the Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) has made significant progress. In line with its objectives, it has contributed to the economic policy making process of the country through research and training, policy advice and various collaborative activities. This report covers the activities of the Association accomplished through its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), the Project Office for the EEA Multipurpose Building and Training Institute, as well as the EEA Secretariat. The first part of the report covers the activities during the period July 2005 to June 2006 while the second part highlights planned activities for the period July 2006-June 2007. The last part provides the external audited financial report of the EEA for the period July 2005 to June 2006.

PART ONE

III. ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE YEAR 2005/06

1. Research Activities

1.1. Completed Research Activities

1.1.1. The Fourth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy: EEA has prepared annual report on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00 to provide an independent and professional overview of the performance of the economy. Accordingly, the Fourth Annual report, whose thematic focus was “Transformation of the Ethiopian Agriculture”, has made a detailed analysis of the performance, potentials and challenges of the Ethiopian agriculture; and suggests means and strategies for transforming the sector. Besides providing an update of the macro-economic variables and the manufacturing sector, the report assesses urban poverty, small scale and cottage industries and trade. This analytical output, which has been disseminated in the reporting period, is very important to policy makers by providing information on implementation problems and suggests alternative policies and implementations modalities.

1.1.2. The Agricultural Extension System Study Research Project: The study aimed at assessing the public extension program which is adopted as a major instrument to realize the rural and agricultural development strategies of the country. The study started in March 2004 and was completed in February 2006. The results and findings of the study were presented at a national workshop attended by a large number of stakeholders –from the government, Non-governmental organizations, the private sector and individuals. The study has provided a good lessons and data base on the public extension program. It also provided information for policy dialogue. In the study about eight researchers participated of which two are from EEA/EEPRI and six are invited researchers.

1.1.3. Assessment of the Situation of Children and Adolescents in Southwest Ethiopia: The main objective of the study is to provide the basis for designing policy intervention concepts towards improving the socio-economic situation of children and adolescents in Southwest Ethiopia using a rapid assessment methodology. The study has been completed in August 2005. In the study two researchers and one assistant researcher participated.

1.1.4. Executive Opinion Survey on Business Leaders (2006/2007): EEA/EEPRI as a partner organization for the World Economic since 2002, has conducted executive opinion survey for four consecutive years. The 2005/06 Global Competitiveness

Survey was conducted during the reporting period on 87 business elites and submitted to the Forum. On the basis of the previous year survey results of EEA/EEPRI and other similar affiliate organizations throughout the world, World Economic Forum has published and disclosed the 2005/2006 Global Competitiveness Report. The report shows the relative competitive position of countries including Ethiopia and makes policy makers and the business community to react accordingly.

- 1.1.5. Children and Adolescent Workers in the Ethiopian Coffee Sub Sector:** This is the second part of the larger study on the Situation of Children and Adolescents in Southwest Ethiopia. The objective of the study is to investigate the socio-economic situation of children and adolescents and the impacts of work on the education and health of children in the southwestern regions of the country. A survey on private and state-owned coffee producing, processing and marketing enterprises as well as smallholder farm households has been undertaken and the data was organized and analyzed in the reporting period. The study was completed in June 2006. It has provided information and lessons for child development. It also provided information for policy dialogue for community development strategy in coffee growing areas. In the study two researchers and one assistant researcher have participated.
- 1.1.6. A Study on Food Aid and its Impacts in Ethiopia:** The study aims at assessing the policies and practices of food aid; and the rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups of the society. It also aims at examining the wide range of socio-economic impacts of food aid distribution including gender, dependency created, etc. Field survey has been conducted in 10 Woredas that were selected from six regional states between November and December 2005. Following, data compilation, organization and analysis have been carried out and the study report writing was completed in June 2006. The study has provided good lessons for targeting and managing the Food Aid programs and for opening policy dialogue for the National Food Aid Policy. The study was carried out by one researcher.
- 1.1.7. Addis Ababa Labour Force Survey:** the overall objective of the survey, which is carried out in collaboration with the World Bank, is to determine and understand the extent, nature and trends of unemployment problem in Addis Ababa city with a view to identifying appropriate intervention measures. The survey started in March 2006 and was completed in May 2006.
- 1.1.8. The Role, Perception and Impact of Civil Society Engagement in Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia:** The study was designed and implemented in collaboration with the Center for International Studies, Dublin City University, Ireland. The study was carried out in six regions of the country and important lessons are being drawn.
- 1.1.9. Quarterly Reports:** With the objective of supplying timely information on major macro-economic variables, EEPRI has been publishing a quarterly macroeconomic report since 2003. The report focuses on the performance of the external sector and microfinance institutions, the investment climate, and the dynamics of prices, money supply, and government finance. Accordingly, the institute has published four quarterly reports during the reporting period. The reports were released in July and November 2005 and February and April 2006.

1.2. On going Research Activities

- 1.2.1. Macro-econometric Modeling Project:** The objective of the project is to build a macro- econometric model that can be used to make reliable forecasts on important macro-economic variables and to develop a relatively sophisticated toolkit for deeper scientific analysis of alternative economic policies of public interest. The project has been scheduled to be implemented in three phases and was expected to be completed by June 30, 2006. In the reporting period, sectoral linkages were established, data diagnoses and characterization were conducted and estimation was carried out. As a result, the preliminary draft of the model has been completed and presented on the 30th of June 2006. Presently, the modeling team, which consists of a senior researcher

and three assistant researchers, is incorporating the comments received at the workshop along adjusting the model consistent with the new national accounts released by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. The model is expected to be finalized and available for projection and policy simulation exercises by December 2008.

- 1.2.2. The Fifth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the fifth annual report on the Ethiopian economy is “Unemployment Challenges and Prospects in Ethiopia”. In this report, attempt will be made to accurately measure unemployment, investigate the underlying causes, the social characteristics and possible socio-economic effects of unemployment and offer possible policy recommendations to address the problem. In addition, macro-economic, agriculture & related, industry and trade related, and social sector developments will be assessed and incorporated in the report. So far, some data were collected and organized and the work is expected to be completed by the end of this year.
- 1.2.3. Private Sector-Led Growth – Creating and Building Institutions:** This is a collaborative work with the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and EEA/EEPRI, which is financed by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The research aims at investigating policies, rules, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms hindering private sector-led growth in Ethiopia. The project was commenced on February 24, 2006. A background paper was prepared and presented at the National Private Sector Development (PSD) Conference on March 3, 2006. Around 225 participants, drawn from government organizations, private sector actors, donors, research and academic institutions, civic society representatives, journalists and diplomats attended the conference. To date, survey has been conducted in all regional states including Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa. Respondents were drawn from the private sector, NGOs, civil servants, lawyers, etc. Data editing and coding is being undertaken.
- 1.2.4. National Business Agenda:** This project was initiated by CIPE, a research and advocacy organ of the American Chamber of Commerce. It is a tripartite agreement among three parts. CIPE is financing the project and oversees the process. The Ethiopia Chamber of Commerce is the client, which organizes and monitors project activities. EEA/EEPRI, having the required expertise, is handling the information collection, analytical and report writing activities. The main objective of the project is to identify major policies, rules, regulations, and implementation arrangements that commonly affect the smooth operation and speedy development of the private sector operators throughout the country and thereby design a National Business Agenda. The required information is collected through organizing focus group discussions among major business leaders in all cities and towns that have chambers of commerce. Accordingly, focus group discussions have been already conducted in seven different towns in the country including Addis Ababa engaging 15 to 30 business leaders for two full working days in each forum. Meanwhile the report is being written. Other similar forms will be conducted in the remaining towns.
- 1.2.5. Addis Ababa Integrated Housing Program - As a tool for Sustainable Employment Generation:** The purpose of this project is to conduct a survey for the World Bank on beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries of the Addis Ababa Integrated Housing Development Program with the aim of assessing the impact of different components of the program, such as provision of workplace, appropriateness of location, credit component, skills development etc and examining whether new jobs have been created and whether these new jobs are sustainable. This is to draw lesson for the program that will be rolled out to other urban areas by the World Bank. An agreement has already been signed on the project. A background paper work has been drafted, which will be used as a basis for designing survey instruments.
- 1.2.6. Detailed Econometric Analysis of the Extension Survey Data in collaboration with the World Bank Research Group:** The objective of the analysis is to explore the extension study database in greater details to answer a wide range of land

resources and agriculture-related questions in Ethiopia. The assessment and description of the database and collection of additional information was carried out in the reporting period and the analysis is being carried out during the next plan period.

- 1.2.7. **The EEA-World Bank Collaborative Land Policy Study:** the objective of the collaborative study is to assess the land administration process and practices in the country (i.e. to evaluate the impacts of land registration and title certifications in Ethiopian using household level surveys). In the reporting period, survey was carried out and organization, compilation and analysis of the data will be carried out in the next planning period. The study is expected to be completed in October 2006. In the study, about four researchers are involved (two from EEA/EEPRI and the remaining two from the World Bank).
- 1.2.8. **National Consultation on Climatic Changes and Adaptation:** The objective of the study is to assess the vulnerability to climatic changes and adoptions practices using policy consultation process. One policy consultation was carried out in the reporting period while the remaining two will be conducted in the next planning period. In the study, two senior researchers have been involved.
- 1.2.9. **Impact of HIV/AIDS on Labour Costs in Ethiopia:** The study was designed in collaboration with the Center for International Health and Development, Boston University. A Research Protocol has been prepared and Survey design format and questionnaires were finalized. A large commercial agricultural firm has been also identified as the prime subject of study. However, the study is currently suspended due to the fact that the Ethiopian Science and Technology Agency has not provided clearance on ethics to the study in due time.

