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(July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

AND

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2007/08
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I. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Wolday Amha, President

This year's report covers the activities of the Association accomplished through its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), the Project Office for the construction of the EEA Multi-purpose Building and the establishment of a Training Institute, as well as the EEA Secretariat. In the reporting period, our Association witnessed great successes and challenges. Among the achievements of our association the major ones are:

In the reporting period, the EEA conducted many researches on economic and social ills facing the Ethiopian Economy, through its research wing the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI). Some of the major research topics conducted in the reporting period include: i) The Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy (Unemployment Challenge and Prospects), Volume V; ii) Private Sector-Led Growth – Creating and Building Institutions; iii) Evaluating the Impact of Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program (HSEP) iv) Budget Assessment Study; v) Land Policy Study etc., The researches benefit EEA members, Government, the private sector, international communities, NGOs and Civil societies, academia and the general public.

The Association has also organized various forums that involved diverse groups of stakeholders, and published the result of the discussions for wider dissemination. The notable performances in this area are the monthly Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum that brings together not only our members but also Ethiopians from all over the City of Addis Ababa and from all sectors of the society. In the reporting period, about six Vision 2020 forums have been organized. The Fifth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy was also a great success of the Association.

The staff of the EEA/EEPRI have also actively participated and provided professional opinion in various workshops which were organized by the public sector and by the private sector as well as by the many civil society organizations and international and bilateral organizations.

The past year has been a year of materialization of the initiatives of activities that have been started in the previous years. The construction of a four-story Multi-purpose Building is well underway. In the reporting period, the EEA secured a loan from Commercial Bank of Ethiopia for the project. A Fund raising project proposal was also developed for the project entitled “African Millennium Economic and Business Summit’. As repeatedly stated the purpose of the building is to house the future headquarters of the EEA and EEPRI, but more importantly, it shall accommodate a training institute aimed at excellence that shall provide courses leading to Masters and PHD in development economics and business management.

In the reporting period, EEA has worked hard to engage the Government in EEA's activities and lay the ground to collaborate in the area of economic research, trainings and consultation. The remarkable achievement in this regard is the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between

the EEA and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. A similar initiative is also underway with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

In the year, EEA has opened its first chapter at Awassa with the aim of expanding its activities and reaching out for potential members at regions. Taking the experience from the Awassa chapter, EEA plans to open similar chapters in other parts of the country in the near future.

In view of the expanded activities of the Association and the completion of the Multi-purpose Building in the foreseen future that will house the Secretariat, EEPRI and the Training institute and the opening up of chapters at regions, the EC of EEA has initiated a proposal to develop Strategic Plan for the Association and consequently to revise and streamline the operational manuals.

Though we are not able to organize as many trainings as we wished, the activities carried out in this area with the objectives of improving the professional skill of its members and the staff of government institutions are commendable.

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

Having addressed briefly the performance of EEA for the year, I would like to dwell on the future challenges of the Association, which need our concerted attention. We, at the Secretariat, have initiated four major areas of activities for action with a view of enhancing and improving the EEA's operations and source of income. I will briefly touch upon them.

- 1. I would like to emphasize that EEA is currently in the phase of transition and transformation from a donor support Association to self sustainable and permanent institution that can provide valuable services to the next generation. In this regard, we need the support of members, friends of the Association, the private sector, the government, and development partners to support us in raising fund for the completion of the Multi-purpose Building complex that will house the various activities of the EEA including the Training Institute, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institutes and the Secretariat.*
- 2. The Association has started updating the various working manuals and organograms in view of the expanded activities of EEA. This study shall be supported by developing a strategic plan of the EEA. The strategic plan for the Association is necessitated because of the rapidly growing role and activities of the EEA in research and policy making, and in its contribution in raising awareness of the Ethiopian public, including its members, civic associations, government officials, members of political parties and the public at large from diverse walks of life. As indicated in the report, the EEA shall be embarking upon the establishment of a training institute of excellence in development economics and business management. To this end, the concept paper on the modality of the Institute, its curriculum, organization and management, financing, and monitoring and evaluation has been prepared and would soon be put for discussion.*
- 3. Expanding membership base and increasing the participation of members in the Association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been encouraging trends 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 this regard, the opening up of the first EEA's chapter at Awassa is a new experience which the Association plans to replicate through out the country.

4. The last and fourth proposal under study by the Secretariat is expansion of readers and distribution of EEA's major publications, including, the Ethiopian Journal of Economics, the monthly Economic Focus, the Annual Reports on the Ethiopian economy, the research reports and proceedings of conferences.

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

To meet this end, 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. It is through the dedicated efforts of its members that the work of EEA is carried out.

At this juncture, the EEA recognizes partners who supported our vision and provided us financial support to materialize the activities of the EEA. These include the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the Royal Norwegian Embassy, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, the Swedish Embassy, the Ireland Embassy, the British Embassy, the Canadian Embassy and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany. I can assure you that with your continued support we can make a difference in Ethiopia.

Our special thanks, however, go to our members for their active participation and excellent inputs. We would like to appreciate the cordial relationship with and the support we received from government institutions and friends of EEA. The Executive Committee takes the pleasure to salute the staff of the Secretariat, EEPRI, and the project office for their commitment and hard work.

Wolday Amha
President, EEA

II. INTRODUCTION

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 construction of the EEA Multipurpose Building and the establishment of Training Institute, as well as the EEA Secretariat. The first part of the report covers the activities during the period July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2007/08 (from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008). The last part provides the external audited financial report of the EEA.

PART ONE

III. ACTIVITY REPORT

1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1.1. Completed Research Activities

The following research activities were completed during the reporting period.

- 1.1.1 Budget Assessment Study:** The study aimed at assessing the government budget allocation in view of PASDEP implementation with special emphasis on allocation of budget for pro-poor sectors. In addition to the Federal government budget, the study includes two regions, namely Oromia and SNNP. In the reporting period, the study is completed and submitted to the client after incorporating their comments. Besides, the findings of the study were presented to budget group members at PANE.

- 1.1.2 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 Fifth Annual report, whose thematic focus is “Unemployment Challenges and Prospects in Ethiopia”, is completed. The report has made detailed assessment of ‘characteristics of the Ethiopian labor market’, ‘labor cost, productivity and sectoral capacity utilization’, ‘sectoral employment and occupational choice’ and ‘characteristics of unemployment in Ethiopia’. Besides the report covers an update of the macro-economic, agriculture and related, industry, trade and investment-related, and social sector developments and cross-cutting sectors including “Gender and Development”. The report was published and disseminated in the reporting period.

