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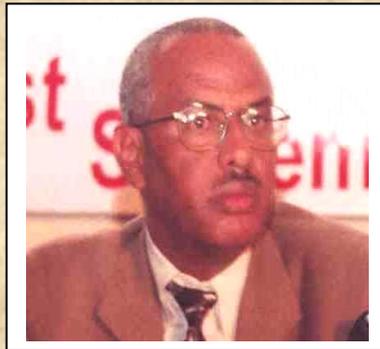
The Association is a non-profit making, non-political and non-religious professional organization established with a view to advancing the objectives outlines hereunder:

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

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I. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year 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 EEA Secretariat. In this reporting period, our Association has witnessed immense successes and also had faced many challenges.

The past year has been a year of materialization of the initiatives, which have been started in the previous years. The construction of the magnificent four-storey Multi-purpose Building has nearly been completed. As a result, EEA had moved its offices (EEPRI and Secretariat offices) to its new Building as of June 2008 and is embarking on surveying markets to rent out the excess spaces in the building. The completion of the building gives me great pleasure and excitement. I believe members share the same feeling. In addition, during the reporting period, EEA has broadened its scope of activities from the National to the continental level. In this regard, the organization of a high level public lecture on ‘the Renaissance of Africa in the New Ethiopian Millennium’ which brought together more than 400 participants including Government officials, members of the diplomatic community, EEA members, etc. can be sighted as an indication. EEA was privileged to invite H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, the Prime Minister of FDRE, as one of the key speakers on the issue of the Developmental State and its relevance to the African Continent in the new Ethiopian Millennium. Besides, Dr. Maxwell Mkwezelamba, Economic Commissioner of the African Union, also made a speech on the African Growth Record and the Future Challenges. An African Millennium Trade and Investment Fair, which was organized with the aim of improving Trade and Investment ties among African business communities and their global partners is also another notable event that was accomplished during the reporting period.



Dr. Wolday Amha, President

Characteristically, in the reporting period, EEA conducted many researches on economic and social ills facing the Ethiopian Economy through its research wing, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI). To mention but few of the research projects undertaken during the reporting period: i) Volume VI, the Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy whose thematic focus is the State of the Construction Industry; ii) Macro-econometric Model iii) Baseline Survey on Land Registration; iv) Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia’s Innovative Health Extension Program; v) The Impact of Inflation on the Poor; vi) Welfare Impact of Rural Towns Electrification etc., could be cited. These researches are expected to benefit members, the Government, the private sector, international communities, NGOs, Civil Society organizations, the Academia and the general public.

The Association has also organized various forums that brought together 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 five Vision 2020 forums have been organized. The Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy was another indication for the great success of the Association.

The staffs of EEA have also actively participated and provided professional opinions in various workshops which were organized by public bodies, the private sector, civil society organizations and international organizations.

EEA strongly believes that its research activities can influence policy making only if it can proactively engage policy makers. Hence, EEA has worked hard to engage the Government in EEA's activities and strengthen the collaboration with the Government in the area of economic research, trainings and consultation. In this regard, the collaboration and cordial relationship that exist between EEA and MOFED could be cited as a good example.

In the year, EEA has opened its second chapter in Bahir Dar town in collaboration with the Bahir Dar University with the aim of expanding its activities to other parts of Ethiopia and reach the potential members in the regions. Preparatory works to open the third chapter at Mekelle have already been completed. Communication with Jimma and Haromaya Universities has also been started.

In view of the expanded activities of the Association and the materialization of the Multi-purpose Building, EEA has prepared its strategic plan document and had undertaking the revision of its operational manuals.

Though EEA is not able to organize as many trainings as it wishes to its members, the activities carried out in this area with the objectives of improving the professional competence 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 up with this trend.

Having addressed briefly the performance of EEA for the reporting period, I would like to dwell a bit on the future challenges facing the Association, which need our concerted attention. We, at the Secretariat and the Research Institute, 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.

- As I have pointed out earlier, EEA has nearly completed its Multi-purpose Building and housed its offices (the Secretariat and EEPRI) in it. Currently, the Association is trying to rent out excess spaces of the building so that it could be able to raise income for the repayment of the loan which was obtained from the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. In addition, the development of a Training Program and the corresponding curricula and the preparation of a business plan for the Training Institute need to be undertaken. The research activities of EEA and its membership base must also be broadened. The success of these activities is highly related with EEA's objective of transiting and transforming itself from a donor supported association to a self sustained institution. In this endeavor, we need the support of the members, friends of the Association, the private sector, the government and the development partners.
- Expanding membership base and increasing the participation of members in the various activities of the Association is one of the forefront tasks. Although there has been encouraging achievements in EEA, yet there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. We need to increase membership by involving the participation of economists in the regions and in Diaspora. In this regard, the opening up of the EEA's chapters at Hawassa and Bahir Dar is an encouraging experience.
- The third proposal under study by EEA is the expansion of readers and the distribution of EEA's major publications, including, the Ethiopian Journal of Economics, the

monthly Economic Focus, the Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy, research reports and proceedings of the international conferences. In this endeavor, the expansion of EEA's chapters at regions serves not only for the expansion of membership bases but also to serve as the key channels for the dissemination of EEA publications.

- The EC of EEA plans to establish a committee which sees into the implications of the proposed government law that governs 'Charities and Civil Societies in Ethiopia for EEA and its activities. In the coming one year, we need to carefully scrutinize the draft law, see the options and undertake preparatory activities for the registration of the Association as per the draft, if it becomes a law.

In spite of the significant challenges we face, I remain optimistic about the prospects of the EEA. The works done by economists, researches and decisions made within the profession in the next few years, promises 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.

Our Association is willing to seek new ways of addressing the economic problems and providing better services so as to meet the expectations of its members and the public at large. We at the EEA have sought to make our Association progressive, responsive, and effective for future generation economists in Ethiopia. I believe that we have laid the foundation and we shall proceed and succeed.

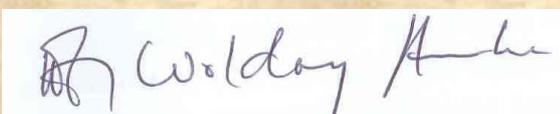
There is still an abundant reservoir of goodwill towards the Association from various corners. The willingness of members to serve and assist in carrying out the various activities of EEA is quite impressive. It is through the dedicated voluntary efforts of its members that the work of EEA is being carried out.

At this juncture, I personally would like to thank members of the Executive Committee, the staff of EEPRI, and the staff of the Secretariat.

I would like to recognize the immense supports of the Ethiopian Government, our development partners and other institutions. EEA's endeavor to undertake the various research projects and policy debates throughout the country would have, indeed, been difficult if not impossible without the goodwill and support of the different government bodies. We would like to thank them all and believe our future cooperation shall grow even stronger.

I would also like to thank our partners who supported our vision and provided us financial support to materialize the activities of EEA. These include the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Norwegian Church Aid, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, the Swedish Embassy, the Ireland Embassy, the British Embassy through DFID 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 willingness to serve and assist in carrying out the work of EEA.



Wolday Amha
President, EEA

II. INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of the Association accomplished by its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), the Project Office for the construction of the EEA Multipurpose Building and the EEA Secretariat. The first part of the report covers the activities performed in the year 2007/08 (from July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2008/09 (from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). The last part provides the external audited financial report of the EEA. For further clarification, the performance report has also been presented in log frame format as Annex.



Participants of the 6th International Conference visiting the Multi-purpose Building



Lunch at the EEA Multi-purpose Building

PART ONE

III. ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2007/08 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1.1. COMPLETED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The following research activities were completed during the reporting period.

- 1.1.1. Sixth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** EEA has been preparing annual report on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00 so as to provide an independent and professional overview of the performance of the economy. Accordingly, the Sixth Annual report, with a thematic focus on “**The Current State of the Construction Industry in Ethiopia**”, is under publication. The report will make a detailed assessment of the construction industry including, the recent developments in the industry, the domestic construction capacity and the financing of the industry. For the first time, the status of domestic trade has also been addressed in this year report based on data from the previous two surveys by CSA. Besides, the report covers an update of the macro-economic, agriculture & related, manufacturing industry, trade, and social sector developments including inflation and the urban poor. The Sixth Annual Report will be published in September 2008 and will be ready for dissemination.
- 1.1.2. Baseline Survey of Land Registration (ELTAP-MOARD):** This project started in February 2007 and its main objective was to generate a database that would help as a benchmark for further evaluation of the project’s effects and progresses benefiting communities in twenty-four focus *woredas* of the Ethiopian Land Tenure and Administration Program (ELTAP). The survey was conducted in the four major Regions of the country namely, Tigray, Amhara, Oromia and SNNPR. The survey covered 272 rural *kebeles* and 3600 households. The baseline survey database and project report was prepared and submitted to ARD INC Addis Ababa Branch. The results of the survey project were presented to a national experience sharing workshop organized in June 2008. The survey has produced a large database that will be useful for future impact evaluation of the land administration and certification program implemented in the 24 focus *woredas* covered by ELTAP. The project team included 2 EEA/EEPRI staff, and other consultant researchers temporarily hired (Senior Sociologist and Gender Expert).
- 1.1.3. Budget Assessment Study:** The study aimed at assessing the government’s budget allocation in view of PASDEP implementation with special emphasis on allocation of the budget for the pro-poor social groups. In addition to the Federal government budget, the study included two regions namely Oromia and SNNP regional states. The first draft report of the study was submitted to the client in the previous year. In the reporting period, comments were collected and incorporated in the report. Besides, the findings of the study were presented to members of PANE’s budget group. Four assistant researchers and one senior researcher were involved in the preparation of the comment.