2. Training

- 2.1. **Economic Modeling and Policy Evaluation:** with the objectives of promoting the professional interest of EEA members and contribute to the economic policy formulation capability, a one week training was given for members of the Ethiopian Economic Association from November 28 to December 2, 2005. The training focused on macro- econometric model building, construction of social accounting matrices, and computable general equilibrium modeling. Around 22 members of the Association attended the training.
- 2.2. **Social Accounting Matrix:** as per the request of the Addis Ababa City Administration, the training was offered by the institute for three days with a nominal fee. The objective of the training was to introduce the participants on the construction and use of a social accounting matrix. Four staff of the city administration attended the training.
- 2.3. **Internship Program:** The Association provided two months internship facilities for 8 students drawn from the Departments of Economics of seven universities in Ethiopia. In addition, two graduate students, one from the University of Makerere, Uganda, and another student from the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon, did their internship program for three months each at EEA during the reporting period.
- 2.4. **Training on Communication Skill:** In collaboration with the British Council, training was given to 25 EEA members and staff of EEA/EEPRI from January 13 – 14, 2006 at Hilton Hotel.
- 2.5. One staff of EEA/EEPRI attended a two week training on Programming Microsoft SQL Service in March 2006.

3. Workshop and Paper Presentation

3.1. Organization of Workshops

3.1.1. Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum

Vision 2020 is one of the most significant policy discussion forums that EEA has organized on a regular basis to meet its objectives of promoting the professional development of its members and of contributing towards the economic policy formulation of the country.

In the reporting period, three monthly forums were organized in which some 360 invited guests, including EEA members, government dignitaries, business persons, members of NGOs and Ethiopians from the Diaspora participated. Vision 2020 Ethiopia discussions are published in the monthly Economic Focus, the monthly Bulletin of the EEA.

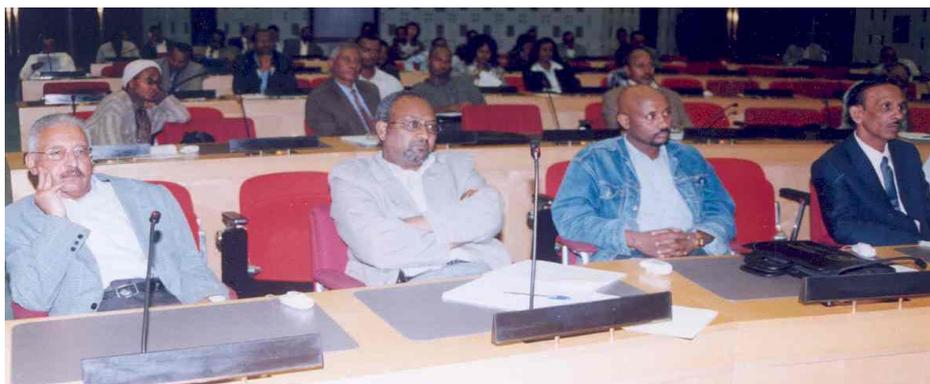
The topics of discussion were:

- Institutions, political freedom and Socio-Economic Development in Ethiopia
- Media, and Social and Economic Development in Ethiopia
- Urbanization and Development in Ethiopia



One of the Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum participants

3.1.2. The Fourth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy: The conference is one of the most important discussion forums that EEA has organized annually to provide fora for the discussion of economic issues and to contribute to the economic advancement of the country. It was held between 10 and 11 June 2006 at UN Conference Center. The conference attracted about 350 participants from government officials, the private sector, international organizations and members of professional associations and about 80 papers covering a wide area of the national economy were presented in this important conference.



Fourth International Conference participants

- 3.1.3. A Workshop on Land and the Challenge of Sustainable Development:** The workshop was organized jointly by the Ethiopian Economic Association, the Forum for Social Studies and the Agricultural Economics Society of Ethiopia. The purpose of the workshop was to bring together specialists and concerned persons to be present at informed discussion on the broad theme of land and the challenge of sustainable development. About 100 people including representatives of government and non governmental organizations, the civil society and the private sector attended the workshop.
- 3.1.4. A National Workshop on the Results and Findings of the Study of Ethiopian Agricultural Extension (PADETES) Program:** The purpose of the workshop was to inform the wider stakeholders and the public on the major findings and get feedback on the result before the final report is published. The draft research findings of the study were presented and fruitful comments and suggestions were received from the participants.
- 3.1.5. National Consultation on Climatic Changes and Adaptations:** a one day workshop was held on April 13, 2006 to exchange ideas and share experiences among stakeholders and get suggestions for adaptation interventions. The number of participants was about 20.
- 3.1.6. Workshop on the Ethiopian Macro-econometric Model:** A workshop was organized to present the first draft of the macro-econometric model built by the institute. Around 15 people from government ministries, academic institutions, and civic organizations, among others, attended the workshop. Relevant comments received from the workshop is currently being incorporated into the model.
- 3.1.7. African Economic Outlook 2004/05 and 2005/06 Dissemination Workshops:** The workshop was organized on October 28, 2005 by the Ethiopian Economic Association together with the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. The purpose of the workshop was to present the outlook with particular focus on Eastern African countries including Ethiopia. More than 50 people attended the workshop. The African Economic Outlook 2005/06 Dissemination Workshop was also organized by EEA in one of the plenary Sessions of the 4th International Conference on the Economic Economy that was held from June 10 to 11, 2006.
- 3.1.8. General Assembly:** The General Assembly was held on 14 August 2005 at Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa. The Assembly has discussed about the activities of the Association and its research wing and shared views on its future endeavors. The families of the late Dr. Eshetu Chole and Ato Mekonnen Tadesse attended the General Assembly as guests of honor and delivered the Eshetu Chole Memorial Award and Mekonnen Tadesse Memorial Award for two outstanding masters' theses and two outstanding Bachelors' theses, respectively. Several journalists from various news agencies attended the General Assembly.



13th General Assembly – Executive Committee

3.2. Paper Presentations on Workshops and Seminars

Staff members and researchers of EEA/EEPRI have attended various national and international workshops, seminars and other forums and provided valuable professional inputs and advices for the different stakeholders including the government, the private sector, the civic society and donors. The following are some of the forums on which EEA/EEPRI staff presented papers:

- 3.2.1. Land Registration - Experience and Innovation from Ethiopia:** the paper was presented in a video training workshop entitled “Land Administration in Africa”. The workshop was organized by the World Bank from May 22 to 25, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from Government, NGO’s and Private Sector.
- 3.2.2. Opportunities and Challenges of Promoting Organic Fruit and Vegetable Production and Marketing in Ethiopia:** the paper was presented in a workshop on “Organic Fruit and Vegetable Chains” which was organized and held at the Faculty of Horticulture, University of Hanover, Germany from March 25 to April 8, 2006. The participants of the training workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.2.3. Land Tenure Security: Experience and Innovation from Ethiopia:** the paper was presented in the workshop entitled “Securing Land Right: Documenting local innovation and learning lessons from experience” which was held at IIED, London from May 25 to 26, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.2.4. Study of the Agricultural Extension Program (PADETES) in Ethiopia: the major findings:** the paper was presented at the 4th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy held from June 10 to 12, 2006 at Addis Ababa UN Conference Center. The participants of the workshop were members of EEA, researchers, academics, public and private sector, NGOs, etc.
- 3.2.5. Intensification of Smallholder Agriculture in Ethiopia - Options and Scenarios:** the paper was presented at the workshop which was organized by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, England from March 19 to 22, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors. The same paper was presented at the 4th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy held from June 10 to 12, 2006 at Addis Ababa UN Conference Center. The participants of the workshop were researchers, academics, public and private sectors, NGOs, etc.
- 3.2.6. Land, Land Policy and Smallholder Agriculture in Ethiopia - Options and Scenarios:** the paper was presented at the workshop which was organized by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, England from March 19 to 22, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.2.7. Food Aid and Small-holder Agriculture in Ethiopia - Options and Scenarios:** the paper was presented at the workshop which was organized by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, England from March 19 to 22, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.2.8.** A paper was presented in an “**International Conference on Trade, Aid and Development**” entitled “**Mainstreaming Trade in National Development Strategy**”, which was organized by OSSEREA and conducted in UNECA Conference Hall from November 21 to 23, 2005.
- 3.2.9.** A paper was presented at a workshop on “**What could the Business Community Benefit from COMESA**” which was organized by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce on November 29, 2005.
- 3.2.10.** A paper was presented at the workshop on “**Subcontracting & Networking: a Key for Improving Export Market Performance**” which was organized jointly by Addis

Ababa University and African Clothing and Footwear Research Network in November 15, 2005. The workshop was attended by both private and public enterprises working in the leather and textile sectors, policy makers, researchers and the academia.