- 1.1.3 Quarterly Reports:** With the objective of providing an independent and professional opinion on the macro-economic performance of the country, EEPRI has been publishing a quarterly macro-economic report since 2003. The report focuses on the performance of the external sector and microfinance institutions, the investment climate, the dynamics of prices, money supply, and government finance. Accordingly, the Institute has published four quarterly reports during the reporting period by incorporating new topics and extending some of the topics besides the usual sectors of the Economy.

- 1.1.4 Land Policy Study (in collaboration with the World Bank):** The study aims at documenting the experience of the on-going land registration and title certification in four major regions of Ethiopia. It also assesses the awareness of farmers and government workers at the grassroots level about land laws, proclamations and implementation. The analysis of the survey data has been underway. The project was completed in February 2007.
- 1.1.5 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. The survey was conducted in all regional states including Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa. Respondents were drawn from the private sector, NGOs, civil servants, lawyers, etc. The work is completed and submitted to the chamber.
- 1.1.6 Development of a National Business Agenda:** This project was initiated by Center for International Private Enterprises(CIPE), a research and advocacy organ of the American Chamber of Commerce. It is a tripartite agreement among three parties. CIPE is financing the project and oversees the process. The Ethiopian 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 were 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. The work has been completed and submitted to the chamber including a copy of English translation of the document.

- 1.1.7 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. The work has been completed and submitted to the World Bank.
- 1.1.8 CD-ROM Data Updating:** The previous CD-ROM of the EEA contained data on the Ethiopian Economy up to the year 2002/03. Accordingly, the CD-ROM was updated as far as data availability allowed and made available to interested parties at the Fifth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy which was held June 7 – 9, 2007.
- 1.1.9 National and Regional Stakeholders Perception on Climate Change:** The main aim of this project has been to (1) discern perceptions on vulnerability to climate change in rural areas and (2) to discuss the capacity of rural people to adapt to changes in climate and (3) to develop response options, including investments in water and other sectors related to rural development. It also aims at achieving policy impact at the government level, private sector, and with civil society on this topic and increase the stock of knowledge on climate change and adaptation measures. The final report has been submitted to IFPRI.

1.2. On-going Researches

- 1.2.1 Evaluating the Impact of Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program (HSEP):** In the reporting period a competitive Research Prize grant is secured for the project from the Global Development Net Work (GDN). As per the time table of the project, the Human Resources and Poverty Division has developed village-level data collection instruments, trained enumerators, and is collecting village level data from 140 selected villages residing in 10 woredas in Amhara, Oromia, and SNNP regional states.
- 1.2.2 A Study on Quality of Aid to Ethiopia:** The objective of the study is to critically assess the quantity and quality of aid to Ethiopia with focus on agriculture, rural development and food security since the year 2000. It also aims at examining the aid effectiveness, aid utilization capacity, and policy and implementation environments, etc. The study is initiated and funded by CS-CAFÉ. Currently, the research team is collecting relevant information. The study started in May 2007 and will be completed in

September 2007. So far a number of discussions have been held with different offices, both Governmental and Donors, and relevant information has been obtained. In the study, 3 staff of EEA/EEPRI have been involved.

- 1.2.3 Baseline Survey for Ethiopian Land Tenure and Administration Program (ELTAP):** The objective of this survey is to generate a database that would help as a benchmark for further evaluation of project effects and progresses benefiting communities in 24 program woredas. The study was undertaken in collaboration with ARD MOARD program which financed the project. In the study 3 EEA/EEPRI Staff, 1 Addis Ababa University staff and international Gender Consultant are participating. Survey design and instrument development is about to be completed. The study is a one year project and planned to be completed in March 2008.
- 1.2.4 Rural Electrification Baseline Survey of EEPCO:** The project aims to establish a baseline survey on welfare impacts of rural electrification in 20 rural towns. In the reporting period the first round field survey was conducted and will be completed in November 2007. In this survey project, 2 staff members of EEA/EEPRI are participating.
- 1.2.5 Land Policy Study Survey Data Analysis:** The study aims to document the underlying socio-economic situation, land management and use and related issues using the broad database which was collected in 2006. In this study two experts of EEA/EEPRI are participating.
- 1.2.6 The 6th Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the 6th annual report on the Ethiopian economy is “**The Current State of the Construction Industry in Ethiopia**”. In this report, attempt will be made to cover topics such as the role of construction in an economy, the recent developments in the industry, construction capacity in Ethiopia, financing of the industry, review of other countries and sustainability, problems and constraints of the industry. In addition, macro-economic, agriculture and related, industry and trade related, are incorporated in the report. So far, some preliminary preparatory work is done and the work is expected to be completed by the end of May 2008.
- 1.2.7 Macro-econometric Modeling:** The objective of the project is to build a macro-econometric model for the whole economy with much emphasis on the supply side 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. Since there has been a change in the

national accounts data set by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Developments (MOFED), the Macro-econometric model building exercise was interrupted until those changes are re-evaluated. At present, the previous data have been replaced and some re-estimation exercise has been carried out. Moreover, with the purpose of introducing the workings of the EEA/EEPRI macro-model to the public and obtain feedback for future work, the model was presented at the Fifth International conference on the Ethiopian Economy. The model is expected to be finalized and available for projection and policy simulation exercises by December 2008.

1.2.8 Developing a Discussion Paper on Climate Change: During the reporting period, the report on the climate change study has been submitted to IFPRI. But, it is now agreed with IFPRI to develop a discussion paper which will be presented in a national workshop in September here in Addis. The discussion paper will be completed and presented in the workshop.

1.3. Research Proposals Developed and Submitted to Funding Organizations

1.3.1. The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects: The general objective of this study is to investigate and document the role and contributions of FBOs in various fields of development and explore the limitations and opportunities as well as future prospects these organizations face, based on a historical perspective and a broad understanding of development. The project has been submitted to the Norwegian Church Aid –Ethiopia and awaits positive responses.

1.3.2. The Welfare Impacts of the Recent Economic Growth and Inflation on Various Segments of the Ethiopian Society: The general research queries that this study aims at analyzing and addressing include, (i) Are the pursued economic policies and strategies indeed pro-poor? (ii) How are the different sectors of the society impacted by the two recent events of economic growth, on the one hand, and upward trends in inflation on the other? and (iii) Beyond the income aspects of economic development how is the country doing in terms of broader measures of development? Social provisions for instance.

1.3.3. Measuring Empowerment: The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium-Term Impact: This is a follow-up study that EEA undertook in 2004 in collaboration with the World Bank. The study aims to characterize women empowerment in two selected regions of Ethiopia and to measure empowerment across different communities. In particular the study plans to measure the impact of the WDIP interventions on women's empowerment. The proposal has been

submitted to the World Bank and is still awaiting response.