- 1.1.4. 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 all the macro economic sectors of the country with the exception of the production sector for which data is not available on a quarterly basis. During the reporting period the four quarterly reports were published.
- 1.1.5. The Impact of Inflation on the Poor:** This study was a commissioned research work for an NGO called Women in Self Employment (WISE). It was a descriptive study done based on data collected by the NGO from its 500 women beneficiaries. EEA/EEPRI was involved in the analysis of the data which was collected by the sponsor of the study. Two assistant researchers and one senior research fellow from the macro division were involved in the preparation of the report. The paper was prepared in November and December 2007.
- 1.1.6. Macro-econometric Model:** The Ethiopian Macro-econometric Model was completed during the reporting period. During the reporting period, the model was re-estimated based on the revised new (2006) national account series. This data was updated up to 2004. In addition to the estimation of all the behavioral equations, identities and bridge equations were also revised. All the required updating which includes checking the model for its tracking performance and its forecasting ability both for the within-sample and out side the sample. The dynamic stability of the model was also checked by introducing a one time shock into the model and checking its convergence. Actual policy simulations exercised. Having consolidated the model, the documentation process is 60 percent completed. All the staffs in the Macro Division were actively involved through out the reporting period.
- 1.1.7. The Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects:** The general objective of this study is to investigate and document the roles and contributions of FBOs in the 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 client for this project is the Norwegian Church Aid –Ethiopia. This research project has been finalized and the draft report has been submitted to the NCA-Ethiopia. Some comments have been received on the draft report and we are at the moment working on the comments.

1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 1.2.1. Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia's Innovative Health Extension Program: -** This study was aimed to conduct a systematic evaluation of the impact of the new health intervention through health extension workers on achieving health MDGs in Ethiopia with a focus on maternal and child health. The findings of this study would provide feedback to policy makers and the public on whether the program has realistic health outcomes or would create useful insights to improve project performance in the intervention areas and to improve planning and implementation of the health services extension package in the non-intervention areas as the project expands to cover the whole country in the near future. Additionally, the data collected for this study may serve as

baseline information for similar exercise in the future. The work has been in progress since March, 2007. The Division has already conducted Village Level, Household Level and facility surveys. Data has been organized, edited and analyzed. In July, 2008 the final draft of the research project has been completed. And there has been a bilateral meeting with the project mentor at Washington D.C. to discuss about the research outcomes and further comments. This research project has shown the application of new research techniques in impact analysis. The project is funded by the Global Development Network (GDN).

1.2.2. Measuring Empowerment:- The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium Term Impact of Ethiopia's Women's Development Initiatives Project (WDIP):

This is a follow up of the 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 Household Level surveys have already been conducted. Currently the data organization is being carried out. The project is funded by the Global Development Network (GDN). In the project, three staffs of EEA/EEPRI have been involved. The project started in March 2008 and expected to be completed in September 2008.

1.2.3. 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 and inefficiency in rural service provision. Specifically, the project aims to identify, analyze and promote gender-sensitive governance reform strategies for the provision of economic and social services and 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. The instruments (questionnaires) for the study are being developed. This project is carried out in collaboration with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). In the project two staffs of EEA/EEPRI are involved. The project started in June 2008 and expected to be completed in 2009.

1.2.4. Analysis of the Impact of Cash on Markets and Caring Practices-

This is a commissioned work that aims to analyze the impact of a cash transfer program on markets and child care practices. In the project two staffs of EEA/EEPRI have involved. The project started in June 2008 and is expected to be completed in October 2008.

1.2.5. Baseline Survey of Rural Towns Electrification (EEPCO):

This project was commissioned to EEA/EEPRI by the Ethiopian Electric and Power Corporation (EEPCO). Its purpose is to establish a baseline survey on welfare impacts of rural electrification in 20 towns which have got access to electricity service very recently. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Addis Ababa is a partner in the implementation of the survey project. The survey project was designed in such a way that two rounds of surveys are to be conducted. Accordingly, the first survey of 20 rural towns on 1300 households was completed and the database and project reported was

submitted to EEPKO. The second phase of the survey was lunched in May 2008. On-going activities include data editing, data entry and database preparation is underway. The project started in 2007 and expected to be completed in September, 2008.

1.2.6. Study of Quality of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia: This study project aims at critically assessing the quantity and quality of aid to Ethiopia with a focus on agriculture, rural development and food security since the year 2000. The client is Citizens Solidarity for Campaign against(CS-CAFÉ). The study carried out by the EEA/EEPRI staff drawn from the Agriculture, Human Resources and Macro Divisions. The project cost is about Birr 196,083. The study area covers institutions of the Federal Government, Donors and the four main regions – Tigray, Amhara, Oromia and SNNPR. Consultation with the federal, donors and regional institutions/offices and data collection has been accomplished. The study started in May 2007 and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2008.

1.2.7. Assessment of the Ten-Year performance of Ayat Real Estate Share Company: the objective of the study is to undertake the ten-year (1996- 2006) performance assessment of Ayat Share Company. In the reporting period surveys have been conducted, the draft study report has been submitted and some comments have also been received on the draft report. At the moment we are working on the comments. The study started in February 2008 is expected to be completed by the end of August, 2008.

1.2.8. Trade Relations between Ethiopia and the Sudan and the East African Community (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda): the objective of this study is to analyze the existing trade relationship among these countries and measure the extent of their trade relationship, identify their comparative advantage and possible areas of furthering their trade relationship. So far Technical and financial proposal has been prepared and submitted to the client, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). The project has been accepted and the work is in progress.

1.3. RESEARCH PROPOSALS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

1.3.1. The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change. The objective of the study is to prepare the human development report of Ethiopia under the theme ‘*The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change*’. The proposal was prepared and submitted to UNDP and has been accepted. The draft contact is being negotiated with UNDP and the work will start in August 2008. A team including all the senior researchers and the assistant researchers in the Macro division as well as four other senior research fellows would be involved in the preparation of the study. The duration of the study is expected to be 15 months.

1.3.2. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa: A proposal was drafted together with the Arba Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), which is based in Sri Lanka. The project was submitted to German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and GTZ and is now approved. EEA has signed an agreement with IWMI to collaborate on this

project which will run until 2011. Two Senior Research fellows will be involved in this project.

1.3.3. Developing/Designing Methodology for Food Security Project Evaluation:

Based on the request of the National Food Security Coordination Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, a proposal was prepared. The project is aimed at creating and establishing a method for data collection and refining indicators for later evaluation of the food Security Program which has been implemented in 93 Woredas in the 4 major regions. However, due to the budget problem of the client, communication has discontinued although significant efforts have been made to prepare the evaluation methodology.

2. TRAINING

2.1. Econometric Statistical Software Packages (STATA and Pc-Give): The training was organized for 32 members of EEA at Hawassa Chapter held at the Hawassa University from November 5 – 10, 2007

2.2. Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards: This training has been organized two times one in December 2007 and the other in March 2008 for about 40 members of EEA at the conference hall of the Association. As it has been observed that the demand for this training is very high, it is planned to deliver the training at the regions in collaboration with EEA Chapters.

2.3. A staff of EEA/EEPRI participated in a one week training on ‘Budget Analysis and Budget Advocacy Training Workshop’ organized by Poverty Action Network of Civil Society in Ethiopia (PANE) between October 17-21, 2007.

2.4. The director of EEA/EEPRI participated in the Regional Technical Training workshop organized by the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa in Nairobi. The workshop was attended by several people from the Eastern Africa region and was held from September 24-26, 2007.

2.5. Internship Program: The Association provided two months internship facilities to five economics students drawn from Addis Ababa University, Bahir Dar University, Hawassa University and Arba-Minch University.