- 3.2.11.** A Paper entitled “**Land Rental Market in Ethiopia: Role of Market on Equity and Efficiency**” was presented on a Workshop on Land and the Challenge of Sustainable Development, which was organized jointly by EEA, Forum for Social Studies and the Agricultural Society of Ethiopia on August 5, 2005.

3.3. Participation in Workshops and Seminars

The Director and the research staff of EEA/EEPRI have participated in several local and international workshops and seminars and provided professional advice. The following are some of the workshops and seminars attended by EEA/EEPRI staff.

- 3.3.1.** Attended public lecture which was delivered by the WB Senior Economist and Senior Vice President, Francois Bourguignon, on Investment Climate, Growth and Infrastructure at Sheraton Hotel Addis Ababa on June 16, 2006. About 80 participants attended the public lecture. The Director of the EEPRI served as a discussant during the occasion.
- 3.3.2.** Attended discussions on “Impact Evaluation of Development Policies and Programs” and “Getting Results in Social Services” held at World Bank Country Office on June 17, 2006.
- 3.3.3.** The Director of EEA/EEPRI held meetings with IFPRI Director General and with the Chamber of Commerce on January 16 and 20, 2006, respectively.
- 3.3.4.** Symposium was held on the 13th Anniversary of the Official Launching of the National Population Policy and World Population Day which was jointly organized by Population Department of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Addis Ababa City Administration Finance and Economic Development Bureau at the City Counsel hall on July 11, 2006.
- 3.3.5.** Attended a Launching Workshop on National Food Security Network organized by the Christian Relief and Development Association on May 25, 2006.
- 3.3.6.** Attended the Experience Exchange Forum discussion which was organized by Science and Technology Professional Associations’ Joint Secretariat held at Global Hotel on May 8, 2006.
- 3.3.7.** Attended consultation workshop on “The Impact of Food Aid in Ethiopian” which was organized by Poverty Action Network Ethiopia held on April 4, 2006. The study aims to examine the historical impact of food aid in Ethiopia and how that affects the lives of poor people.
- 3.3.8.** Attended workshop on “Leadership Development” which was organized by Consortium of Reproductive Health Association held at Ghion Hotel from May 10 – 12, 2006. During the workshop, lecture was provided on core competencies for leaders across public, private and civic society sectors.
- 3.3.9.** Attended workshop on “WTO Agreement on Custom Valuation” which was organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry from April 26 and 28, 2006.
- 3.3.10.** Attended consultative meeting on “Capital Market in Ethiopia” which was organized by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations at Hilton Hotel on April 14, 2006. The objective of the meeting was to come up with a common strategy and action plan among stakeholders for the development of Capital Market in the country.
- 3.3.11.** Attended a consultative workshop on Population and Poverty Study which was undertaken by the World Bank and held at Global Hotel on March 27, 2006. Discussion was held on the preliminary results of the study, and feedback was given.

- 3.3.12. Attended the 9th Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society of Ethiopia held from April 14 – 15, 2006. The theme of the Conference was “Reversing Rural Poverty in Ethiopia: Dilemmas and Critical Issues”.
- 3.3.13. Attended the 8th Annual Conference of Ethiopian Society of Soil Science held at the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research from April 27 – 28, 2006 under the theme of “Soils for Sustainable Development”
- 3.3.14. Attended seminar on the Lesson Learned from Countries that have previously acceded to the WTO which was organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry on March 22, 2006.
- 3.3.15. Attended training workshop for Ethiopian Business Associations Leaders which was organized by USAID in collaboration with the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations’ from March 23 and 26, 2006 at Nazareth Rift Valley Hotel.
- 3.3.16. Attended consultative workshop on “Water harvesting and Irrigation: Linkages between access and livelihood outcomes” which was undertaken by the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) on March 24, 2006 at Ghion Hotel.
- 3.3.17. Attended the high level delegation Meeting from the Irish Government, led by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on .
- 3.3.18. Participated in BABESA/COMESA workshop on Biotechnology which was organized by BABESA and held at Ghion Hotel on January 21, 2006.
- 3.3.19. Participated in a meeting on a Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASEDEP) which was organized by ILRI held at ILRI on January 30, 2006.
- 3.3.20. Attended national workshop on ICT Development which was organized by the Ethiopian Telecommunication Corporation at UN Conference Center held on January 26 – 27, 2006. The theme of the workshop was Higher education and ICT, Human Resource development and ICT, the role of donors and private sector in ICT development.
- 3.3.21. Participated in national consultation on HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy which was organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs at Ghion Hotel from February 14 – 16, 2006. The conference was held to discuss and finalize the draft HIV/AIDS workplace policy framework.
- 3.3.22. Attended national seminar on Trade Remedies (WTO Rules) which was organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry at Global Hotel on March 22, 2006.
- 3.3.23. Attended seminar on Policy Options to Price Risk Management organized by Institute of Development Research (IDR) and held at IDR on March 15, 2006.
- 3.3.24. Attended national conference on Standardization of Rural Land Registration and Cadastral Surveying Methodologies which was organized by USAID at Nazareth Rift Valley Hotel from March 22 – 24, 2006.
- 3.3.25. Attended consultative workshop on “Conservation and Sustainable use concepts on Coffee Arabica and the Montane Rainforests of Ethiopia Project” held at the Institute of Biodiversity from March 27 – 28, 2006.
- 3.3.26. Participated in consultation discussion on Tana Beles Water Integrated Resource Development Project held at the World Bank’s Country Office on March 28, 2006.
- 3.3.27. Attended the Third National Horticultural workshop under the theme of “Development through Horticulture in the New Millennium” which was organized by the Ethiopian Horticulture Science Society at the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Institute from 27 to 28 March, 2006.
- 3.3.28. Attended training workshop on Land Administration in Africa: Searching for Land Tenure Security which was organized by World Bank and held from May 22 to 25, 2006 at the Addis Ababa Distance Learning Center. The participants of the workshop were drawn from Government, NGO’s and Private Sector.
- 3.3.29. Attended training workshop on Food and Water Security under the Global Changes: Developing Adaptive Capacity with a focus on Rural Africa which was held at Pretoria, South Africa from April 25 – 28, 2006.

- 3.3.30.** Attended the Tenth Meeting of the Academic Board of the Collaborative PhD program (CPP) organized by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) held at Ibadan, Nigeria from April 25 – 28, 2006.
- 3.3.31.** Attended International Conference on “Poverty Reduction Strategy in the New Millennium: Emergency Issues, Experiences and Lessons” held at Beijing, China from May 23 – 25, 2006.
- 3.3.32.** Attended training workshop on “Organic Fruit and Vegetable Chains” organized by the Faculty of Horticulture, University of Hanover, Germany held from March 25 – April 8, 2006. The participants of the training workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.3.33.** Attended workshop on “Securing Land Right: Documenting local innovation and learning lessons from experience” which was held at IIED, London, from May 25 to 26, 2006. The participants of the workshop were drawn from researchers, academics, managers and agribusiness sectors.
- 3.3.34.** Attended workshop on “The National Conference on Standardization of Rural Land Registration and Cadastral Surveying Methodologies” organized by Ethiopian Land Tenure and Administration Program, ARD, Inc. UNCC, and held from March 20 to 24, 2006 at Addis Ababa.
- 3.3.35.** Attended Sustainable Land Management Workshop which was organized by EDRI/IFPRI in June 2006.
- 3.3.36.** Attended workshop on “International Food Technology Exhibition” which was organized in Cologne, Germany from April 7 to 8, 2006.
- 3.3.37.** Participated in International Civil Society Forum 2005 for Advancing LDC Interests in the Sixth WTO Ministerial, held in October 2005 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 3.3.38.** Attended a workshop on Issues of Research, Conservation and Development of the Forestry Sector in Ethiopia, which was organized by CFOR (CGIAR research group at ILRI) and held in December 2005.
- 3.3.39.** Attended a workshop on Forest Coffee Conservation and Experience and Lessons from Participatory Approaches, which was organized by the Ethiopian Forest Coffee Forum, held in November 2005.
- 3.3.40.** Attended Poverty Reduction Consultation Meeting, which was organized by City Government of Addis Ababa and held from August 4-6, 2005.
- 3.3.41.** Attended Bi-Annual Packard Grantees & Partners Meeting, which was organized by David & Lucile Packard Foundation and held on August 9, 2005.
- 3.3.42.** Attended a workshop on UN Reform: Why it matters to Africa, which was organized by the Africa Policy Forum (IAG) on August 26, 2005.
- 3.3.43.** Attended consultation Meeting with DFID’s Scientific Advisor, which was organized by the Department for International Development and held on August 30, 2005.
- 3.3.44.** Attended a Meeting for Nomination of Task Force Members for organizing Food Security Conference, which was called by Science & Technology Professional Association on September 2, 2005.
- 3.3.45.** Participated in National Consultation for the Formulation of Ethiopia’s Second SDPRP, which was organized by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, held from September 6 to 8, 2005. The aim of the conference was to gather opinions, gaps and advises for enriching the document. About 1000 participants drawn from government, private sector, NGOs, Civic society, academia, donors and other stakeholders attended the forum.
- 3.3.46.** Participated in a workshop on Bahir Dar University, which was organized and held in Bahir Dar University on September 2, 2005.
- 3.3.47.** Participated in the 5th Annual General Assembly of Ethiopian Society of Electrical Engineers, which was held on September 17, 2005.