- 1.3.4. Improving Governance and Gender-Equity in Rural Services:** The overall objective of the project is to improve the governance of service delivery in rural areas in order to remove bottlenecks to agricultural and rural development, provide more equitable access to rural services, especially for women, and reduces the problems of corruption in rural service provision. More specifically, the project aims to identify, analyze and promote gender-sensitive governance reform strategies for the provision of economic services, such as credit and advisory services, social services such as health, water and sanitation; education, and rural infrastructure; develop gender-specific governance indicators that measure the performance of rural service provision and make it possible to track changes over time; and build capacity including local government is an integral component of the proposed project. This project is planned to be undertaken in collaboration with IFPRI.
- 1.3.5. African Millennium Economic and Business Summit:** This project seeks to organize a grand forum for African political, Economic and Business leaders and distinguished personalities, and institutions to deliberate on pertinent African Economic, Business and Social issues, with the view to take stock of the past millennium and recommit and upscale the various ongoing initiatives to keep pace with the African key development challenges in the new millennium. EEA is approaching several donors and partner organizations for funding this project.
- 1.3.6. Reproductive Family Planning/ Reproductive Health Services in Ethiopia:** As per the invitation of the Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA) to take part in the Baseline study, proposal has been prepared and submitted to Ethiopian Public Health Association. The status is on waiting list.
- 1.3.7. The Impact of Remittance Flows on Poverty, Employment, Health Education and Consumption:** The proposal was prepared and it will be submitted to potential sponsoring or funding institutions.
- 1.3.8. Situation Analysis of Chambers and Sectoral Associations in Ethiopia:** The purpose of this project is to assess the legal, organizational, financial and operational status of business and sectoral associations and provide possible solutions which would be a basis for intervention towards strengthening associations at city and national levels. Technical and Financial Proposals have been prepared and submitted to the AACCSA, but agreement has not yet been reached.

2. TRAINING

2.1. Application of STATA Program Software to the Analysis of Household Models: The training provided to 25 members of EEA was held at the Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University from March 26 -30, 2007.

2.2. Econometric Statistical Software Packages (STATA, SPSS and Pc-Give): As per the request from Jimma University, three staff of EEA/EEPRI gave training from June 25, 2007 to July 3, 2007 at Jimma University.

2.3. A staff of EEA/EEPRI attended a two day training on “Social Networking” organized by IFPRI and EDRI on January 13, 2007 and January 14, 2007.

2.4. A senior research fellow participated actively in a four day training on ‘Organization and Implementation of Citizens Report Card Survey’, which was organized by PANE and held in Debre Zeit.

2.5. Internship Program: The Association provided two months internship facilities to five economics students drawn from Addis Ababa University, Jimma University, Hawassa University, Arba-Minch University and Bahir Dar University. The Association also provided two months internship facilities to Mr. Abubaker Bash-Taki, from Sussex University and Ms. Erin Laurell Boyd from School of Oriental and African Studies of London respectively. The Association also hosted a lady who is graduated in Economics in its Macro-economic Research Division. In doing so EEA believes that she will get the required economic tools and skills for her future career.

2.6. Staff Training: two staff members of EEA/EEPRI attained training workshops on “Membership Development and Budget and Finance Management” that were offered freely by the Initiative Africa.

3. WORKSHOP AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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, six discussion forums were organized in which some 800 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:

- Pastoralism and Development in Ethiopia
- Transport and Development in Ethiopia
- Ethiopian Christian Orthodox Church and Development in Ethiopia
- Islam and Development in Ethiopia
- The Contribution of Civil Societies in the Ethiopian Development
- Ethiopia's prospect in meeting the MDGs



One of the Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forums

3.1.2. Impact of Price Escalation of Petroleum Fuels on the Ethiopian Economy and Mitigating Measures: EEA co-organized a half-day panel discussion with ENSED on the theme of “Impact of Price Escalation of Petroleum Fuels on the Ethiopian Economy and Mitigating Measures” on 24 November, 2006. In the panel discussion, more than 150 invited participants including EEA and ENSED members, government dignitaries, business persons, and members of Civil Societies participated.

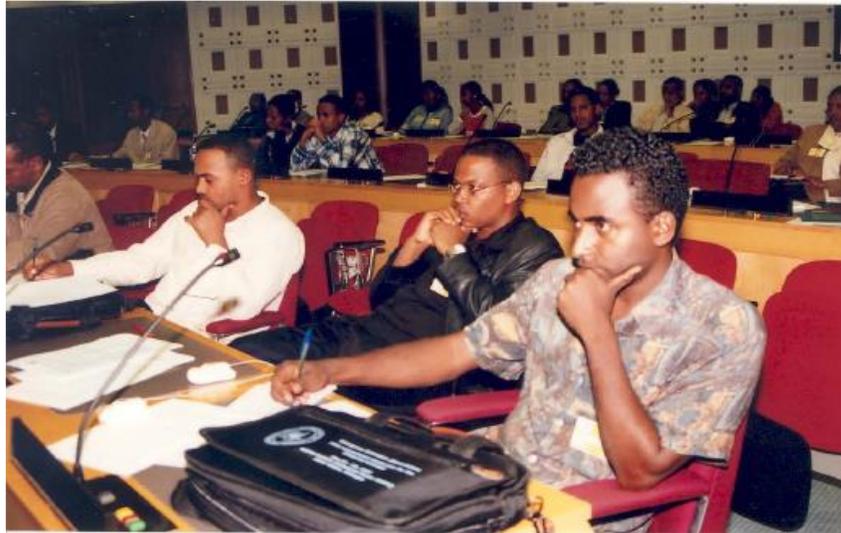
3.1.3. The General Assembly: The 14th General Assembly of EEA was held on October 14, 2006. The GA has discussed and endorsed the Annual Implementation Report and Plan for the year 2006/07. The GA also re-elected Dr. Wolday Amaha (the President) and Ato Abiy Hailu (member of EC). Moreover, the GA accepted the revised version of the Constitution of EEA.



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- 3.1.4. Policy Consultation workshop on the Assessment of Vulnerability to Climatic Changes and Adaptations:** Two workshops were held on August 15 and 22 at Awassa and Bahir Dar Towns, respectively, to exchange ideas and share experiences among stakeholders and get suggestions for climatic changes and adaptation interventions. The number of participants who attended the workshops was about 50.
- 3.1.5. The Performance of the Ethiopian Economy in Light of Meeting the Millennium Development Goals:** EEA co-organized a half-day panel discussion on the above theme with the prospective Graduates of the Department of Economics of AAU on 26th January, 2007 at the Faculty of Business and Economics of AAU. The panel discussion brought together large numbers of students, staff members of the Addis Ababa University, members of EEA and panelists from AAU, EEA, MOFED, UNDP, and IMF.
- 3.1.6. Micro-Finance Institutions Development and Micro and Small Enterprises Development in Ethiopia:** EEA also organized a half day panel discussion on Micro-Finance Institutions Development and Micro and Small Enterprises Development in SNNPRS on May 12, 2007 at Hawaasa University during the inaugural ceremony of the opening up of the EEA's first chapter. The panel discussion attracted a number of participants from students, staff members of the Hawassa University and staff from regional bureaus.
- 3.1.7. The Fifth 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 7 and 9 June 2006 at UNECA Conference Center. The conference attracted more than 400 participants from government officials, the private sector, international organizations and members of professional associations, and about 89 papers including papers from co-organizing institutions covering a wide area of the national economy were presented in this important conference. The result of the conference evaluation analysis indicates that the participants of the conference, by and large, expressed their satisfaction in a positive way. For all except one question, the time allotted for the discussion is short; they replied their satisfaction as good and above.