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 been organizing 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 last reporting period, five discussion forums have been organized in which some 800 invited guests, including EEA members, government dignitaries, business persons, members of NGOs and Ethiopians from the Diaspora. Vision 2020 Ethiopia discussions are published in the monthly Economic Focus, the monthly Bulletin of the EEA.

The topics of discussion were:

- Corruption and Development in Ethiopia,
- External Trade Agreements (WTO and EPAs,) and Development in Ethiopia
- Peace and Development,
- Climate Change and Carbon Trading & Development, and
- Climate Change related to Adoption Mechanism & Development.

It is believed that the organization of these forums has improved the understandings of the socio-economic issues of the country in relation to their consequences to future generation and contributed to the development of the culture of dialogue in the society. It is also believed that it has increased the visibility of the Association.



One of the Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forums

3.1.2. The General Assembly

The 15th General Assembly of EEA was held on September 1, 2007. The GA has discussed and endorsed the Annual Implementation Report and Plan for the year 2007/08. The GA also reelected Dr. Mulat Demeke (the Vice President).

3.1.3. The Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy

The conference is one of the most important discussion forums that EEA organizes annually to provide fora for the discussion on economic issues and to contribute to the economic advancement of the country. In the reporting period, the papers that were presented at the 5th International Conference were reviewed, edited, formatted and published in three volumes; Call for papers for the 6th International conference has been made and 69 abstracts were collected. Preparatory works for conducting the Sixth International Conference were carried out including the invitation of participants, program preparation, and arranging conference hall, etc. The Sixth International Conference which is planned to be held in June 2008 postponed to July 3-5, 2008 for the fact that UNECA Conference Center was pre-occupied by other

events in June 2008. During the three days of the conference, 3 plenary and 18 parallel sessions were organized in which discussions on 58 papers held. Of the 58 papers 16 are presented by stakeholders who co-organized the sessions (WB, ILRI, FSS, RiPPLE, Young Lives and EAAP) and the rest presented by individuals.

It is believed that the conference improved relationship between the Association and government and other stockholders; improved the capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers; and improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the country. It also improved the visibility of EEA.



Participants of the 6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy



15th General Assembly – Executive Committee

3.1.4. EEA Bahir Dar Chapter Inaugural panel discussion on the topic “the State of the Ethiopian Economy” and “Amhara Regional State Socio-economic Performance: - Performance, Constraints, Development Priorities and Potentials”

To commemorate the opening of the EEA Bahir Dar chapter, EEA organized a half day inaugural panel discussion on the topic “the State of the Ethiopian Economy”

and “Amhara Regional State Socio-economic Performance: - Performance, Constraints, Development Priorities and Potentials”, at the Bahir Dar University Hall on 17 June, 2008. In the panel discussion, about 120 participants from regional offices, university staff, EEA members, Debre Markos University etc., have taken part. Presentation about the **Ethiopian Economic Association** (its objectives, Vision, Mission, activities and future plan) was given to the participants.



Participants of the inaugural panel discussion of the Bahir Dar Chapter

3.1.5. Panel Discussion on the Challenges of Inflation Pressure on the Ethiopian Economy:

The Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) - Hawassa Chapter Office and the Prospective Economics Graduate of the Hawassa University have co-organized a half-day panel discussion on “**the Challenges of Inflation Pressure on the Ethiopian Economy**”. The panel discussion held on 5 April, 2008 at Hawassa University Hall. More than 400 participants from the Regional offices, University staffs and prospective Economic Graduates of the Hawassa University and others attended the panel discussion.



Prospective Economics Graduates of the Hawassa University attending the Panel Discussion

3.1.6. EEA has hosted a meeting with the Dr. Justin Lin, the new World Bank Chief Economist and Vice President in collaboration with the country office of the World Bank on June 17, 2008.

3.1.7. African Millennium Economic and Business Summit

Under this project, EEA has organized two major activities. The first one is the organization of a high level public lecture on the Renaissance of African in the New Ethiopian Millennium on February 9, 2008 where more than 400 participants attended the event including Government officials, members of the diplomatic community, EEA members etc. H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, is one of the key speakers and delivered a public lecture on Developmental State and its Relevance to the African Development in the new Ethiopian Millennium. Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Economic Commissioner of African Union, presented a speech on the African Growth record and the future challenges.

The other major activity of this project was the organization of **the 1st African Millennium Trade and Investment Fair** which was officially opened by H.E Ato Girma W/Georgis, president of FDRE on 5 February, 2008 and lasted for 10 days until February 14, 2008. In the event, about 95 organizations participated and displayed their products and services. The participants comprise Government institutions, Embassies, Civil Societies, Public enterprises, Private local and foreign companies, NGOs etc. In addition, Ethiopian and African music concerts and dances; and circus were displayed during the event. The event was visited by about 10,000 people.

Through these activities, EEA able to contribute for the improvement of Trade and Investment ties among African businesses and Africans with their global partners. It also has managed to bring together Africans and their key stakeholders and partners for the discussions on African key development challenges. EEA also able to strengthen its relationship with African Union, United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), government, private and public sector and civil Society groups.



H.E Ato Meles Zenawi delivering a public lecture



Participants of the public lecture



3.1.8. Public Lecture on Developmental State and Globalization

A public lecture co-organized by EEA and EDRI on the issues of the Developmental State and Globalization was held at the UNECA on September 17, 2007 in which representatives of the Government, donor community, civil society organizations and academia participated. The public lecture was given by the prominent economist and Noble Prize winner Prof. Joseph Stiglitz and moderated by the director of EEA/EEPRI.

3.1.9. Workshop Organized on Research Proposal

A consultative workshop on the Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) project held at the Global Hotel on October 25, 2007 to introduce and launch the research on “the contributions of FBOs to Development”. About 25 participants representing different organizations including faith based organizations have attended the workshop. At the workshop, the objectives and methodology of the study were presented by the research team and discussions were held.

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. Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness: the Civil Society Perspective of Smallholder Farmers Development Priority and Policy in Ethiopia: the paper was presented at Africa-Canada Forum Symposium held from 30 September to 3 October, 2007, Ottawa, Canada. More that 50 participants from NGOs, researchers, academics, international donor agencies, etc. attained the symposium.

3.2.2. Total Economic Values of Pastoralism in Ethiopia: A Knowledge Management Study. The paper presented at a workshop prepared on Land alienation and destitution in Pastoral areas of Ethiopia which was organized by SOS-Sahel at Addis Ababa on December 31, 2007. More that 30 participants from NGOs, researchers, academics, international donor agencies, etc. attained the workshop.

3.2.3. The Economic value of pastoralism in Ethiopia: Paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society of Ethiopia at Haromaya University from June 22 – 24, 2008, Haromaya.

- 3.2.4. The State of Poverty Reduction and Food Security in Relation to Achieving Millennium Development Goals in Ethiopia:** - the paper presented at a workshop titled MDGs and the Contribution of German Educated Ethiopians in the Efforts to Achieve MDGs which is organized by Goethe-institute, Gebrekristos Desta Center on July 30, 2007 at Addis Ababa. More than 80 participants drawn from Researchers, Academics, NGOs, Government, Diplomatic Community, Donors and members of the Association attained the workshop.
- 3.2.5.** The following four different papers were presented by EEA staffs on the Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy that was held from July 3-5, 2008 at UN Conference Center. The participants of the conference were drawn from researchers, academics, Members of EEA, NGOs, donor communities, etc.
- Food Price Inflation and the Urban Poor in Ethiopia
 - Simulation Exercises on Inflation Using Macro-economic Model
 - Fiscal Policy Shocks and the Ethiopian Economy: an Empirical Exercise
 - Determinates of Child Malnutrition in Ethiopia
- 3.2.6.** A paper titled “**The Economic Partnership Agreements: the Case of Ethiopia.**” Paper presented at vision 2020 forum in December 2007 and published in Economic Focus (the Bulletin of the Ethiopian Economic Association) May 2008.
- 3.2.7. Sectional Interest and regulatory provisions as major barriers to competition in Ethiopia** (written in October 2007 presented at an international conference on promoting a healthy culture in Gaborone-Botswana and published in March 2008)
- 3.2.8. Enhancing Ethiopia’s International competitiveness: The lesson to learn:** the paper presented at Chamber forum and published in January 2008 on news papers.
- 3.2.9. Growth Prospects and Challenges to become a Middle Income Country:** the paper presented at a panel discussion organized on the theme of “**the Challenge of Inflation Pressure on the Ethiopian Economy**” which was co-organized by EEA Hawassa Chapter and Prospective Economics Graduate of the Hawassa University at Hawassa on April 5, 2008. The same paper presented at the panel discussion organized during the opening ceremony of EEA Bahir Dar chapter on June 17, 2008. It is also presented at a seminar organized by INVISIONING ETHIOPIA at UNECA Conference Center and at Addis Ababa University for the students of FBE.
- 3.2.10. Gender Differences in Educational Performance of Primary School Age Children in Rural Ethiopia”,** the paper was short listed for Medals competition at the 9th Annual Global Development Conference in Brisbane, 29-31 January 2008, Australia.
- 3.2.11. Stakeholders’ Perception of Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies in Ethiopia:** the research paper presented at a workshop organized by IFPRI and EDRI on September 21, 2007 at the Sheraton Addis.
- 3.2.12. Creating Markets to end Poverty in Africa:** the paper presented on conference entitled “**Taking Action for the Worlds Poor and Hungry People**” organized by IFPRI and the Sate Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Development held from October 17 to 19, 2007 in Beijing - China.