- 3.3.48. Participated in Official Launch & Discussion of the Findings & Policy Implication of “Well Being & Poverty in Ethiopia”, which was organized by the World Bank and held on September 20, 2005.
- 3.3.49. Participated in Discussion on Economic Policy Analysis in Ethiopia: Issues & Macro-Micro Approaches, which was organized by the Ethiopian Development Research Institute and held on September 23, 2005.
- 3.3.50. Attended Workshop for the Preparation of the Negotiating Position of Ethiopia on Development, Marketed Access, Agriculture and Fisheries for Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU, which was organized by the Ministry of Trade & Industry from October 7 to 9, 2005.
- 3.3.51. Attended Tea & Coffee Talk Show, organized by Gebeyanu Business Promotion & Communication and transmitted through the Ethiopian Television on October 25, 2005.
- 3.3.52. Attended a workshop on Progress made on Economic Growth in Ethiopia, which was organized by Christian Relief Development Association and held in the IMF Office on October 26, 2005;
- 3.3.53. Attended a workshop on Green House Gases, which was organized by the National Metrology Service Agency and held on November 17, 2005.
- 3.3.54. Attended a workshop on Impact of Biotechnology (GMOS) & Bio-safety on Agricultural Productivity, Trade & Food Security in the COMESA/ASORECA region, which was organized by COMESA and held in Addis Ababa on December 2, 2005.
- 3.3.55. Attended a workshop on Institutional Quality Audits, which was organized by Higher Education Agency on December 6, 2005;
- 3.3.56. Workshop on Labor markets & Employment in Ethiopia & the Emerging Policy Agenda, organized by the Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs and held from December 8 to 9, 2005;
- 3.3.57. Attended NDPTF Capacity Building Workshop, which was organized by the Ministry of Trade & Industry and held from December 12 to 16, 2005.
- 3.3.58. Attended a workshop on Market Place Event, which was organized by the Netherlands Embassy on December 14, 2005.
- 3.3.59. Participated in the Ethiopian Nile Basin Dialogue Forum, which was organized by the Christian Relief Development Association from December 22 to 23, 2005.
- 3.3.60. Attended the 15th Annual Conference of the Ethiopian Statistical Association, which was held on December 24, 2005. The theme of the conference was “Support and Advocacy for the 2007 Ethiopian Population and Housing Census”.
- 3.3.61. Workshop on Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, which was organized by the Inter Africa Group and held in October, 2005.

4. Discussions and Professional Advices

- 4.1. Professional support & guidance have been provided in facilitating the involvement of civil society groups in poverty reduction effort in the country including the preparation of comment on the Annual Progress Report of the first PRSP and input for the second PRSP.
- 4.2. A discussion was held with the World Bank Ethiopian Office specialists on private sector development on the Ethiopian Investment Climate Survey II and Private Sector Development Issues. On the basis of the discussion, Technical and Financial Proposal on “Investment Climate in Ethiopia” was developed and submitted for the World Bank for conducting the survey.
- 4.3. As the National Technical Committee member for the Preparation of the European Partnership Agreement (EPA), which has been oversighted by the Ministry of Trade

and Industry, a research staff attended a number of meetings and discussions of the committee and provided professional inputs.

- 4.4. Ethiopia is a member of the African Clothing and Footwear Research Network (ACFRN), delegated through Regional and Local development Studies (RLDS) of Addis Ababa University. The activities of the Network in Ethiopia are supported by a Steering Committee, in which a research staff participates in a series of activities including the identification of issues and themes for discussion among stakeholders at a workshop to address constraints of the textile and footwear sectors and gives suggestions and comments on the studies conducted on request by ACFRN.
- 4.5. As the Steering Committee Member for the Commemoration of the Ethiopian Industrial Day, a researcher attended various meetings and discussions and provided professional inputs in formulating the thematic issues, identification of topics and screening of papers to be presented in a “National Workshop on Industrial Linkages for National Prosperity” to be held on January 11, 2006.
- 4.6. A discussion was held with the manager of East African branch of CIPE on the “National Business Agenda”, a research project to be undertaken by EEA/EEPRI in collaboration with Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and CIPE.
- 4.7. A discussion was held with UNDP experts on issues related to private sector development in Ethiopia.
- 4.8. Professional advices and briefings were given for Heidelberg Cement Group, with two members including the vice president, on the current demand for and the supply of cement and the Ethiopian economy in general. This discussion has a paramount importance in light of the severe scarcity of cement in the country to the extent of hindering the pace of private investment.
- 4.9. Information and advices were given for a private investment group on the Feasibility of Investment on the Poultry Sector. Higher education students have benefited from professional advices and information on issues related to Land and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia.
- 4.10. Staff members of EEA/EEPRI also advise postgraduate students. In this respect, thesis advice was provided to 4 Addis Ababa University students during the reporting period. The staff members also served as external examiner on M.Sc. thesis to four students of the Addis Ababa University. Technical support and information were also provided to postgraduate and undergraduate students during their thesis preparation. Accordingly, assistance and information were provided for five postgraduate students and for two undergraduate students as necessary. Moreover, the Director of the institute had served as a discussant during François Bourguignon’s (Vice President and Senior Economist of the World Bank) public lecture.
- 4.11. Interview was given to the Ethiopian Herald on the performance of Ethiopian agriculture and its future. This interview was published both in the Amharic and English presses of the Government.
- 4.12. Interview was given on the performance of agriculture and rural development in Ethiopia to the Ethiopian Press Organization.

5. Visits to EEA/EEPRI

- 5.1. The Country Representative of IMF, Mr. Arnim Schwidrowski visited EEA/EEPRI on March 6, 2006
- 5.2. Deputy Ambassador of Cuba Embassy and Director of Center for Africa and Middle East Studies visited EEA/EEPRI on April 20, 2006.
- 5.3. World Bank Mission led by Mr. Robert Mills visited EEA/EEPRI on May 18, 2006

6. Publications

The following publications were printed and distributed during the reporting period.

6.1. Research Reports:

- Evaluation of the Ethiopian Agricultural Extension with particular Emphasis on the Participation and Training Extension System (PADETES), March 2006
- Assessment of the Situation of Children and Adolescents in Southwest Ethiopia: Implications for Developing Intervention Concepts, September 2005.

6.2. Annual Report and Proceedings

- The Fourth Report on the Ethiopian Economy Volume VI 2004/05. Transformation of the Ethiopian Agriculture: Potentials, Constraints and Suggested Intervention Measures, December 2005.
- Proceeding of The Third International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, June 2006. (Two Volumes)

6.3. Working Papers

- Linkages in the Ethiopian Manufacturing Industry: A Preliminary Assessment
- Fiscal Policy and Economic Growth : Some Exercises
- Dynamic Sectoral Linkages in the Ethiopian Economy: A preliminary assessment.
- Assessment of Extension and its impact: The livestock production sub-sector
- Linkages in the Ethiopian Manufacturing Industry: A preliminary Assessment

6.4. Other Regular Publications:

During the reporting period the following publications were produced and distributed:

- Four issues of the Economic Focus Magazine
- Three issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics
- Four Quarterly Macro-economic Reports



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7. Journal Articles Reviewed and Articles Submitted for Journal Publication

7.1. Articles Submitted for Journal Publications

- 7.1.1. “The Implication of Asset Ownership on Child work in Rural Ethiopia” article in the **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**, Vol. 11, No. 2, published in June 2006.
- 7.1.2. “Is the Ethiopian Leather Industry on the Right Track? An Empirical Investigation” article in the **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**, Vol. 10, No. 2, published in April 2006.
- 7.1.3. “Is the Marshallian Hypothesis Valid among the Ethiopian Tenant Farmers? An Empirical Investigation of Efficiency Difference between Sharecropping and Fixed Rent Tenant Farmers” submitted for the **Ethiopian Journal of Development Studies**.
- 7.1.4. Agricultural Growth and Poverty Reduction submitted for **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**.

7.2. Reviewing of Journal Articles

Staff members of EEA/EEPRI including the director have reviewed articles submitted for journals upon request by the editorial committees of the respective journals. Accordingly, EEA/EEPRI researchers reviewed 7 articles for the **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**, 1 article for **Journal of Agricultural Economics** and 3 articles for the **Ethiopian Journal of Development Studies** during the reporting period. Moreover, the Director of EEPRI reviewed one book manuscript for IFPRI.