Participants of the 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy



Visit to the EEA Multi-Purpose Building during the 1st day of the 5th International Conference

3.1.8. Regional Consultation Workshops on Land Registration Baseline Survey of ARD/ELTAP: Four regional workshops were conducted on May 22, 25, June 4 and 15, 2007. The purpose of the workshops is to get feedbacks from regional stakeholders on the survey design and instruments of Land Registration Baseline Survey. In total, about 80 participants attended the four regional workshops.

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 papers presented at various workshops and forums:

3.2.1. Policies to Strengthen Rural Urban Linkages in Ethiopia: the paper was presented on the Planning Workshop on RUL. Thematic Research Area of GMP in August 2006.

3.2.2. Relevance and Contribution of Research to National Development-AAU's Role: the paper was presented on the Strategic Planning and Management Conference organized by the Addis Ababa University from Nov. 7-11, 2006.

3.2.3. Study of the Land Registration Experience of the Amhara Region: The paper was presented at a workshop organized on land and natural resources management by CRDA, SLUF, SOS-Sahel, on October 9, 2006, Addis Ababa.

3.2.4. Contribution of Professional Associations to AAU's role: The paper was presented at Addis Ababa University Strategic Planning and Management Conference held from Nov. 7-11, 2006.

3.2.5. Land Tenure and Land Use in Pastoral Areas in Ethiopia: The paper was presented at a workshop organized by the Pastoralist Land Rights Consultation and Sustainable Land Use Forum (SLUF) on June 1, 2007 at Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa. The participants of the workshop were drawn from Government, NGOs, research institutions, etc

3.2.6. The following five different papers were presented by EEA staffs on the Fifth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy that was held from June 7 -9, 2007 at UN Conference Center. The participants of the conference were drawn from researchers, academics, members of EEA, NGOs, donor communities, etc.

- Intensification of smallholder farms in Teff growing areas in Ethiopia,

- Informal Risk Sharing Strategies and Poverty Dynamics in Rural Ethiopia: Longitudinal Analysis
- Intra-Household Gender-bias on Human Capital Investment in Rural Ethiopia: Panel Evidence
- Determinants of Child-educational Performance in Rural Ethiopia
- The Booming Non-traditional Export: the Case of Cut Flower.

3.2.7. Papers Presented on the MDGs Symposium: The following two papers were presented on the half-day panel discussion which was co-organized by EEA and the prospective Graduates of the Department of Economics of AAU on the theme of “the Performance of Ethiopian Economy in light of Meeting the Millennium Development Goals” on 26th January, 2007 at the Faculty of Business and Economics of AAU.

- The MDGs and Education: Challenges and Prospects and
- The MDGs and Health: Challenges and Prospects.

3.2.8. The Competitiveness of Ethiopia in COMESA: The paper was presented by an EEA staff at a workshop organized by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association (AACCSA) on June 20, 2005.

3.2.9. The Role of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Facilitating Trade in Ethiopia: A staff member presented this paper on three conferences organized by UN-ECA. The first presentation was made on February 26, 2007 at the UN-ECA. The second presentation was made on February 28 at Symposium on ICT for Trade and Investment in Ethiopia organized by the UN-ECA and the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations. The last presentation was made on May 3, 2007 at the Fifth Session of the Committee on Development Information (CODI V) which was a regional conference organized by UN-ECA.

3.2.10. EEA’s Experience in Institution Building: A staff member of EEA/EEPRI has presented a paper on EEA’s experience in institutional building on a workshop organized by the Ethiopian IT Professional Association (EITPA) on June 16, 2007.

4. PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

The staff of EEA/EEPRI have participated in several local and international workshops and seminars and provided professional advice. They also served as moderator of meetings on several occasions. During the reporting period the staff member of EEA/EEPRI participated in more than 85 workshops and seminars.

5. MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ADVICES

Staff members of EEA/EEPRI are often invited to be members of steering committees by different organizations with the aim of providing policy and professional advice. In this respect several members of EEA/EEPRI have served as members of several steering committees.

- 5.1.** 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.
- 5.2.** Held discussions and provided professional advices for many experts from various national and international institutions.
- 5.3.** Discussion on PSD with World Bank Group Washington, led by a senior economic advisor, Harry Broadman.
- 5.4.** Participated in and chaired group discussions in a workshop organized by the world bank, ‘shared vision shared action’, on institutions for private sector growth. As the National Technical Committee member for the Preparation of the European Partnership Agreement (EPA), which has been over sighted by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, a research staff attended a number of meetings and discussions of the committee and provided professional inputs.
- 5.5.** As a technical Committee Member for the preparation of Strategic plan for Chemical Industry in Ethiopia, a researcher attended various meetings and discussions and provided professional input in formulating the final draft on the Strategic plan for chemical industry in Ethiopia.
- 5.6.** As the Steering Committee Member for the Commemoration of the 7th 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 from November 12 – 19, 2007.
- 5.7.** 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 the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and CIPE.
- 5.8.** A discussion was held with UNDP experts on issues related to private sector development in Ethiopia.
- 5.9.** Prepared responses to Questionnaire from the Ministry of Revenue (MoR) regarding” the undergoing reforms in the Ministry, alternative models of tax

policy analysis, etc.

5.10. Interview was given on the current performance of the agricultural sector to the Ethiopian Press Organization.

5.11. As a member of a research team, a senior research fellow has been participating in the second CRC study, which is organized and implemented by PANE.