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 50 workshops including the following.

- 4.1. Attended an International Workshop organized by FES on Economic Partnership Agreements held from September 6-9, in Naivasha, Kenya.
- 4.2. Made two-week (May 31-June 16, 2008) Study-visit to Brussels, Belgium sponsored by FES –EU on Economic Partnership Agreements in 2008 and beyond.
- 4.3. Two international conferences on agricultural policy and smallholder development organized by Future Agricultures from January 30 to February 8, 2008 at the University of Sussex, UK.
- 4.4. Conference on Land Policy in Eastern Africa, organized by the African Union, UNECA and African Development Bank, held in Rwanda in January 2008.
- 4.5. Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness: Africa-Canada Forum Symposium, held in Ottawa, Canada 30 September to 3 October 2007.
- 4.6. Workshop on “Drug price Policy in Ethiopia” organized by MoH and WHO held in Nazareth in September 2007.
- 4.7. Workshop on “Tools of Appreciative Inquiry for Research” organized by a Network of Civil Society Groups starting May 2008 and still continued.

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. The Director of EEPRI is a technical committee member which is organized by ESTA. He is also a member of the Academic Board of the CPP of the AERC.
- 5.2. A senior researcher of the Human Resource Division is a member of research team for the study on the Second CRC study, which is organized and implemented by Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE), a network of civil society groups working on poverty.
- 5.3. A staff of Human Resource Division is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member.
- 5.4. A staff of the Human Resource Division is participating in a training and research project involving the different networks of civil society groups in Ethiopia on “Tools of Appreciative Inquiry for Research”.
- 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 inputs in formulating **the Strategic Plan for Chemical Industry in Ethiopia**.

- 5.6. Discussions have been made with International consultant working with the MoTI on WTO accession and Ethiopia's anti-dumping regulations and practices.
- 5.7. Various advices have been forwarded to undergraduate and postgraduate students coming from various universities and colleges in their move to the preparation of senior essays and masters' thesis.
- 5.8. Discussions have been made with International consultant from Queens College, UK, on Competition law in Ethiopia
- 5.9. Discussions have been made with PhD student on the research topic "Ethiopian Industrial Development: Lessons from South Korea's industrialization strategy"
- 5.10. As a technical Committee Member for the Commemoration of the 7th Ethiopian Industrial Week, a researcher attended various meetings and discussions and provided professional inputs in formulating the thematic issues, identification of topics of papers which were presented from November 12-19, 2007.
- 5.11. Comments on the 2007/08 federal government budget was prepared by EEA/EEPRI staffs and consultation/meeting held on the budget proclamation with senior staffs of Netherlands Embassy in August 2007.
- 5.12. Filled questionnaire prepared by MoTI and NBE for the institutions' Business Process Reengineering (BPR) exercise, December 2007.
- 5.13. Staff members of EEA/EEPRI including the EEPRI director also advise postgraduate students and PhD students. In this respect, thesis advice was provided for two M.Sc and one PhD students of Haromaya University during the reporting period. They have also served as an external examiner for three M.Sc. students at the Addis Ababa University, Haromaya University and Wondo Genet College of Forestry. In addition, a senior researcher provided one Masters' Course for Agricultural Economics Students, at Haromaya University and a researcher has provided a course on "Agricultural Policy Analysis" for one PhD student from Haromaya University

6. VISIT TO EEA

EEA has been visited by scholars, civil societies, governmental offices etc to share experience and discuss on the Ethiopian economic situation. Of the various visitors the following are some: -

- 6.1. A team from the WB visited EEA on March 18, 2008 and discussed issues related to Private and Financial Sector Development
- 6.2. A Team from CIDA working on Governance Issues visited EEA and held discussions on March 31, 2008.
- 6.3. On April 1, 2008 a team from Sweden working on Private sector development visited EEA and held discussion on the issue.
- 6.4. On April 4, 2008 a Finish Delegation visited EEA and held discussions on the situation of the Ethiopian Economy.
- 6.5. Two leading parliamentarians visited EEA and held discussion on food inflation, its impact on poverty and possible mitigating strategies.

7. PUBLICATIONS

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.

7.1. REGULAR PUBLICATIONS OF EEA

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

- Three Volumes of the Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- Five issues of the Economic Focus Magazine Namely: -
- Muslim and Development in Ethiopia, August 2007
- The Contribution of Civil Society to the Development of Ethiopia, September 2007
- Ethiopia's Prospect of Meeting the Millennium Development Goals, September 2007
- Corruption and Development in Ethiopia, May 2008
- External Trade Arrangements (WTO, EPA, COMESA) and Development in Ethiopia, March 2008
- Four Quarterly Macro-economic Reports
- Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics

7.2. RESEARCH REPORT

- Stakeholders' Perceptions of Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies in Ethiopia'.
- Can Ethiopia Realize a Better Agriculture in its third Millennium? The Role and Dilemma of Farm Prices' posted on a website.

7.3. WORKING PAPER

The Association has published the following working papers during the reporting period:

- Determinants of Child Schooling Progress in Rural Ethiopia, WP No. 3/2007
- Commercialization of Stallholder Agriculture in Some areas of Ethiopia: Evidence, Challenges and Options for the future. WP No. 4/2007
- Human Capital and Economic Growth in Ethiopia WP No. 1/2008

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. Degnet Abebaw, “Demand for Improved Solid Waste Services in Jimma Town, Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Survey Data”, *Ethiopian Journal of Economics (EJE)*, Vol. XIV No. 1, 2007, Published May 2008.
- 8.1.2. Degnet Abebaw, “Determinants of solid Waste Disposal Practices in Urban Areas of Ethiopia: A Household Level Analysis”, *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*, Vol. XXIV No. 1, January 2008.
- 8.1.3. Degnet Abebaw, “Household Determinants of Fuelwood Choice in Urban Areas: A Case Study of Jimma Town”, *Journal of Developing Areas*, 2007, Vol. 41 (Fall).
- 8.1.4. Kay Sharp, Eva Ludi and Samuel Gebreselassie, “Commercialization of Farming in Ethiopia: Which Pathways”, *Ethiopian Journal of Economics (EJE)*, Vol. XVI No. 1, 2007, Published May 2008.
- 8.1.5. Samuel Gebreselassie and Kay Sharp, “Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture in Selected *Teff*-Growing Areas of Ethiopia”, Vol. XVI No. 1, 2007, Published May 2008.
- 8.1.6. Samuel Gebreselassie and Kay Sharp, “Agricultural Commercialization in Coffee Growing Areas of Ethiopia”, Vol. XVI No. 1, 2007, Published May 2008.

8.2. ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR JOURNAL

- 8.2.1. Assefa Admassie, Degnet Abebaw and Andinet Delelegn, “Determinants of Child Schooling Progression in Rural Ethiopia”
- 8.2.2. Andinet Delelegn, “Informal Risk Sharing Strategies and Poverty Dynamics in Rural Ethiopia: Longitudinal Analysis”
- 8.2.3. Andinet Delelegn, “Intra-Household Gender-Bias in Children’s Educational Investment among Rural Households in Ethiopia: Panel Evidence”

8.3. REVIEWING OF JOURNAL ARTICLES

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

- 8.3.1. “The Bang for the Birr: Public Expenditures and Rural development in Ethiopia” paper submitted to IFPRI for publication. IFPRI, Washington DC, USA.
- 8.3.2. “The Impact of Small-scale irrigation on Household Food Security: the case of Filtino and Godino Irrigation Schemes in Ada Liben District, East Shoa”, paper submitted for the *Journal of the Agricultural Economics of Ethiopia*.
- 8.3.3. “Fertility Decisions of Households in Response to Environmental Goods Scarcity: The Case of Sekota District, Wag Himra Zonal administration of Amhara Region, Ethiopia”, paper submitted for the *Journal of the Agricultural Economics of Ethiopia*.
- 8.3.4. “Land Tenure Reform and Structural Transformation of the Economy: Country Experiences”, paper submitted for *Journal of the College of Development Studies at Addis Ababa University*.
- 8.3.5. “Land Valuation Course for Post Graduate Studies at the Wendo-genet College of Forestry and Natural Resources”

9. PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION

The Ethiopian Economic Association has distributed its publication to the academia, members of the association and government institutions, regional institutions, universities and colleges and the general public through different methods of distribution channels. For instance in the last six months (from January 1-June 30, 2008) over 2500 various publications have been distributed freely. In the 6th International Conference alone, over 3000 copies of different publications have been distributed to participants of the conference freely. In the reporting period, EEA/EEPRI has provided free copies of its publications to the following organizations:

- Publications have been given to the Heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureau, Trade and Industry Bureau, Agricultural and Rural Development Bureau and Micro and Small Enterprises Agency of the Amhara Regional State. In addition, publications have been given to the heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureau and Trade and Industry Bureau of the SNNP as a way of promoting the objectives and the various activities of EEA.
- Regularly New Copies of EEA publications are freely distributed to 12 high government Ministry officials and consortium of donors.
- Over 2000 publications dealing with various issues have been kept at Bahir Dar Chapter of EEA. In addition, new publications have been sent to the Hawassa Chapter of EEA Office regularly. The publications of EEA of various types could serve as a reference material for the staff and students of Bahir Dar and Hawassa Universities and EEA members in the regions.
- EEA's publication has been distributed to various embassies including Egypt, India, Turkey, Iran, South Africa, Mozambique, etc.

EEA has also made available its publications with highly subsidized price to academia, members of EEA and the general public through commission agents.

10. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Association has tried to communicate with members as much as possible to update their database and to attract and engage members in the various activities of the Association such as different trainings, workshops and discussion forums. Moreover, different publications were produced and disseminated, membership recruitment conducted, and documentation and website services rendered.

- **Membership Recruitment:** A total of 458 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, as a result of which the total number of the members of the Association has reached 2340.
- **Active members:** The number of active members those who settle their membership fees is still very low. The number of active members is about 32.4% of the total registered members. Though this percentage appears very low, it has shown some improvement as compared to the previous year (2006/07) level of about 28.5%. To increase our communication with members and increase the share of active members, the secretariat has tried to attract members by inviting them to the different trainings, workshops and discussion forms organized in the reporting period. However, we do

not have e-mail addresses of most of the registered members this in turn created barrier to communicate, attract and engage them in the Association's activities. Currently, we have e-mail addresses of about 55.7% of the registered members (about 1303 members) this is a little higher than the 52.2% in the previous reporting period. The details are shown in the table below, by membership type. In the reporting period, the secretariat has issued ID Card to about 480 active members.

Membership Status by June 30, 2007

Membership Status	Members by Category				Total
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	
o Registered Members	1808	257	242	33	2340
o Active Members	474	95	188	1	758
o Of the total (in %)	26.2	37.0	77.7	3.0	32.4
o Members with email address	896	180	203	24	1303
o Of the total (in %)	49.6	70.0	83.9	72.7	55.7

- **Opening up EEA Chapters:** In view of the provision of the constitution of the Association, EEA opened its second chapter at Bahir Dar University on the 17th of June, 2008. The Bahir Dar University has provided 4 big shelves, 4 Tables, more than 25 chairs and 2 computers. This enabled the chapter to open a mini-library that serves the staff and students of the University and members of EEA in the region. Before the opening of the chapter, the Secretariat of the Association has visited and held discussions with the staffs and heads of regional bureaus. In addition to the opening of the Bahir Dar Chapter, some preparatory activities have been done to open another chapter at Mekelle. Communication and discussion was held with the Economics Department head of the Mekelle University and agreement is reached to open the third chapter in September 2008. The Mekelle University has shown high interest and promise to provide office, office furniture and equipment for the chapter. Jimma University and Haromaya University have also shown keen interest for the opening of EEA's chapter.



Opening of EEA's Chapter at Bahir Dar



EEA's Publications display at Bahir Dar Chapter Office

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, the EC of EEA has initiated to develop Strategic Plan for the Association and consequently to revise the operational manuals. In the reporting period, consultants were hired, relevant information was provided and repeated discussions were held with the consultants, and follow up work was carried out. In addition, the EC of EEA formed a committee drawn from the EC, Management and staff of EEA/EEPRI for the Strategic Plan document review. Accordingly, the committee has reviewed the draft document and consolidates comments from the staff and EC members and submitted to the consultants for their reconsideration. Currently, the consultants have submitted the second draft on Strategic Plan Document, Financial Manual, the Purchasing, Property and Stores Management Manuals and Organogram. Comments have also consolidated on the Human Resource Manual.

12. PUBLICIZING THE EEA OBJECTIVES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Through various meetings, workshops and media, EEA has tried to actively promote its objectives, programs and activities. In the reporting period, the following major promotional activities were conducted:

- Head of the Secretariat of the Association visited and briefed the staff and heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureau, Trade and Industry Bureau, Agricultural and Rural Development Bureau and Micro and Small Enterprises Agency of the Amhara regional State about the objectives and the various activities of EEA and EEA's plan to open its chapter at Bahir Dar in May 2008. Similar briefings were given to the advisor of the president of the regional state. In all the visiting, the secretariat has been welcomed and higher officials in the region have promised to provide assistance, if any, for the opening of EEA's chapter at Bahir Dar.
- Briefing has been given to media, at various times, on the objectives and activities of EEA, especially on the status of the Multi-purpose Building. These briefings have been published on various News Papers.
- The media has given due coverage to the **6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy** which was held from July 3 – 5, 2008. The coverage has obtained before and on the opening days.
- Media (TV, Radio, Press) has given repeated and wide coverage to a high level *public lecture on the Renaissance of Africa in the New Ethiopian Millennium* which was organized on February 9, 2008. At the public lecture H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the FDRE, has delivered a speech on Developmental State and its relevance to the African Development while Dr. Maxwell Mkwezelamba, Economic Commissioner of the African Union, has presented on the African Growth record and the future challenges. In addition, media has also given due coverage for the *1st African Millennium International Trade Investment Fair* that was organized from February 5 – 14, 2008 that was organized with the objective of strengthening Cultural, Trade and Investment relationship among African countries and with the rest of the world. The event was officially opened by H.E Ato Girma W/Georgis, president of FDRE on February 5, 2008.
- As part of “the 1st African Millennium International Trade and Investment Fair”, the Executive Committee Members of EEA and the Secretariat have publicized the objectives and activities of the EEA to Government Institutions, directors of public Enterprises and Private companies, Civil Societies, Embassies residing in Addis Ababa, AU and UNECA. The visiting program was very much successful not only in advocating the objectives and activities of EEA; it has also helped the Association to explore areas of future collaborations with these institutions.

The Secretariat Head of the Association visited and briefed the heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureaus and Trade and Industry of SNNP about the objectives and the various activities of EEA. A half day briefing and discussion was also held with the employees of the Finance and Economic Development Bureau. As a result, more than 25 employees of the Bureau have joined the Association including the head of the

Bureau.

- EEA has commissioned a film company to make a well organized 5 minutes promotional DVD and a 30 minutes documentary film. The Association has received the completed version of the promotional DVD and Documentary Film and they are ready for dissemination.
- EEA participated in the NGO day Exhibition that has been organized by the CRDA from December 3 – 5, 2008 at Addis Millennium Hall. During this event, the staffs of EEA were able to brief the visitors about the objectives and the various activities of EEA and displayed its publications.
- At every workshop, panel discussion and conferences, Medias and News Agencies were invited to cover the programs.
- An interview on the performance of the Ethiopian agricultural sector was conducted with one Amharic news paper.

13. EEA/EEPRI DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES

The Ethiopian Economic Association Documentation Center is providing different services, like Internet service, reading, photocopy and book borrowing services for EEA staff, members, university, College students and individual researchers this includes foreigners who came to Ethiopia for different research work. In the reporting period, the following activities were performed:

- The documentation center have got a donation from the Ethiopian Knowledge and Technology Transfer Society (EKTTS) around 150 books on different subject
- 200 books and different documents have been technically processed
- Sent EEA's journals to AGOL
- Ten EEA publications have got International Standard and Book Number (ISBN). This increases the credibility of the publication of EEA.
- Library pocket have been provided to more than 90 new members of EEA.
- More than 700 users have visited the Documentation Center in the reporting period and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents.
- After long process, EEA staffs were made to have access to JSTOR freely..
- EEA Journals have been put on (African Journals Online (AJOL) Thus EEA journals are available at www.AJOL.org .
- All new EEA publications and other new arrived Documents were technically processed.

14. THE EEA MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

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) and the planned Training Institute. So far, about 90% the construction work of the building is completed. The Association has moved its office to the building since June 6, 2008. The hand over of the building will be

held in two or three months time.