8. Publication Distribution

The Ethiopian Economic Association has distributed its publication to the academia, members of the association and government institutions, universities and colleges and the general public through different methods of distribution channels. In the reporting period, EEA/EEPRI has provided its publications to the following organizations:

- Universities and Colleges: in the reporting period, EEA/EEPRI has provided free copies of different publications to Mekelle University, Bahir Dar University, Gonder University, Zega Business College, New Generation University College and Infonet College. The number of copies of different issues provided to each University and College are:
 - Ethiopian Journal of Economics 17 copies,
 - Proceedings of the annual Conference on the Ethiopian Economy 5 copies,
 - Economic Focus Magazine 14 copies,
 - Quarterly Macro-economic Report 8 copies,
 - Working Papers 6 copies
 - Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy 3 copies
 - Consolidated Vision 2020 edition 1 copy
 - Land Tenure and Agricultural Development in Ethiopia, Research report 2 copies (English and Amharic)
- The above copies were also provided to Regular Political Affair Department of the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF).
- Different publications were also provided to the higher Government Officials. These include Advisors (three) under the Rank of Minister of the Prime Minister, Ministers and Deputy Ministers for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister for the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Minister for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Minister and Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Revenue. Moreover, EEA/EEPRI has started to send its new publication regularly to the above Government Officials in the reporting period.

- Based on request, the Fourth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy has been given to Ethiopian Radio and Television Agency, Ethiopian Press Agency, Radio Fana, Society of the Agricultural Economics Association, Ethiopian Science and Technology Agency and Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce.

9. EEA/EEPRI Documentation Center Services:

The EEA/EEPRI documentation center is providing reading service its own staff, EEA members and other scholars/researchers. During the period under review, the following activities were performed:

- More than 900 users got services from the documentation center,
- About 50 members got internet service,
- 300 new materials have been acquired through donation, free copies, exchanges and purchase,
- Upon internal request, several materials were also collected from the World Bank library,
- 5,997 materials were encoded, catalogued and classified, labeled and shelved and encoded in Microsoft Excel in order to upgrade the documentation service to online library database service,
- Pocket based circulation system was in place and thus every member of the association and staff is in a position to borrow two materials at a time.

10. Membership Drive

To maintain and expand the EEA membership, significant policies and measures are being taken. First, members' interest, consistent with the objectives of the Association, is being closely upheld and monitored. To these effects trainings, lectures, conferences, discussion forums, and workshops were organized during the year and efforts to reach as many members as possible had been made. In addition, different publications were produced, membership recruitment conducted, and documentation and website services rendered. A measure to induce members to take part in the day to day activities of the Association was also undertaken.

However, it must be said that because of inadequacies in addresses and lack of knowledge of members' interest and preferences and limitation of space, these efforts have not been fully realized. This is further compounded by the fact that the Association has no regular meeting place where interaction among its members could take place and relation strengthened. The EC hopes that this would be resolved as soon as the construction of EEA/EEPRI Multi-purpose Building is completed.

10.1. Membership Recruitment: A total of 150 new members have joined the Association in 2005/06, as a result of which the total number of the association has increased from 1500 to 1650. The secretariat has also tried to update the members' E-mails address.

10.2. Active members: The number of active members as defined by those settling their membership fees, was very low. The number of active members is about 17.5% of the total registered members. Though this figure appears very low, it has shown some improvement as compared to the previous year level of about less than 10%. This is mainly due to the fact that this year about 150 new members joined the association and members who settle their annual membership fee is relatively improved. To increase our communication with members and increase the share of active members of the association, the secretariat has tried to communicate with members through e-mail. However, most of the members do not have e-mail address to communicate with.

Currently, only 35% of the members (about 590 members) have e-mail address of which 150 email addresses have bounced back to our e-mail.

11. The EEA Multi Purpose Building Project

11.1. Construction Works

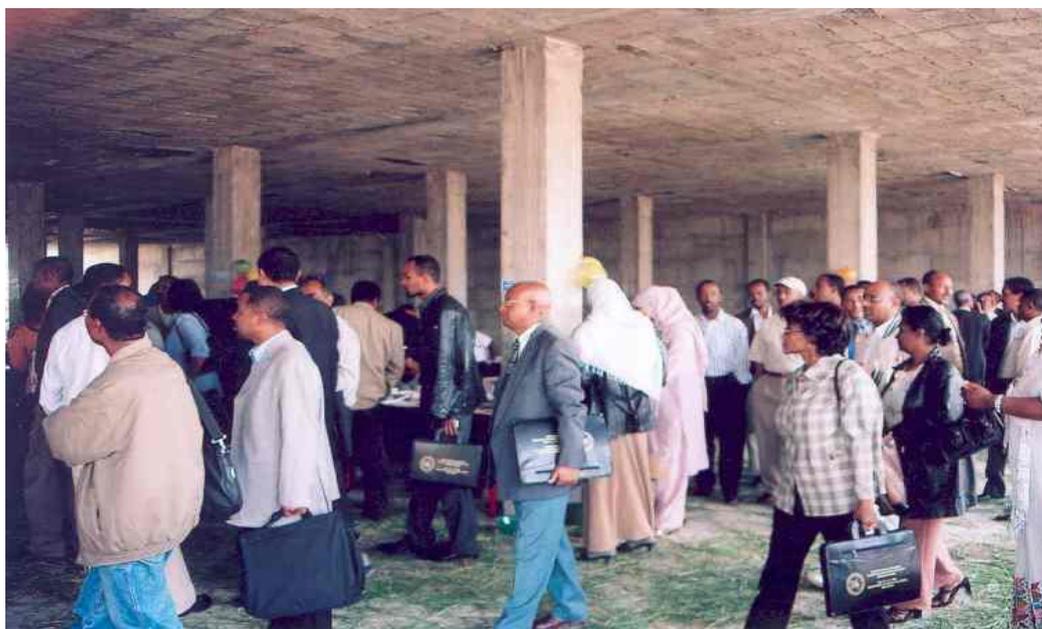
The Ethiopian Economic Association has started the construction of a four storey building that will house the Association's head office, its research wing (Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) and Training Institute. The building consists of the following:

- Conference Hall that can house 400 people including a projector room for showing movies,
- 9 rooms that can serve as caucus rooms during conferences,
- 30 private offices,
- Library,
- Student lounge,
- Resource Center and Computer Lab
- Gymnasium,
- 9 shops in the ground floor,
- Multipurpose Hall that could seat 1000 people comfortably,
- Cafeteria and Coffee shop for students and faculty.

Project cost: The total cost of the project is expected to be birr 21.5 Million but it is subjected to vary due to the current cost escalation of building materials in the country.

Status of the project: The construction work of the building started in November 2005. Since the commencement, about 36% (equivalent to 8.7 million birr) of the construction work is completed. The complex is expected to be completed in June 2007.

Financing of the project: So far EEA has secured more than 6 million birr from its various undertakings. Apart from that, the EEA prepared feasibility study to acquire long-term loan (10 years) from the Construction and Business Bank to finance 60% of the total cost of the building.



Visit during the 4th International Conference

11.2. Fund Raising Activities

The fund Raising Committee has performed the following activities:

- **Outsourcing:** In order to facilitate the fund raising event, the FRC has identified a Private business Promoters that could support its fund raising activities. Ethio-Investment Promotion has been selected to support FRC's efforts to raise funds for the project. The attempt made to host a Trade Fair at the Addis Ababa Exhibition Center was halted and didn't materialize for various reasons but more efforts will be made to host similar events in the coming Ethiopian year. Currently, Ethio-Investment and the FRC are working on Projects to organize Gala Dinner at the Sheraton Addis and Trade Fair at the Addis Ababa Exhibition Center in the coming year.
- **Members Contribution:** So far members' pledge is about 75,000 birr. Nevertheless, the expected amount to be raised from our members is more than 1.5 Million birr.
- **Web Campaign:** The project office designed a web link to update our members, affiliates and friends of the EEA on the progress of the project and to attract some of them to contribute to the project. Many have visited the link and encouraged EEA to continue its effort to make this project a reality.
- **Site Visit:** EEA hosted a lunch reception at the construction site during the Fourth International conference on Ethiopian Economy. Several members of the association, conference participants, and senior government officials visited the site.

11.3. Training Institute

The training institute and graduate program aims to establish an internationally accredited masters program in Business Administration (MBA) and economic development (MA) in addition to providing short term skill upgrading for professionals working in government, the private sector and non-profit associations.

On this front, the office has made preliminary communications with universities from (Witwatersrand) of South Africa and (Sussex) in the UK to support the project. The communication is to enable the office get support in developing curriculums, organizing the program, and supply some of the teaching staff who would offer some of the courses. The discussion is at a very preliminary stage but both have shown interest to work with the EEA.

Once the program starts, the project office estimates that about 60 students will enroll for masters program each academic year. The capacity building training institute is also expected to train 300 public and private enterprise staffs in short term training per annum. The projected goal of the training institute for the first five years from its commencement is to train more than 300 qualified managers and professionals, and hence, the projected number will serve as benchmark to where the training institute is heading.

The project office is in the process of compiling a curriculum document for the masters program that will be used as a starting point for the study team, which is to be formed eventually, that is going to deal with the curriculum development. The curriculum incorporates several universities' curriculums and related documents that were prepared in the past.