5.12. Staff members of EEA/EEPRI also advise postgraduate students. In this respect, thesis advice was provided to 4 M. Sc students of Addis Ababa University during the reporting period. Staff members of EEA/EEPRI also advise internship two students from UK and USA

6. VISITS TO EEA/EEPRI

- Held Meeting with Mr. Ad Melkert (Associate Administer) UNDP on August 25, 2006.
- Miss Suzan Cutler from Center for International Private Enterprises (CIPE), Program Officer for Africa, visited EEA/EEPRI on October 10, 2006.
- A three member delegation from the South African Institute of International Affairs visited EEA/EEPRI on October 20, 2006.
- A two member delegation from the University for Peace (Dr. Jean Bosco Butera, Director, Africa Program and Dr. Tony Karbo, Program Officer) visited EEA/EEPRI on October 20, 2006.
- A team from the World Bank visited EEA/EEPRI on April 3, 2007.
- Ms. Mannoni and Ms. Adil visited EEA/EEPRI on April 23, 2007

In addition, a number of professional Associations have visited EEA/EEPRI to exchange experiences. In the past six months, the following Professional Associations and institutions have visited EEA/EEPRI office for experience sharing:

- Ethiopian Society of Industrial Engineers
- Chemistry Professional Association
- Medical Professional Association
- Industrial Engineering Professional Association
- Wondo Genet College of Forestry and Natural Resources
- Mechanical Professional Association
- Agricultural Professional Association

7. PUBLICATIONS

7.1. Annual Report and Proceedings

Several publications have been produced by EEA and its research and Training

wing EEPRI during the reporting period: The following publications have been produced during the reporting period:

- Study of the Socio-economic Situation of Children and Adolescents in Some Coffee Growing Areas of Southwest Ethiopia
- A Book on the Vision 2020 Ethiopia presentations (Amharic version) volume II (A publication of the Consolidated 12 Economic focus Magazine) was published in January 2007
- The Proceeding of the Fourth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy was published in May 2007 in two Volumes.
- The Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy Volume V 2005/06: Unemployment Challenges and Prospects was published in March 2007
- The Proceeding of the Panel Discussion on “Impact of Price Escalation of Petroleum Fuels on the Ethiopian Economy & Mitigating Measures” was published in June 2007.

7.2. Regular Publications of EEA

The Association has published the following regular publications during the reporting period:

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

7.3. Working Paper

- Fiscal Policy and Growth in Ethiopia: some Exercises, WP No. 2/2006
- Dynamic Sectoral Linkages in the Ethiopian Economy: A Preliminary Assessment, WP No. 3/2006

7.4. Issue Paper

- Assessment of Crop Production and Natural Resource Management Extension Packages in Ethiopia (1994/65 – 2003/04), IP No. 1/2006.
- Assessment of Current Extension system of Ethiopia: A closer Look at Planning and Implementation, IP No. 2/2006.

8. ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR JOURNAL PUBLICATION AND REVIEW OF JOURNAL ARTICLES:

8.1. Articles Published in Journals and Scientific Publications By Staffs of EEA/EEPRI

The following articles were written and published by staff members of EEA/EEPRI during the reporting period.

- 8.1.1. Prakash, T.N., J.Mburu, H.Chandrashekar and Deginet Abebaw,** “Farmers’ Willingness to Conserve Crop Genetic Resources Under Different Incentives: The Case of Traditional Rice Varieties in the Western Ghats of South India”, *Outlook On Agriculture*, 36(2), 137-144, 2007.
- 8.1.2. Deginet Abebaw, K.H. Muller and J. Mbruu,** “Understanding the Perceived Importance of Risk for Coffee Growers: empirical Evidence from Ethiopia”, *Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture*, 45(3): 253-268.
- 8.1.3. Two articles by Deginet Abebaw,** “Energy and Poverty” and “Crop Genetic Resources” which are submitted for the *Journal of Developing areas and Outlook on Agriculture*, respectively, are in press.

8.2. Articles Submitted for Journal Publication

The following articles have been produced and submitted for publication in international journals.

- 8.2.1 Two articles by Deginet Abebaw,** “Poverty and Solid Waste Management in Urban Ethiopia” and “Poverty and National Safety Nets” are submitted to *Journal of Environmental Management and Journal of Forest Economics*, respectively.
- 8.2.2 Deginet Abebaw, Andinet Delelegn and Assefa Admassie.** “Determinants of Child Schooling Progress in Rural Ethiopia” submitted to an International Journal in June 2007.
- 8.2.3 Andinet Delelegn** has submitted an article entitled “Intra-household gender-bias in child educational investment in rural Ethiopia” for publication in an International Journal in June 2007.
- 8.2.4 Degnet Abebaw, John Mburu and Karin Holm-Mueller.** “Picking Wild Coffee Berries as a Response to Crop Production Risk: A Case Study from Southwestern Ethiopia” revised and re-submitted to an International Journal.
- 8.2.5 Degnet Abebaw.** “Determinants of solid waste disposal practices in urban areas of Ethiopia: A Household Level Analysis”. submitted to an International Journal.
- 8.2.6 Degnet Abebaw, John Mburu and Karin Holm-Mueller.** “Factors Influencing Coffee Farmers’ Preferences for Different Risk Management Strategies in Ethiopia” submitted to an International Journal.

8.2.7 Degnet Abebaw, John Mburu, Daniel Mueller and Klaus Froberg. “Determinants of Demand for Different Land Uses in Tropical Rainforest Areas: The Case of Kakamega District in Western Kenya” submitted to an International Journal.

8.2.8 Degnet Abebaw and Maru Ayenew. “Demand for Improved Solid Waste Services in Jimma Town, Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Survey Data” submitted to a Journal.

8.3. Reviewing of Journal Articles

Staff members of EEA/EEPRI have reviewed articles submitted for journals upon request by the editorial committees of the respective journals. Accordingly, EEA/EEPRI researchers reviewed the following articles:

8.3.1. The “Adoption of Impact of Improved Wheat Technology: the case of Hula Woreda, SNNPR”, paper submitted for publication in the EJDR.

8.3.2. “Policy Brief on the Impact of Food Aid in Ethiopia” to be published as a Poverty Action Network Ethiopia (PANE) publication.

In addition, three articles for the Ethiopian Journal of Economics and one article for the Ethiopian Journal of Agricultural Economics have been reviewed by the staff of EAE/EEPRI.

9. PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION

The Ethiopian Economic Association has distributed its publications 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 free copies of its publications to the following organizations:

- One copy from each type of EEA/EEPRI publications has been provided to the Association of Economics students at Bahir Dar University.
- Free copies of the proceedings of the 4th Int. Conf. on the Ethiopian Economy has been given to Chemical Professional Association.
- Dehub University Wondo Genet College of Forestry has been provided 35 EEA publications of various type that serve as reference material used in the college library.
- Regularly New Copies of EEA/EEPRI publications are freely distributed to 12 high government Ministerial officials.
- The Awassa Chapter of EEA Office is provided with 2497 publications of EEA of various type that serve largely as a reference material to the staffs and students of Hawassa University and other users.

As before, EEA has also continued to make its publications available to the members of the academia, members of EEA and the general public with highly subsidized price during the reporting period.

10. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To maintain and expand the EEA membership base, significant policies and measures are being taken. First, members are contacted repeatedly through emails so as to reach as many members as possible to update their data base and to attract members in different workshops and discussion forums which were organized in the reporting period. Secondly, EEA has started opening regional chapters in different parts of the country. Moreover, membership recruitment was intensified, and documentation and website services were rendered.

- **Membership Recruitment:** A total of 232 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, as a result of which the total number of the association has increased from 1650 to 1882. The secretariat has also tried to update the members' E-mail addresses.
- **Active Members:** The number of active members as defined by those settling their membership fees is still very low. The number of active members is about 28.5% of the total registered members. Though this figure appears very low, it has shown some improvement as compared to the year 2005/06 level of about less than 17.5%. 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, about 52.2% of the registered members (about 982 members) have e-mail address which was about 48.6% at the end of December 2006. The details by membership type are shown in the table below.

Membership Status by June 30, 2007

Membership Status	Members by Category				
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
1. Registered Members	1513	206	131	32	1882
2. Active Members	359	72	101	5	537
2.1. As % of the total	23.7	35.0	77.1	15.6	28.5
3. Those who have email address	724	122	116	20	982
3.1. As % of the total	49.9	59.2	88.5	62.5	52.2

- **Opening up of EEA Chapters:** In view of the provision of the constitution of EEA and the repeated demands of the members of EEA as expressed at the General Assembly and at the International Conferences on the Ethiopian Economy and cognizing the effective demands of universities, EEA opened its first chapter at Hawassa University on May 12, 2007. At the time of the opening

of the chapter, EEA organized a half day inaugural panel discussion on Micro-Finance Institutions Development and Micro and Small Enterprises in SNNPRS that attracted a number of participants from students, staff members of the Hawassa University and staff from regional bureaus. EEA has also received request from Bahir Dar University and Alemaya University to open its chapter in their respective localities.



Opening of EEA's Chapter Office at Awassa

- **Membership Satisfaction Survey:** with the aim of gauging the satisfaction of the members about the overall activities and services of the Association, Membership Satisfaction Survey was conducted during the reporting period. It is believed that such kind of exercise is providing with a critical inputs to enhance the contribution of the Association. The result of the survey indicates that most of the members are satisfied with the activities and governance of EEA and believe EEA has contributed positively to the policy making process of the country through research and dialogue. Members also expressed their demand of special trainings and EEA to engage its members in the various activities of the Association.

11. REVISING OPERATIONAL MANUALS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIC PLAN

In view of the expanded activities of the Association and the materialization of the Multi-purpose Building in the foreseen future that will house the Secretariat, EEPRI and the Training institute and the opening up of chapters at regions, the EC of EEA has initiated to develop Strategic Plan for the Association and consequently to revise the operational manuals. In the reporting period, the gaps of each operational manual have been identified and TOR for conducting the work has been developed.

12. PUBLICIZING THE EEA OBJECTIVES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Through various meetings, workshops and media engagements, EEA has tried to actively promote its objectives, programs and activities. As a result, the following promotional activities were conducted during the reporting period:

- To clear the misconception of the Association on the part of the Government and to engage government offices in full in its various activities, EEA has undertaken a “doubt clearing” campaign to clarify its non-partisan professional position. As a result of this undertaking, the EEA had clarified its position and is able to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to collaborate in their activities. Similar effort is going on with the Ministry of Trade and Industry. So far, the EC of EEA has held first round discussion with the Minister of Trade and Industry and follow up discussions are planned for the coming months.
- At every workshop, panel discussion and conference, Medias and News Agencies are invited to cover the activities. In the reporting period the following issues were covered by News:
 - The 14th GA of EEA
 - Three Vision 2020 Forums
 - Panel discussion that was co-organized with Ethiopian Network for Sustainable Energy Development (ENSED) on the theme of “Impact of Price Escalation of Petroleum Fuels on the Ethiopian Economy and Mitigating Measures” held on 24 November, 2006 at Hilton Hotel from 2:00 – 6:00 P.M
 - Panel discussion that was co-organized with Prospective Graduates of the Department of Economics of AAU on the theme of “the Performance of Ethiopian Economy in light of Meeting the Millennium Development goals” held on 26th January, 2007 at the Faculty of Business and Economics of AAU.
 - Panel discussion on Micro-Finance Institutions Development and Micro and Small Enterprises Development in SNNPRS on May 12, 2007 at Hawaasa University during the inaugural ceremony of the opening up of the EEA’s first chapter.
 - The 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.
 - The EEA’s Multi-purpose Building has also obtained media coverage on a number of occasions.
 - Two papers were presented at Addis Ababa University Strategic Planning Conference held during Nov. 7-11, 2006. The presentation obtained media coverage.

13. EEA/EEPRI DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES

The Ethiopian Economic Association/Ethiopian Economic Research Institute (EEA/EEPRI) Documentation Center provides different services, like Internet access,

reading, photocopy and material loan services for EEA staff, members, University, College students and individual researchers. In the planned period the following activities were performed:

- WIN/ISIS data base has been maintained; more than 2500 data are available to users.
- Re-shelving of the library materials based on the WIN/ISIS data base was carried out.
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- Re-shelving of the library materials based on the WIN/ISIS data base was carried out.
- Library pockets have been provided to new members.
- 90 Documents have been catalogued, classified and encoded to the database during the reporting period.
- More than 1,300 users have visited the Documentation Center in the reporting period and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents.
- Considerable effort has been made to increase the credibility of EEA's Publications. As a result, the EEA obtained, free of charges, International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for its Journal, Journal of Economics, from ISSN in France. For other Publications, the EEA has obtained International Standard Book Number (ISBN) from the Ethiopian National Library and Archives Agency.
- The Documentation Center has tried to access free journals through the internet. So far the Center has obtained permission to access journals from Blackwell and African Journals Online (AJOL). In addition to these, the Documentation Center is currently making contact with Journal Storage (JSTOR). The Center also is making effort to put EEA's Journal on Africa Journal on Line (AJOL) Website.
- The acquisitions of new books are also under process; staff of EEA/EEPRI had already selected the books they want to be purchased.

14. THE EEA MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

14.1 Construction Works

The Ethiopian Economic Association is undertaking the construction of a Multi-purpose, four-storey building. The building complex will house the Association's head office, its research wing (Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) and the planned Training Institute.

The construction work of the building started in November 2005. Since the commencement, about 65% of the construction work is completed. The complex is expected to be completed in December 2007. The major tasks undertaken in the reporting period are mainly on securing loan from Commercial bank of Ethiopia, the disbursement of the loan and follow-up of the construction work.

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EEA'S MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING ON PROGRESS

14.2. Training Institute

The training institute aims at establishing an internationally accredited graduate level training in Business Sciences and Economic Development in addition to providing short-term skill upgrading training for professionals working in government, the private sector and civil society organizations.