As of July 28, 2008, the building costs about Birr 22.6 million of which Birr 13.1 Million is coming from the Association's own fund while the rest Birr 9.5 Million from the bank loan.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The number of staff members in EEA/EEPRI, as per the personnel data record as of June 30, 2008 is 24. These employees are working in different units i.e. Director's office (3), Agriculture Division (2), Macro Division (3), Industry and Trade Division (2), Human Resource and Poverty Division (2), EEA Secretariat Office (3) and Administration and Finance Service (9). Out of the 24 staff members, 7 are females and 18 are males.

16. RETREAT MEETING

The whole staff of EEA/EEPRI went on retreat to Hawassa to discuss on the past performances 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 office. The other objective is to socialize more the staff of the Association.

This year retreat program has recorded a high success in light of the above objectives. The staff has discussed on the strong and weak points of their performance and look forward for a better achievement. The working and social relationship that has been observed during the retreat time was also encouraging. This year retreat program is memorable in the sense that four members of the EC of EEA taking part in the program. During the same period, the 3rd meeting of the EC of EEA was also taken place.

PART TWO

IV. PLANNED ACTIVITIY FOR 2008/09 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)

The Association plans to accomplish the following activities during the plan 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 “construction Industry in Ethiopia”. The report is under editing. In the plan period, the report will be published and disseminated.
- 1.2 The Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** with the aim of providing an independent and professional overview of the performance of the economy, the next annual report on the Ethiopian Economy will be prepared. In the reporting period, the theme of the report on the Ethiopian Economy will be identified and data collection, analysis and report writing and publication of the report will be undertaken.
- 1.3 Quarterly Macroeconomic Report:** As was done in previous years, four issues of the Quarterly Macroeconomic Report will be published during the planning period. All of these issues will cover major macroeconomic performances during the last two quarters of 2007/08 (April – June 2008) and the first two quarters of 2008/09.
- 1.4 Finalizing the Documentation of the Macro-econometric Model and Exploring Further Possibilities of Extension:** During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the documentation process of the macro-econometric model is expected to be completed. Discussion with stakeholders on the possibility of using and extending the model to incorporate the recently revised data will be made. These discussions pertain to rectifying the data differences with the new series, further use of the model by MoFED, publishing it or making it ready for other users will also be finalized in the first quarter of the plan period.
- 1.5 Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia’s Innovative Health Extension Program:** This study was aimed to conduct a systematic evaluation of the impact of the new health intervention through health extension workers on achieving health MDGs in Ethiopia with a focus on maternal and child health. The project is a rolling up to 2009. The plan is to complete data analysis and report writing and update the report incorporating comments collected from responsible government bodies and from the client.
- 1.6 Baseline Survey of Rural Towns Electrification (EEPCO):** The aim of the project is to establish a baseline survey on welfare impacts of rural electrification in 20 towns that got access to electricity service very recently. The project started in 2007 and in the plan period, the second survey data editing, computerization, database preparation and report writing of the project will be carried out.
- 1.7 Study of Quality of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia:** The project which aims at critically assessing the quantity and quality of aid to Ethiopia with focus on agriculture, rural development and food security, will be completed by the end of August 2008.

- 1.8 Ayat Share Company Ten-Years performance Assessment:** The objective of the study is to undertake an assessment of the performance of Ayat Real Estate Share Company. The plan is to incorporate comments collected from the client and complete the project by the end of August 2008.
- 1.9 Trade relation between Ethiopia, the Sudan and the East African community (EAC).** The objective is to see the trade flows between these countries. Collection of the necessary data, analysis and report writing work will be conducted in the plan period. The client for this project is Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) of Germany. The study is expected to be finalized at the end of the third month starting from the date the collects all the required data on the issue from the other countries from the client.
- 1.10 The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change.** The objective of the study is to prepare the human development report of Ethiopia under the theme '*The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change*'. The proposal was prepared and submitted to UNDP and has been accepted. The draft contact is being negotiated with UNDP and the work will start in August 2008. The project is expected to take about 15 months to complete from the day of signing the agreement.
- 1.11 Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa:** A project which is signed together with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (based in Sri Lanka) will start in the first quarter of the plan period and run until 2001. The project sponsored by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and GTZ.
- 1.12 The Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects:** Incorporating the client's comments, the research project will be finalized in September 2008 and the report will be presented in a workshop..
- 1.13 Measuring Empowerment:- The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium Term Impact of Ethiopia's Women's Development Initiatives Project (WDIP):** The study aims to characterize women empowerment in two selected regions of Ethiopia and to measure empowerment across different communities. In the plan period, data organization, analysis and report writing will be completed.
- 1.14 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 and elite capture in rural service provision. Specifically, the project aims to identify, analyze and promote gender-sensitive governance reform strategies for the provision of economic and social services and 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. In the plan period, conducting of survey, data entry, organization, analysis and report writing will be carried out.
- 1.15 Analysis of the impact of cash on markets and caring practices-**This is a commissioned work that aims to analyze the impact of a cash transfer program on markets and child care practices. The project will be completed in the plan period.

- 1.16 Trade Relations between Ethiopia, China and India:** The objective of the project is to undertake a study on trade relations between Ethiopia, China and India. The project is supported by FES. Project proposal will be prepared in August 2008 and if accepted by FES, the study will commence immediately upon signing the contract

2. TRAINING

In the plan period the following trainings are planned to be organized to the members of EEA and other stakeholders in Addis Ababa and Regions where EEA chapters have been established:

- Competing Development Paradigms
- Recent Developments in Macroeconomics
- Statistical Package: -
- SPSS
- STATA
- E-VIEWS
- PC-GIVE
- Ethiopian Macro economic Data: - Structure, Limitations and International Standards.
- Introduction to Macroeconomic Modeling Techniques
- Introduction to Basic Time-Series Analysis
- Research Methods and Report Writing
- Lecture on “How can the Ethiopian business community benefits from regional economic cooperation”
- Lecture on “Strengthening the competitive status of Ethiopian Export: countries experiences and the lesson to learn”

3. PLANNED WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 3.1 Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forums:** 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: -

- Defense and Development in Ethiopian
- Microfinance Institutions and Development in Ethiopia
- Foreign Aid and Development in Ethiopia
- Child Right and Development in Ethiopia
- Truism and Development in Ethiopia
- Construction and Development in Ethiopia
- Mining Industry and Development in Ethiopia
- Educational Service Expansion and Employment in the Ethiopian Economic Development
- Market Development and Development in Ethiopia
- Rising Trade imbalance and implication on the Ethiopian Economy
- Bio-fuel, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability and Economic Development in Ethiopia
- Telecommunication and Development in Ethiopia

Speakers for the first topics have been already identified and for the rest of the topics speakers and discussants are in the process of being identified. In the reporting period about six discussion forums is planned to be organized.

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

- At least four workshops or panel discussions will be organized at regions where EEA's chapters operate.
- The 16th General Assembly of EEA will be called during the plan period to discuss on past accomplishments and future plans.
- The 7th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- Various workshops on research reports.

4. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

4.1. Opening up Chapters: three chapters at Mekelle, Jimma and Haromaya Universities will be opened in the plan period

4.2. Strategies for retaining members will be implemented including:

- Membership data base will be updated
- Membership ID Card will be issued
- **Provide training to members:** In the plan period training will be organized at Bahir Dar and Hawassa in collaboration with Bahir Dar and Hawassa Chapters of EEA in addition to the planned trainings that will be organized in 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 ways
- Provide orientation about EEA, its constitution, governance, activities and plan, etc for new members
- Update e-mail addresses of members and keep in touch

4.3. Redesigning EEA Website: - In the plan period, it is planed to redesign the website of the Association to make it user-friendly, flexible, functional and dynamic. The completion of this task improves the membership services by increasing the efficacy and effectiveness of the activities of registration, collection of annual membership fees, sales of EEA' publications and feeding information to members. It also helps members of the Association, academia, and other stakeholders of EEA to download the Association's publications and access EEA's library resource and statistical database online

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, the preparation of Strategic Plan Document and the revision of operational manuals are underway. In the plan period, the preparation of Strategic Plan and operational Manuals will be finalized and they will be put into practice.

6. PUBLICATION

- EEA will publish the Proceeding of the 6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- At least six issues of the Economic Focus Magazines will be published.
- The Sixth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published during the year.
- The Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published during the year
- Four issues of Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Some four Working Papers will be produced during the year.

Several Research Reports will be also produced at the culmination of the different research projects.

7. PUBLICIZING THE EEA OBJECTIVES, PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES.

There is a plan to use radio and television as well as the print media to actively promote the objectives, programs and activities of the EEA. EEA invites Medias to so that they may cover the various activities of the Association such as Vision 2020, International Conference, and General Assembly etc.