12. Administrative Activities

12.1. Personnel: the number of staff members in EEA/EEPRI, as per the personnel data record as of June 30, 2006, are 24. These employees are working in different units i.e. Director's office (3), Agriculture Division (2), Macro Division (5), Industry and Trade Division (2), EEA Secretariat Office (3), EEA Project Office (1) and Administration and Finance Service (8). Out of the 24 staff members, the number of females and males are 7 and 17 respectively.

The employee turnover during the year includes three positions on which termination and replacement have occurred. These are the EEA Secretariat, Assistant Researcher (Macro) and Accountant (Adm. & Fin.). Besides, staff members working in three positions, Senior Researcher, Researcher, both from Human Resource Division, and a Librarian from Administration and Finance Service have left the EEA/EEPRI with their own accord. The replacing of employees in the three vacant positions is in process.

12.2. Financial Activities: EEA/EEPRI usually closes its books of accounts twice a year, as of end of December and June. The external Auditor, Awoke Gebreselassie and Company Certified Public Auditors, chosen by the General Assembly of EEA, has examined the draft financial reports prepared by EEA/EEPRI for the six months periods of end of December 2005 and June 2006. Thus, the external auditor has compiled consolidated audited report for the year ended June 30, 2006. This is shown in Part Three

12.3. EEA Consortium of Donors Meeting: Three meetings of EEA's Consortium of donors were held to discuss on the second phase project and reports and plans of the EEA/EEPRI during the reporting period. They were held in August and September 2005 and June 2006. Moreover, relevant periodical activities and financial reports were submitted to the donors.

13. Major Challenges

While EEA/EEPRI has accomplished much in the past, there are some major challenges that have seriously undermined the activities of the Association. The Executive Committee believes that these challenges need to be addressed to make the Association more dynamic and efficient. In the opinion of the Executive Committee the following are the major challenges.

- **Inadequate participation of members:** Although there has been encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. While EEA has a registered membership of more than 1650, only about 18% are due paying members. If members are to benefit from the activities of the Association, it is important that they renew their membership and regularly pay their membership fees. Moreover, members' commitment for the construction of the Multi-purpose Building complex is low as shown by their contribution Birr 1000/member.
- **Inadequate Resources:** The Association attempts to execute its activities with the support of development partners. The support of development partners is limited, constraining the activities of the Association.

PART TWO

IV. PLANNED ACTIVITIY FOR THE YEAR 2006/07

The Association plans to accomplish the following activities during the planning period through its various organs.

1. Ongoing and Planned Research Activities

- 1.1. Macro-econometric Modeling:** The preliminary draft of the model has already been completed and presented on the 30th of June 2006. In the plan period comments received at the workshop will be incorporated and the model will be adjusted consistent with the new national accounts released by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. The model is expected to be finalized and available for projection and policy simulation exercises by December 2008.
- 1.2. The Fifth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the fifth annual report on the Ethiopian economy is “Unemployment Challenges and Prospects in Ethiopia”. Data collection and some analyses work have been started. The report is expected to be finalized in December 2006.
- 1.3. Detailed Analysis of the Extension Survey Data:** The analysis using the database will be carried out in the plan period.
- 1.4. The EEA-World Bank Collaborative Land Registration and Title Certification Study:** To evaluate the impacts of land registration and title certifications in Ethiopian, survey has already been conducted and the remaining work of organization, compilation and analysis of the data will be carried out in the first quarter of the plan period.
- 1.5. National Consultation on Climatic Changes and Adaptation:** To assess the vulnerability to climatic changes and adoptions practices, two regional policy consultation workshops and report writing will be carried out in the plan period.
- 1.6. Impact of HIV/AIDS on Labour Costs in Ethiopia in collaboration with the Center for International Health and Development, Boston University:** Survey design format and questionnaires are completed and a large commercial agricultural firm is identified. However, the study is currently suspended as it was not possible to get the Ethical Clearance in due time from the Ethiopian Science and Technology Agency. The study will be resumed if Ethical Clearance is obtained from the Ethiopian Science and Technology Agency.
- 1.7. Forecasting and Policy Analysis Using the Macro-econometric Model:** - After thorough fine tuning and adjusting the model to be consistent with the recently released national accounts, forecasts of major macro-economic variables and analysis of alternative macro-economic policies will be carried out using the model.
- 1.8. Private Sector-Led Growth: Creating and Building Institutions:** The assessment and final report will be finalized October 30, 2006 and it will be delivered on national workshop to be organized by the client, the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce.
- 1.9. National Business Agenda:** The process of conducting focus group discussions among the business community will continue with the remaining towns in the country. On the basis of the various discussions conducted throughout the country, a National Business Agenda will be prepared. This draft agenda will be delivered for discussion for the same group of people who partook in the previous focus group discussions all over the country where chambers are available with the aim of reaching consensus and bring about agreed upon National Business Agenda. With the professional support of EEA/EEPRI, Local Business Agenda will be designed for each chamber. On the basis

of the National and Local Business Agendas, an intensive advocacy and popularization activities will be made by the Ethiopian and local chambers so as to influence policy makers at the federal and regional level to address these constraints.

- 1.10. Addis Ababa Integrated Housing Program – As A Tool for Sustainable Employment Generation:** Having finalized and discussed on the background study, survey instruments will be developed jointly with the World Bank experts within the first quarter of the planning period. The survey will be undertaken by EEA/EEPRI targeting direct beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries who could be indirectly affected by the implementation of the Addis Ababa Integrated Housing Development Program.
- 1.11. Quarterly Report:** Four issues on the quarterly macro-economic report of the Ethiopian Economy are expected to be released during July 2006 to June 2007. The first of these consecutive quarterly reports covers macro-economic performances during the third Quarter of 2005/06 fiscal year (January –March 2005) and will be released in August 2006. The second issue will cover the macro-economic performance of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005/06 (April-June, 2006) and will be published in October 2006. The third and fourth issues will provide report and analysis on the macro-economic performances of the Ethiopian economy during the first (July-September 2006) and second (October – December 2006) quarters of fiscal year 2006/07, respectively.
- 1.12. Data Base Updating:** The EEA/EEPRI data base will be further strengthened by updating the existing data to the most recent available series in all sectors and by including other sets of data which are not currently in the database.
- 1.13. A Study on "HIV/AIDS Status, Trends and Its Actual and Potential Socio-economic Impacts:** The study will be undertaken within the planning period as one of the key research agendas to be undertaken by the core budget.
- 1.14.** Preparing Proposals on “Ethiopian Water Sector and Irrigation Development Strategy” and “Agribusiness, Marketing and Commercial Farm Sector Development in Ethiopia” will be developed and submitted to potential financiers. Upon acceptance of the proposals, the studies will be undertaken.
- 1.15.** Undertaking a Study on “**Reproductive Health Interventions in Ethiopia**”: A proposal will be written on the above subject and will be submitted to Pathfinder Ethiopia for financing. This study will become effective only if agreement is reached with Pathfinder.
- 1.16.** Undertaking a study on “**Remittance, Income and Employment Nexus in Ethiopia**”. Proposal will be prepared and submitted to potential sponsors.
- 1.17. Review of Development Strategies:** A study which aims at reviewing and analyzing the basic development strategies followed in the past in Ethiopia and surveying the development experiences of different countries with the view to deepen our understanding of basic development strategies and provide reference materials for students and policy makers will be carried out after the completion of the Macro-economic model building exercise.
- 1.18. Annotated Bibliography:** Most studies on the Ethiopian economy are scattered and undocumented. To mitigate this problem, we plan to prepare an exhaustive document detailing the various studies that have been carried out to date on different issues on the Ethiopian economy.

2. Planned Workshops and Conferences

- 2.1 Workshop for launching the Fifth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** A dissemination workshop will be organized in the first quarter of the plan period to participating contributors, distinguished personalities from the government offices, donors, civic society and academic institutions and journalists.

- 2.1. **The General Assembly:** EEA will hold its annual assembly of members in October 2006, as usual to discuss the report on activities and financial performance in the Ethiopian Fiscal Year (June 2005 – July 2006).
- 2.2. **Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forums:** Vision 2020 Ethiopia forum will continue in the planning period. Topics for the forum have been already selected by the EC. The approved topics are: -
 - Pastoralism and Development in Ethiopia
 - Transport and Development in Ethiopia
 - Child Right and Development in Ethiopia
 - Corruption and Development in Ethiopia
 - Religion and Development in Ethiopia

Speakers, discussants and chairpersons/moderators are in the process of being identified and approached. The topics of future Vision 2020 Ethiopia forums are being discussed and identified by the EC.

- 2.3. **Dissemination Workshop on the Various Research Results:** The Association plans to organize several workshops and seminars either independently or in collaboration with other organizations during the planning period to present the major findings of the research undertakings to members, government officials, donors and other stakeholders.

3. **Trainings**

- 3.1 **Launching a Training Program on “Environmental Economic Tools”** This training program will be conducted within the coming few months.
- 3.2 **Advising Post Graduate Students on their Master Thesis Research:** Staff members of EEA/EEPRI will continue advising post graduate students of the Addis Ababa University and other universities during the reporting period.
- 3.3 **Training on Communication Skill:** In collaboration with the British Council, training will be given for up to 20 EEA members and staffs of EEPRI on communication skill in the planning period.