During the reporting period, the project office has been in communication with potential partner institutions and will continue the search for other potential partner institutes with all the modalities and conditions in place. This mostly entails the formulation of a relevant program that is compatible to the Ethiopian market and economic scenario.

The project office has also developed a curriculum for initial discussion within the EEA. The curriculum is going to be discussed with the Curriculum Design Committee set up by the executive committee of the EEA, which will eventually be discussed with all stakeholders.

14.3. Fund Raising Activities

The fund Raising Committee has performed the following activities:

- The Committee has developed a project entitled “African Millennium Economic and Business Summit”. Through this project EEA seeks to organize a grand forum for African political, Economic and Business leaders and personalities, and institutions to meet at one place to deliberate on pertinent African Economic, Business and Social issues with the view to take stock of what has been achieved in the past and what prospect does Africa have in the new millennium. By organizing the forum which will be accompanied by various events such as a Trade fair, the FRC is expected to raise fund for the Multi-purpose Building complex.
- **Members Contribution:** During the reporting period especially during the 5th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy, members pledged about Birr 32, 007.95.
- **Construction Site Visit:** EEA has hosted a lunch reception program at the construction site during the Fifth International Conference on Ethiopian Economy on June 7, 2007. A large number of members of the Association and conference participants have visited the construction site which is located at CMC area, next to St. Michael Church.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The number of staff members in EEA/EEPRI, as per the personnel data record as of December 31, 2006 is 27. These employees are working in different units i.e. Director’s office (3), Agriculture Division (2), Macro Division (4), Industry and Trade Division (2), Human Resource and Poverty Division (3), EEA Secretariat Office (3), EEA Project Office (1) and Administration and Finance Service (9). Out of the 27 staff members, 6 are females and 21 are males.

16. RETREAT MEETING

The whole staff of EEA/EEPRI went out to Awassa to discuss on the past performance and planned activities of the Association. The main objective of this program is to discuss progress and planned activity report of each section of the Association in an open environment outside the office. The other objective is to socialize more the staff of the Association.

This year's retreat program has recorded a high success in light of the above objectives. The staff have discussed the strong and weak points of their performance and look forward for a better plan achievement. The working and social relationship that has been observed during the retreat time is also encouraging.

PART TWO

IV. PLANNED ACTIVITY FOR 2007/08

(July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

The Association plans to accomplish the following activities during the planned period.

1. ONGOING AND PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 1.1. The Sixth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the annual report on the Ethiopian economy is “the current status of construction industry in Ethiopia”. Some preliminary works have been started including concept paper, and detailed outline has been prepared and disseminated to members of the Association for comment. The study report is expected to be finalized in May 2008.
- 1.2. Analysis of the land policy study survey data:** the objective of the data analysis is to reveal the underlying socio-economic situation, land management and use and related issues using the broad database which was collected in 2006. Two staff of the Institute will be involved in the study.
- 1.3. Baseline Survey on the Ethiopian Land Tenure and Administration Program:** The objective of the proposed project is to implement a baseline survey in twenty-four focus Woredas to establish a baseline data on beneficiaries of ELTAP-supported land certification program. The remaining activities of the survey include: a) Baseline survey which will commence end of September 2007, b) Database preparation and c) Analysis and report writing. In the survey 3 EEA/EEPRI Researchers (including the Director) are involved and 2 non-EEA researchers will be hired temporarily.
- 1.4. A Study on Quality of Aid to Ethiopia:** The objective of the study is to critically assess the quantity and quality of aid to Ethiopia with focus on agriculture, rural development and food security since the year 2000. It also aims at examining the effectiveness of aid utilization, capacity, implementation and policy environments, etc. The study is initiated and funded by CS-CAFÉ. Currently, the research team is collecting relevant information. The study was started in May 2007 and will be completed in September 2007. In the study, 3 staffs of EEA/EEPRI have been involved.
- 1.5. Rural Electrification Baseline Survey of EEPCO:** The project aims to establish a baseline survey on welfare impacts of rural electrification in 20 rural towns. So far the first round survey was conducted and in the planned period data entry of the first round survey will be carried out and the data base will be developed and will be submitted to EEPCO. In addition, a second round survey and data entry will be conducted during the planned period. In the survey, 2 researchers, one survey coordinator and field workers have been participating.
- 1.6. Macro-Econometric Modeling:** As part of the long-term activity on the macro-econometric model building project, literature survey, data cleaning, and model re-design, specification and estimation will be carried out during the first six months. And, hopefully, the model building process will be finalized in the second six-month period of the year.

- 1.7. Evaluating the Impact of Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program (HSEP):** the study is funded by Global Development Network (GDN), which is a rolling project up to 2009. The plan is to accomplish most of the research works related to developing household level questionnaire, recruiting and training survey supervisors and enumerators, undertaking pilot survey, conducting household level survey (3000 households), compiling and data analysis for the coming year.
- 1.8. The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects:** The general objective of this study is to investigate and document the role and contributions of FBOs in various fields of development and explore the limitations and opportunities as well as future prospects these organizations face, based on a historical perspective and a broad understanding of development. The project has been submitted to the Norwegian Church Aid –Ethiopia and awaits positive responses.
- 1.9. Measuring Empowerment: The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium-Term Impact:** This is a follow-up study that EEA undertook in 2004 in collaboration with the World Bank. The study aims to characterize women empowerment in two selected regions of Ethiopia and measure empowerment across different communities. In particular the study plans to measure the impact of the WDIP interventions on women’s empowerment. The proposal has been submitted to the World Bank and is still awaiting response.
- 1.10. Improving Governance and Gender-Equity in Rural Services:** The overall objective of the project is to improve the governance of service delivery in rural areas in order to remove bottlenecks to agricultural and rural development, provide more equitable access to rural services, especially for women, and reduces the problems of corruption in rural service provision. More specifically, the project aims to identify, analyze and promote gender-sensitive governance reform strategies for the provision of economic services, such as credit and advisory services, social services such as health, water and sanitation; education, and rural infrastructure; develop gender-specific governance indicators that measure the performance of rural service provision and make it possible to track changes over time; and build capacity for inclusive local government as an integral component of the proposed project. This project is planned to be undertaken in collaboration with IFPRI.
- 1.11. Quarterly Macro-economic Report:** During the planning period, four issues of the Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be published. All of these issues will cover major macro-economic performances during the last quarter of the Ethiopian fiscal year (July – September 2007) and the consecutive three Quarters of the next Ethiopian fiscal year (October 2007 – March 2008). These Quarterly reports will be released within the next two successive months after each of these four quarters.
- 1.12. Submission of Scientific Articles for Journal Publication:** Poverty and Human Resource Division has planned to prepare three or more research articles for submission to publication in scientific journal and/or proceedings. In this regard, the division has an on-going work on “Youth Unemployment Persistence in Urban Ethiopia: Longitudinal Analysis”, “Job search Methods and outcomes in urban Ethiopia” and “Determinants of Children School Performance in Urban Ethiopia”. The Agriculture Division also plans to prepare two journal articles.