8. 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. EEA's Chapters at regions become major outlets for EEA's publication.

To reach the general public in a more effective way, the current distribution and marketing system will be strengthened.

9. EEA DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES

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

- Providing efficient and up to date information and services to all users
- Upgrade the Documentation service both in quality and quantity
- Preparing a manual on 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 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
- Prepare an index to the newsletters to increase their readability.
- Encoding all the library materials to the data base.
- Obtain books through donation
- Send EEA journals to AGOL
- Facilitate the provision of ISSN and ISBN numbers to EEA publications

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. THE EEA MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

In the first quarter of the plan period, the multi-purpose Building will be completed and the contractor will officially hand over the building to the Association. It is also planned to officially inaugurate the building in the plan period. The Association also plans to rent out excess spaces to potential tenants. To this end business plan will be developed.



PART THREE

AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION/
ETHIOPAIN ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

1. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ethiopian Economic Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (the Association) set out on pages 3 to 8 which have been prepared under historical cost conventions and the accounting policies stated on page 5 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT AND AUDITORS

2. The management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

3. We conducted our audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the management in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.
4. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.



OPINION

5. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Ethiopian Economic Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute as at June 30, 2008 and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended.



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ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION/
ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JUNE 30, 2008

	Notes	Birr	Birr	June 30, 2007 Birr
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	2d,e,3		23,089,057	11,656,311
<u>LEASE HOLD LAND</u>	4		606,974	614,116
			23,696,031	12,270,427
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors	5	228,511		2,089,538
Cash at bank	6	10,930,720		12,007,836
		11,159,231		14,097,374
<u>LESS:- CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors	7	841,555		606,112
Bank overdrawn		-		92,575
		841,555		698,687
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>			10,317,676	13,398,687
			34,013,707	25,669,114
<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>				
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			24,774,119	20,379,437
<u>ECONOMY PROJECT FUND</u>			16,999	16,999
<u>LEASEHOLD LAND PAYABLE</u>	4		488,606	514,323
<u>LONG TERM LOAN</u>	8		8,733,983	4,758,355
			34,013,707	25,669,114



**ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION/
ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

1. ESTABLISHMENT

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 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

The principal accounting policies adopted and consistently applied by the Association are stated below:-

- 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 paid.
- 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.
- f) Foreign remittances have been converted into Birr at the exchange rate prevailing on the dates of the receipts of remittances.

3. FIXED ASSETS

<u>COST</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Disposal/</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>01/07/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>30/06/08</u>
	<u>Birr</u>	<u>Birr</u>	<u>Birr</u>	<u>Birr</u>
Office equipment	805,180	28,367	(177,597)	655,950
Office furniture	261,953	-	-	261,953
Motor vehicles	482,424	116,107	-	598,531
Vehicle tool box	2,448	-	-	2,448
Building under construction	11,127,153	11,471,230	-	22,598,383
	<u>12,679,158</u>	<u>11,615,704</u>	<u>(177,597)</u>	<u>24,117,265</u>



DEPRECIATION

Office equipment	397,437	69,266	(112,293)	354,410
Office furniture	141,485	26,193		167,678
Motor vehicles	482,395	21,287		503,682
Vehicle tool box	<u>1,530</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>2,438</u>
	<u>1,022,847</u>	<u>117,348</u>	<u>(111,987)</u>	<u>1,028,208</u>

NET BOOK VALUE	<u>11,656,311</u>			<u>23,089,057</u>
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4. LEASEHOLD LAND

This represents the value of land acquired by the Association under lease agreement from Addis Ababa Region - Yeke Sub - City Land Administration for a duration of 90 years. The lease payment is amortized over 90 years.

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/07</u> <u>Birr</u>
Leasehold land cost		642,903	642,903
Amortization - Prior years	28,787		14,501
- Current year	<u>7,142</u>		<u>14,286</u>
		<u>35,929</u>	<u>28,787</u>
		<u>606,974</u>	<u>614,116</u>

5. DEBTORS

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/07</u> <u>Birr</u>
Advance payment to contractor	-	1,859,085
Staff debtors	91,860	47,801
Sundry debtors	136,651	175,701
Suspense account	-	<u>6,951</u>
	<u>228,511</u>	<u>2,089,538</u>

6. CASH AT BANK

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/07</u> <u>Birr</u>
Cash at bank	<u>10,930,720</u>	<u>12,007,836</u>



7. CREDITORS

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/07</u> <u>Birr</u>
Income tax payable	59,974	48,065
Withholding tax payable	1,087	16,624
Staff payable	47,647	1,032
Retention payable	437,507	426,985
Other payable	295,340	85,175
Interest payable - Loan	-	<u>28,231</u>
	<u>841,555</u>	<u>606,112</u>

8. LONG TERM LOAN

This represents loan taken from the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia to finance the construction of building. The loan including interest at 7.5% p.a. calculated monthly will be payable to the bank on or before Tahisas 3, 2017. The leasehold land of the Association was held by the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia as a collateral.

9 GRANT AND PROGRAMME SUPPORT

9a. Core Program Support

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/007</u> <u>Birr</u>
British Embassy DFID	544,829	515,800
Canadian Embassy	-	383,747
Frederic Ebert Stiftung	145,186	106,098
Ireland Embassy	2,466,720	2,231,240
Netherlands Embassy	1,607,853	1,107,790
Norwegian Church Aid	610,360	559,360
Sweden Embassy	<u>2,107,231</u>	<u>2,735,525</u>
Sub Total	<u>7,482,179</u>	<u>7,639,560</u>

9b. Income From Research Activities

	<u>Birr</u>	<u>30/06/007</u> <u>Birr</u>
World Bank	157,029	1,247,665
Global Development Net Work (GDN)	369,055	469,148
Poverty Action Network	-	74,826
Institute of Development studying	-	8,576
CRDA	-	57,648
UEAP Project	347,855	149,615
ARD - ELTAP	-	383,630
Norwegian Church Aid	221,685	-
University of Bonn	125,450	-
IFPRI Inter. Food Res. Institute	89,758	-
Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce	72,773	-
Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce	18,551	48,133
WISE Project	20,000	-
LUND University	314,397	-
Ayat Real Estate	46,403	-
CIPE	73,140	54,054
Dublin University	-	65,796
EWSFD	-	16,650
Pakard Foundation	-	<u>10,000</u>
Sub Total	<u>1,856,096</u>	<u>2,585,741</u>



ANNEX

PERFORMANCE REPORT IN LOG FRAME FORMAT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
Build adequate institutional and human capacity (for both EEA and the stakeholders) and carryout effective policy research and analysis to generate Economic Policy Ideas and supporting Economic Policy Making Process	1. Ethiopian Macro-Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating of the existing macro-model database econometric with the revised new (2006) national account series • Re-estimation of all the equations were made • Identities were updated • The model was solved • Model validation carried out • Policy exercises were made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macro-econometric model e-views file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The model could be used to undertake policy simulations, evaluations and forecasting. As a result the policy making process of the country will improve. • The model could be used by researchers, lecturers and students for teaching and study. • Increases the role and influence of EEA in the economic policy making process • Improve the visibility of EEA
	2. Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia's Innovative Health Extension Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured Research Cooperation with the government, Ministry of Health and the different regional administrations. • Conducted Exploratory Surveys and Identified Study Sites • Prepared Village and Household Questionnaires • Recruit and Train Data Collectors • Undertook a village and household level and facility surveys. • Data entry, verification and cleaning was undertaken • Data was analyzed and First Draft of the final report was submitted to GDN and discussions were also held with the GDN at Washington D.C. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will inform policy makers, donors and other stakeholders concerning impacts of health policies and the lessons learned. I.e. it will provide useful insights to improve project performance in the intervention areas and to improve planning and implementation of the health services extension package in the non-intervention areas as the project expands to cover the whole country in the near future. • It also serves as baseline information for similar exercise in the future. • Provides an essential country experience that other developing economies could share from.
	3. Analysis of the land policy study survey data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other countries experience was reviewed • Questionnaire was developed and tested at field • Enumerators were recruited & trained, • Baseline survey was conducted in twenty-four focus Woredas. • Data entry program was developed, • Data edited, verified and cleaned • Data entered into computer and provided to researchers and to the client 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project capacitated EEA staff in the application of new research techniques in impact analysis