4. **Opening up EEA Chapters**

In view of the provision of the constitution of EEA to open up chapters at regions and the repeated demands of the members of EEA as expressed at the General Assembly and the closing session of the 4th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, there is a plan to open chapters at major cities of Regional States. Some Universities such as Mekelle Business College and Gonder University, which have Economics Department, are Institutional Members of EEA. This is a good opportunity to open chapters easily in collaboration with Universities. However, in addition to the advocacy work, this task requires assessing and planning the cost implication (office and personnel etc.) and identification of the level and types of activities that are going to be carried out by Chapters taking into account the cost implication.

5. Membership Drive

Membership recruitment and activities to increase active membership will be carried out in the planning period by publicizing the objective of EEA, providing efficient services (such as training to young members) and opening up Chapters at regional cities and linking EEA with all Universities and Colleges in the country at least with those which have Economics Department. Furthermore, it is planned to prepare and issue members' ID card for accessing library and other services of EEA. Collection of annual members' fee will be given high consideration to increase the share of active members.

6. Distribution of Publications

All currently produced publications will be distributed to the members of EEA, Government organizations, libraries, and private organizations, chamber of commerce, Donors, NGOs, UN agencies and embassies through different channel. To reach the general public in a more effective way, the current distribution and marketing system will be upgraded and regional distribution system will be developed to reach EEA's members and Universities at regions.

7. Publications

The Association will publish several reports including working papers, research reports, quarterly macro-economic reports and other publications. For example, the following are planned to be published during the plan period:

- **The Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy:** The papers that were presented at the Conference in June 2005 are being reviewed by anonymous reviewers on the respective areas. After comments and suggestions are incorporated by the respective authors and properly edited thereof, they will be published within the planning period.
- At least three issues of **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**
- **Eight Economic Focus Magazines:** The materials that are presented on the Vision 2020 forums will be published regularly in the Economic Focus magazine, which is a bulletin of EEA.
- **The Fifth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the fifth annual report on the Ethiopian economy is "Unemployment Challenges and Prospects in Ethiopia"
- Research report on "**Private Sector Growth – Creating and Building Institutions**"
- Research Report on "**National Business Agenda**"
- Quarterly Macro-economic Report: Four issues of the quarterly
- Working Papers
- Other Research Undertakings

8. Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Program and Activities

There is a plan to seek radio and television as well as the publication media to actively promote the objectives, programs and activities of the EEA. In addition, it is planned to conduct workshop and meetings to promote vigorously the objectives and activities of the EEA.

9. EEA/EEPRI Documentation Center Services

In the plan period, a number of activities like putting the catalogue on the EEA/EEPRI web site, developing circulation system software and linking it to the web site will be accomplished. The detailed planned activities are:

- Finalize the development of library database for the purpose of circulation system and online reference using Microsoft SQL;
- Purchase additional information resources like books, journals and reference materials based on users discussion and the budget allocated;
- Organize the reference, periodicals and circulation in terms of variety and quantity;
- Print library pocket for new staff and EEA members.
- Follow up renewal of journals
- Edit encoded library data i.e. allocate call no. using DDC, primary descriptors, secondary descriptors;
- Classify, catalogue and shelf new materials;
- Finalize the process of adding the library catalogue to the EEA/EEPRI website

10. Website Services and Members Data Base

In order to make the EEA Statistical Data Base available online via the Internet to the public, it is planned to change the current static website into a dynamic one.

To improve the quality of the members' data base, there is also a plan to expand members' e-mail address and to update Members data base.

11. EEA Office Complex Project and Training Program

The main activities during the year will be to oversee the overall development of the construction work of the building and aggressively pursuing the fundraising activity, searching and identifying universities and potential partner institutes, and mobilizing Ethiopians in the Diaspora to fully participate in the planned project.

11.1. Construction Works: EEA will oversee the construction work in collaboration with the head supervisor. This entails, among other things, facilitating conditions for the client to smoothly undertake the construction activities, solving problems whenever they occur and ensuring the disbursement of the loan as per the agreement with the Bank. The fund will be disbursed in three installments on the basis of the assessment and verification made by the Bank at every stage.

11.2. Fund Raising Activity: A strategy is being developed to aggressively undertake fund raising activities in such a way that a substantial amount of fund could be secured for the Building. Some of the key elements in the strategy include:

- Encouraging EEA members to contribute for the realization of the building as per the agreement they made in the previous General Assembly;
- Identifying and enrolling potential fund raisers from the business community and local celebrities to engage them in fund raising activities and organizing a major fund raising event in collaboration with Ethio - investment Promotion Company. Fund raising activities includes preparation of Gala Dinner at Sheraton Addis and Trade Exhibition at Addis Ababa Exhibition Center.
- Organizing a fund raising event in collaboration with Dean's of African Diplomats provided that there will be cooperation with the embassy to host such an event and
- Mobilizing Ethiopians in the Diaspora to support the project.

- 11.3. Identifying Partner Institutions:** EEA will continue searching for internationally accredited Universities that can facilitate, in collaboration with the EEA, the establishment of a graduate program and training institute. To this effect, a profile of the EEA/EEPRI will be developed and submitted to the universities that have shown interest in the program. EEA will also continue correspondence and discuss on the modalities of the partnership. Besides, additional universities will be identified and correspondence will be made.
- 11.4. Mobilization of Ethiopians in the Diaspora:** EEA, in collaboration with the contact person of the Diaspora team, will design and assess a framework on the contribution that the Ethiopians in the Diaspora can provide in the realization of the EEA building complex. EEA will also encourage professionals in the field of Economics and Business Management to support the formulation of the graduate program and partake in the training undertaking thereof.



Status of the building as of September 2006

PART THREE

V. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Ethiopian Economic Association/
Economic Policy Research Institute at 30th June, 2006 and the related income and
expenditure statement for the year then ended.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND AUDITORS

The preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the management of the
Association. It is our responsibility, based on our audit, to express our independent
opinion on these financial statements.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those
standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance
about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit
includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in
the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used
and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial
statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our
opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above together with the notes thereon,
present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ethiopian Economic
Association/ Economic Policy Research Institute at 30th June, 2006 and the results of its
operations for the year then ended.


AWEKE GEBRE SELASSIE AND COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC AUDITORS

September 8, 2006
Addis Ababa



Authorized by the Office of the Federal Auditor General of the Ethiopian Government

ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION / ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2006

Currency: ETHIOPIAN BIRR

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>30.06.05</u>
FIXED ASSETS	2d, e, 3	4,976,030.80	<u>4,712,990.60</u>
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors	4	2,666,376.41	50,775.87
Cash and bank	5	<u>6,938,253.44</u>	<u>7,556,319.02</u>
		9,604,629.85	7,607,094.89
 <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors	6	<u>386,583.27</u>	<u>178,932.53</u>
Net current assets		9,218,046.58	<u>7,428,162.36</u>
Total assets		<u>14,194,077.38</u>	<u>12,141,152.96</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

General fund	14,177,078.38	12,124,153.96
Economy Project fund	<u>16,999.00</u>	<u>16,999.00</u>
	<u>14,194,077.38</u>	<u>12,141,152.96</u>



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ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION / ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2006

Currency: ETHIOPIAN BIRR

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Notes</u>		<u>30.06.05</u>
Membership and registration		25,916.90	50,050.91
Grant and program support	7	6,485,128.89	7,639,598.06
Sales of publishing		31,601.17	47,091.83
Member contribution for building		40,710.00	24,000.00
Interest income		7,894.25	90,279.30
Other income		36,499.70	34,103.18
Gain on exchange rate		<u>273,890.60</u>	<u>273,473.60</u>
		6,901,641.51	8,158,596.88
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>PROGRAM SERVICES</u>			
Publication and printing		292,652.76	191,565.25
Workshop and conference expenses		1,114,297.06	724,347.32
Project expenditure		1,544,564.80	3,026,320.51
Construction project		-	<u>123,945.40</u>
		<u>2,951,514.62</u>	<u>4,066,178.48</u>
 <u>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</u>			
Salaries and wages		841,775.91	385,015.04
Employee's benefit		223,639.92	144,237.05
Vehicle inspection		281.25	462.68
Subscription of news paper		2,166.50	2,461.00
Stationery and office supplies		43,341.25	83,992.20
Repair and maintenance		47,009.07	47,880.86
Telephone, internet and postage		48,340.61	92,628.11
Audit fee		12,000.00	10,000.00
Bank charges		7,318.64	9,674.02
Advertising		17,555.10	9,454.78
Office rent		122,245.00	139,200.00
Depreciation		140,917.85	182,059.78
Miscellaneous		15,136.80	6,503.17
Utilities		8,824.54	9,238.47
Travel and per diem expense		16,595.05	13,343.00
Entertainment		22,767.13	22,144.25
Insurance		102,933.11	9,171.39
Consultancy fee		-	1,000.00
Exchange rate loss		43,319.61	469,375.58
Fuel and lubricant		23,098.37	19,950.55
Electrical materials		7,042.94	1,488.27
Cleaning materials		<u>5,239.73</u>	<u>8,180.62</u>
		1,751,548.38	1,667,460.82
Total expenditure		4,703,063.00	5,733,639.30
Excess of income over expenditure		2,198,578.51	2,424,957.58
Add: Fund balance brought forward	12,124,153.96		9,705,347.80
Add (Less): Prior year adjustments	<u>(145,654.09)</u>		<u>(6,151.42)</u>
		11,978,499.87	9,699,196.38
		14,177,078.38	12,124,153.96
Balance transferred to balance sheet		<u>(14,177,078.38)</u>	<u>(12,124,153.96)</u>