1.13. Production of Working Papers: The staffs of EEA/EEPRI are also expected to prepare working papers and issue papers on topical issues. Accordingly, during the planned period about eight working papers and two issue papers will be prepared.

1.14. Paper Preparation for Conference Presentation: The Staff of EEA/EEPRI will also prepare papers that will be presented on the 6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and on other national and international workshops and conferences.

2. SHORT TERM TRAINING

In the planned period the following trainings are planned to be organized to the members of EEA and other stakeholders:

- 2.1. Training on the subject of the Analysis of Household Model using STATA Program software will be offered.
- 2.2. Training on “Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods and Research Report Writing”.
- 2.3. Training on Time Series Econometrics is planned to be offered to EEA members.
- 2.4. Training on the Recent Development in Ethiopia’s Macro-economy is planned to be offered to EEA members.
- 2.5. Training on the Role of Developmental States in Economic Development is planned to be offered to about 30 EEA members. Hopefully, Literature review on the subject will be published on the Working Paper.
- 2.6. One Staff member of EEA/EEPRI will be trained on Store Keeping.
- 2.7. The Association will provide two months internship facilities for about eight economics students drawn from Universities across the country.
- 2.8. With the objectives of supporting the academic and research endeavors of the Universities across the country and as one of the areas of EEA/EEPRI’s contribution towards enhancing the national excellence in teaching and research activities EEPRI staffs will continue to provide MSc thesis advising services to Graduate Students of the AAU and Haramaya University.

3. PLANNED WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 3.1. Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum:** Vision 2020 Ethiopia forum will continue in the planned period. Topics for the forum have been already selected by the EC. The approved topics are:
- Corruption and Development in Ethiopia
 - Micro-finance Institutions and Development in Ethiopia
 - Child Right and Development in Ethiopia
 - External Financial Resources Flow (FDI & Aid) and Development in Ethiopia
 - Migration of Professionals and its impact on development in Ethiopia
 - Tourism and Development in Ethiopia

- Bilateral and Multilateral Trade Arrangements (WTO, EPA, COMESA) and Development in Ethiopia
- Water Resources and Development in Ethiopia

Speakers for the first two topics have been already identified and for the rest of the topics speakers and discussants are in the process of being identified.

3.2. Conferences and Workshops: During the planning period the following conferences and workshops will be carried out:

- A conference on the African Millennium will be organized with partner institutions. If this conference is materialized the 6th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be part of the African Millennium Conference.
- At least two workshops or panel discussions will be organized at regions where EEA's chapter is established.
- The General Assembly of EEA: the 5th General assembly of EEA will be called during the planned period to discuss past accomplishments and future plans.
- The 6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.

3.3. Launching Workshop for the Macro-Econometric Modeling: After ensuring the applicability of the model, a workshop will be organized to publicize the model.

4. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- Opening up chapters: two chapters at Bahir Dar and Alemaya will be opened in the planned period
- The second Membership Satisfaction Survey will be conducted
- Strategies for retaining members will be implemented that include:
 - Membership data base will be updated
 - Membership ID Card will be issued
 - Provide training to members: In the planning period training will be organized at Awassa in collaboration with Awassa Chapter of EEA in addition to the planned trainings that will be organized at Addis Ababa.
 - Inform and remind members to participate in the various activities of EEA
 - Provide information to members through e-mail, Website and on various publications
 - Provide orientation about EEA, its constitution, governance, activities and plan etc for new members
 - Update e-mail address of members and maintain communications

5. REVISING OPERATIONAL MANUALS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIC PLAN

In view of the expanded activities of the Association and the materialization of the Multi-purpose Building in the foreseen future that will house the Secretariat, EEPRI and the Training institute and the opening up of chapters at regions, Strategic Plan for the Association will be developed and consequently operation manuals will be revised accordingly.

6. PUBLICATIONS

- EEA will publish the Proceeding of the 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- At least eight issues of the Economic Focus Magazines will be published.
- The Sixth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published during the year.
- Four issues of Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Some eight Working Papers will be produced during the year.



Publications of EEA

Several Research Reports will be produced at the culmination of the different research projects 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 workshops and meetings to promote vigorously the objectives and activities of the EEA.

7. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

EEA will continue to distribute its regular publications to its members, to Government offices, libraries, civil society, the chambers of commerce and sectoral associations, Donors, UN agencies and embassies through different channels. To reach the general public in a more effective way, the current distribution and marketing system will be upgraded and EEA's Chapters will become major outlets for EEA's publication.

8. EEA/EEPRI DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES

During the planned period, the following activities will be carried out by the Documentation Center:

- Providing efficient and up to date information to all users
- Upgrade the Documentation service both in quality and quantity
- Preparing a manual Bibliography for the Library Material
- Equipping the library with computers and photocopy machines for efficient provision of e-mail and photocopy services and furnishing with shelves and tables.
- Putting the data base on the EEA/EEPRI web site.
- Around 100 Documents will be catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.
- Strengthening the relationship of the Documentation Center with different governmental and non-governmental libraries

9. 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.

10. THE EEA MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

10.1. Construction Works

During the plan period, the project office will perform the following major activities:

- Supervise the progress of construction work with the technical support of the consultant.
- Address the construction work that delays the construction.
- Make the necessary arrangements to move EEA into the new building once the construction work is complete.

10.2. Training Institute

EEA will undertake the ongoing search for potential partner institute to establish a graduate program in Economics and Business Administration Sciences.

- A draft curriculum will be prepared in collaboration with the selected partner institute during the plan period. The draft curriculum will be presented at a workshop involving all stakeholders including experts from the Ministry of Education (MoE) to ensure the suitability of the curriculum to the Ethiopian context and that the curriculum is in line with the guidelines of the Ministry of Education. The final curriculum will then be part of the final project document that will be submitted to potential donors.

10.3. Fund Raising

10.3.1. As part of the fund raising activities for the Multi-purpose building complex project EEA has developed a project proposal entitled “African Millennium Economic and Business Summit” This project seeks to organize a grand forum for African political, Economic and Business leaders and distinguished personalities, and institutions to deliberate on pertinent African Economic, Business and Social issues, with the view to take stock of the past millennium and upscale the various ongoing initiatives to keep pace with the African key development challenges in the new millennium. The project has two components and is expected to be implemented in January and February 2008. The components of the project are: African Millennium Conference Organization and African Millennium Trade Fair & other Events. EEA is approaching several donors and partner organizations for funding this project.