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ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION / ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2006

1. STATUS

The Ethiopian Economic Association / Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute is a non-profit making organization established on the strength of a constitution signed by the founding members and duly registered with the concerned government authority on 26 Hidar 1984 (E.C.). The objectives of the Association are, to contribute to the economic advancement of Ethiopia (a) by promoting economic research and assisting in the dissemination of the findings of such research and encouraging the study of Economics in the country's educational institutions and (b) by promoting the professional interests of its members and creating forum for the discussion of economic issues as well as professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) Accounting convention - The financial statements are prepared under the historical convention.
- b) Income - Contributions from members grants from donor agencies, other organizations and sales of proceedings are recognized as income in the period in which they are received.
- c) Expenditure - Expenditure is accounted for in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Fixed Assets - Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets donated to the Association are credited to income account as support from donor agencies.
- e) Depreciation - Office equipment and vehicles are depreciated on a straight - line basis over their estimated useful lives at the rate of 10% and 20% per annum respectively.



3. FIXED ASSETS

<u>COST</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.07.05</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>Disposal /</u> <u>adjustment</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.06.06</u>
Office equipment	699,330.89	4,600.00	-	703,930.89
Office furniture	242,845.46	6,756.70	-	249,602.16
Motor vehicles	482,424.00	-	-	482,424.00
Vehicles tool box	<u>2,448.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,448.00</u>
	1,427,048.35	11,356.70	-	1,438,405.05
Building in progress	3,895,990.69	405,441.05	-	4,301,431.74
Leasehold land	<u>130,562.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,562.94</u>
	<u>5,453,601.98</u>	<u>416,797.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,870,399.73</u>
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>				
Office equipment	254,735.04	69,309.66	-	324,044.70
Office furniture	92,530.44	24,431.09	-	116,961.53
Motor vehicles	393,345.90	59,098.80	-	452,444.70
Vehicles tool box	<u>-</u>	<u>918.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>918.00</u>
	<u>740,611.38</u>	<u>153,757.55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,368.93</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	<u>4,712,990.60</u>			<u>4,976,030.80</u>

4. DEBTORS

		<u>30.06.05</u>
ELMI OLINDO & Co. PLC - Advance payment for building construction	2,641,958.87	-
CRDA	4,759.34	4,759.34
Suspense account	6,951.21	6,951.21
Ethiopian Architect Association	-	3,660.00
Mekbib Tibebu	2,060.00	3,720.00
Forum For Social Studies	-	4,760.33
Flimon Abreha	4,300.00	6,400.00
Tekalegn Zeleke	-	696.46
Staff debtors	<u>6,346.99</u>	<u>19,828.53</u>
	<u>2,666,376.41</u>	<u>50,775.87</u>



5. CASH AND BANK

		<u>30.06.05</u>
Main cash	958.76	866.34
Petty cash	-	68.02
Cash at bank - Bank of Abyssinia -Aba Mella Branch S/A 29	23,169.43	185,852.78
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia - A/C No. 2835	595,445.29	215,053.26
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia - A/C No. 2350	120,115.63	74,365.40
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia - USD 175963	520,144.17	427,706.03
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia – A/C No. 3049	1,746.86	357,239.38
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia - EURO 175963	5,135,243.69	3,838,641.73
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia-Temja Yaz A/C 3047	220,556.12	
Construction and Business Bank – Main Branch	111,849.47	1,892,339.30
Bank of Abyssinia S.C. Bole Branch A/C No. 196	33,276.31	82,221.97
Bank of Abyssinia S.C. S/A 441	1,274.49	1,238.76
United Bank S.C., Mehal Arada, A/C No. 221	1,800.61	460,360.82
United Bank S.C. Mehal Arada, A/C No. 339	20,423.17	20,365.23
United Bank S.C. Mehal Arada, A/C 447	<u>152,249.44</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,938,253.44</u>	<u>7,556,319.02</u>

6. CREDITORS

Staff creditors	1,032.05	195.00
Income tax payable	38,710.92	101,837.82
Withholding tax payable	20,934.10	814.10
Provident fund payable	154,140.75	76,085.61
Retention (5%) on building construction	<u>171,765.45</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>386,583.27</u>	<u>178,932.53</u>



7. GRANTS AND PROGRAM SUPPORTS

		<u>30.06.05</u>
Initiative Africa	29,172.00	116,688.00
World Economic Forum	86,229.67	40,936.09
World Bank	358,515.37	271,407.15
Dublin University	159,783.00	103,382.10
Frederich Ebert Stiftung	149,598.00	137,835.38
University of Bonn	105,043.42	221,304.67
Embassy of Sweden of Addis Ababa	225,943.88	771,092.62
British Embassy - DFID	467,550.00	909,800.00
Ireland Embassy of Addis Ababa	2,074,720.00	2,300,606.00
Norwegian Embassy	558,870.00	505,800.00
The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)	151,628.51	-
Nether land Embassy of A.A	768,875.34	-
African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)	900,284.35	1,985,218.60
Poverty action Network	175,993.04	-
Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce	178,204.26	-
African Development Bank	38,974.53	-
Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce	7,520.65	-
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	43,222.87	-
Ethiopian Manufacturing Industries Association	5,000.00	-
Action Professional Association	-	2,940.00
Ethiopian Banker Association	-	30,000.00
Ethiopian Coffee Export Association	-	5,000.00
ECORYSE – Netherlands	-	63,243.25
International Development of Economics	-	130,290.41
UNU	-	44,053.79
	<u>6,485,128.89</u>	<u>7,639,598.06</u>

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 We are most grateful to the management and employees of Ethiopian Economic Association Ethiopian / Economic Policy Research Institute for the assistance and co-operation extended to us during the course of the audit.
- 8.2 Should you have any question in relation to these financial statements and report we are pleased to provide you with the information required.


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September 8, 2006
 Addis Ababa

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THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ETHIOPIAN ECONOMY: JUNE, 2006

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

The fourth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy which was held from June 10 to 12, 2006 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa was an unqualified success. It was attended by around 300 participants.

More than 69 papers were presented in the 20 parallel and 4 plenary sessions. Eight of these sessions were co-organized by collaborating organizations, namely:

1. ADB (Dissemination of 'AFRICAN Economic Outlook, 2005/06);
2. World Bank (Agriculture and Pro-poor Growth and Youth Employment Challenges);
3. ECA-ESPD (Economic and Social Policy Division) and
4. IFPRI (Different Dimensions of Rural Development in Ethiopia)
5. ILRI (Livestock Marketing)
6. Ethiopian Agricultural Professionals Association
7. FSS and
8. WED Team.

The Conference presentations and the discussions thereof covered diverse themes. These included: growth and development, finance and development, export, private sector, poverty, education, health, decentralization, agriculture (livestock, extension, crop production, conservation, land, irrigation, plant resources, role of agricultural professionals), cooperative, food security, competitiveness, privatization, employment and labour market, gender, culture, informal sector, public service delivery, institutions, tax, remittance, and ICT.

Some of the papers presented at the conference can be found at the link: <http://www.eaecon.org>

Following this experience and success, the Ethiopian Economic Association is pleased to announce that the 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, which will be held during the first week of June 2007 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa.

Accordingly, the EEA is seeking papers to be presented at the conference from all interested individuals. It particularly encourages Ethiopian economists living in the country or abroad and non-Ethiopian economists doing research on the Ethiopian economy to present their papers. The papers could be on any topic related to the performance and/or development of the Ethiopian economy and lessons that can be drawn to Ethiopia from other country experience as well. You may have noticed that many of the last year's conference papers were interdisciplinary. This approach will be encouraged this year as well.

Prospective participants should send, by email, fax or post before December 15, 2006, a notification of interest to the EEA that contains:

- *Their complete address (email and institutional affiliation included);*
- *Their area of interest; and*
- *A short (no more than one page in length) description of what their paper is about (≈Abstract)*

The Organizing Committee will select from among the submitted proposals (abstract) and will promptly communicate its decision to all concerned.

Authors, whose proposals are selected, are kindly requested to send the first draft of their paper by email, fax or post by 15th February 2007 and the final draft by the end of March 2006.

Given the limited resources of the Association, participants are expected to cover their own transportation cost to and from Addis Ababa. EEA will cover accommodation, lunch and transportation to and from the Conference venue and hotel only for paper presenters coming outside of Addis Ababa.

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