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
	4. The Sixth Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy (July 2007 – May 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Collected from government and international organizations • Data organized and analyzed and the first draft report writing is completed • The analysis covers a detailed assessment of the construction industry including, the recent developments in the industry, the domestic construction capacity and the financing of the industry. The status of domestic trade has also been addressed. In addition, the report covers a detailed assessment on the macro-economic, agriculture & related, manufacturing industry, trade, and social sector developments including inflation and the urban poor. 	The first draft report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information that help them to revisit their policies • Academia, researchers and students has taken the report as reference for further study and analysis. • Increases EEA’s influence or role in the policy making • Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy. • Improved the visibility of EEA
	5. The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change. (The draft contract is being negotiated with UNDP and MOFED & the work will start in August 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial proposal prepared and negotiation carried out on the contract agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial proposals and draft contract agreement 	
	6. Quarterly Macroeconomic Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data were collected, organized and analyzed • Reports were written and published 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four quarterly reports (Vol. 5 No. 3, August 2007, Vol. 5 No. 4, October 2007, Vol. 6 No. 1, January 2008 & Vol. 6 No. 2, April 2008) on the performance of the external sector, microfinance institutions, the investment climate, the dynamics of prices, money supply, and government finance. 	
	7. Baseline Survey of Land Registration (started in February 2007 & completed in the reporting period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other countries experience was reviewed • Questionnaire was developed and tested at field • Enumerators were recruited & trained, • Baseline survey was conducted in twenty-four focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey was successfully completed in 24 woredas covering 272 rural kebeles and 3600 households • Primary data processed and transformed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government policy revision and adjustment capacity on the land issue (i.e. tenure and security) could be improved. • Increases EEA’s role in the economic policy

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
	8. Baseline Survey of Rural Towns Electrification (Ethiopian Electric Power and Light Authority and WB are the client while the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) is a partner institution)	Woredas. • Data entry program was developed, • Data edited, verified and cleaned • Data entered into computer and provided to researchers and to the client	into useable data • Two round survey was successfully completed in 20 towns covering 1300 households • The first round survey data processed and submitted and ready for analysis. The second survey data entry also started.	making process of the country • Government policy makers and donors will get information on the potential impact of the ongoing rural electrification program that gives an input for an expanded and sustainable rural electrification. • The collaboration between EEA and collaborating institutions (Ethiopian Electric Power Light Authority, WB and IFPRI) will be further strengthened
	9. The Impact of Inflation on the Poor (Research work prepared for a local NGO called Women in Self Employment (WISE))	• Data collected by WISE was entered into computer and organized and analyzed. • Report prepared	• The research report	• Increases EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization. • Improved the skill of EEA staffs in research methods of the various field. • Increases the trust of EEA's stockholders • Improved EEA's image
	10. Improving Governance and Gender-Equity in Rural Services	• Instruments/questionnaires for the field survey were being prepared.	Instruments/questionnaires	
	11. Measuring Empowerment:- The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium Term Impact of Ethiopia's Women's Development Initiatives Project (WDIP)	• Technical and financial proposal prepared • Designed Questionnaire • Data collectors and supervisors were recruited and trained. • Household level survey was undertaken • Data entry, verification was carried out.	Raw Data	

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
	12. Analysis of impact of Cash transfers on markets of The Meket Livelihoods Development Project (MLDP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature review is being undertaken. 		
	13. Budget Assessment Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the draft research report collected and incorporated The research output presented to the PANE's group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final research report 	
	14. Assessment of the Ten-Year performance of Ayat Real Estate Share Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and Financial proposals were prepared the relevant literature were reviewed Designed Questionnaire Recruited & trained enumerators and supervisors Collected primary and secondary data Undertaken analysis and report writing Summated the draft report to the client 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First draft report 	
	15. Training and other capacity building activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified Training demand and topic Identified and selected trainees and trainers Prepared Training manuals and exercises Provided in trainings graduate students advised Serve the universities as external examiner for graduate students Provide course to universities Provided two months internship facilities to economics students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three trainings organized in Econometric Statistical Software Packages (STATA and Pc-Give) and Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards at Hawassa and Addis Ababa A total of 72 persons benefited from the trainings. two EEA/EEPRI staffs benefited from trainings (one from local and the other from external trainings) Five economics students from Addis Ababa University, Bahir Dar University, Hawassa University and Arba-Minch University benefited from the internship program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis. The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. The quality and relevance of Thesis of Graduates improved. Improved quality of research publications EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong research institute enhanced. The collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened EEA staff capacity improved EEA's visibility improved

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two MSc and one PHD students of Haromaya University advised • Provided a course on “Agricultural Policy Analysis” for one PHD student from Haromaya University • Provided a semester course to MA students of the Haromaya University • EEA/EEPRI staffs served as external examiner for three M.Sc. students at the Addis Ababa University, Haromaya University and Wondo Genet College of Forestry • Various advices have been forwarded to undergraduate and postgraduate students coming from various universities and colleges in their move to the preparation of senior essays and masters’ thesis. 	
	16. Articles Submitted for Journal Publication and Review of Journal Articles	The staff of EEA has submitted and published articles for journal and they also reviewed articles for journal not only for EEA journal but also for others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Six articles published in Ethiopian Journal of Economics, Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review and Journal of Developing Areas. These are:</i> • Demand for Improved Solid Waste Services in Jimma Town, Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Survey Data • Determinants of solid Waste Disposal Practices in Urban • Areas of Ethiopia: A Household Level Analysis • Household Determinants of Fuel wood Choice in Urban Areas: A Case Study of Jimma Town • Commercialization of Farming in Ethiopia: Which Pathways”, Ethiopian Journal of Economics • Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture in Selected Teff-Growing 	

Strategic Objectives or Goals	Planned Activities During the period	Activities Carried out in the Reporting Period	Outputs Delivered	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
			<p>Areas of Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Commercialization in Coffee Growing Areas of Ethiopia <p>Five Articles also review</p>	
	17. Documentation and library Services	Through its Documentation Center, EEA has provided Internet service, reading, photocopy and book borrowing services for EEA staff, members, university and College lecturers and students, government institution and Civil society employees and individual researchers including foreigners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library pocket have been provided to more than 90 new members of EEA. • More than 700 users visited the Center • EEA staffs were able to access JSTOR freely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved stockholders' capacity • Improved members' satisfaction • Stakeholders recognized EEA's role in the capacity building effort
Strengthening the working relations with stakeholders by establishing appropriate communication channels and improving the dissemination mechanisms from EEA's research	1. The Sixth Intentional Conference on the Ethiopian Economy (July 2007 – June 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papers presented at the 5th Int. Conference reviewed, edited, formatted and published in three volumes; Call for papers for the 6th Int. conf. made and 69 abstracts collected. Preparatory activities for the conference carried out that includes invitation of participants, program preparation, conference hall arranged etc., 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published 3 Volumes of the proceedings of the 5th Int. conf. • Organized 3 plenary and 18 parallel sessions. • Held Discussion on 58 papers of which 16 are presented by stakeholders who co-organized the sessions (WB, ILRI, FSS, RiPPLE, Young Lives, EAAP). • Over 400 peoples attended the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of EEA improved • Relationship with government and other stockholders improved • Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers improved • Improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the country. • Stockholders recognized EEA's contributions as a key development
	2. Organizing Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified & communicated 5 main speakers and 8 discussants • Carried out preparatory activities such as invited EEA members, government officials, Civil Society members and Academia; and secured hall for the discussion. • Paper presented at the forum reviewed, translated edited, formatted and published at the Economic Focus, the Magazine of the Association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized 5 Vision 2020 Ethiopian Forum on the topic Corruption and Development; External Trade Arrangements (WTO, EPA, COMESA) and Development; Peace and Development; Climate Change with relevance to Carbon Trading & Development; and Climate Change Adoption mechanism & Development • On the average more than 160 people participated in each forum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved the understandings of the socio-economic issues of the country in relation to their consequences to future generation. • Contributed to the growth of the culture of dialogue • Improved Relationship with government and other stockholders • Improved EEA's visibility

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	<p>3. African Millennium Economic and Business Summit (the project has components the 1st African Millennium Trade and Investment Fair and Public Lecture on the Renaissance of Africa in the New Ethiopian Millennium)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried out preparatory activities for project that include lobbying and contacting relevant stockholders such as Embassies, Government officials, private sector, Diplomats residing at Addis Ababa etc. Invitation letter for participants of the public lecture and trade are dispatched. • Stands at the trade fair sold and revenue collected • UNECA conference Center and Addis Millennium Park secured for the public lecture and Trade fare, respectively. • Organized entreating program (musical concert, fashion show, circus etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially launched the project on August 9, 2007 at African Union Hall with the presence of H.E Ato Mesfin Seyoum, Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and deployments and private sector and members of EEA • Organized a high level public lecture on the Renaissance of Africa in the New Ethiopian Millennium on February 9, 2008 where more than 400 participants attended including Government Officials, members of the diplomatic community. • H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, delivered a public lecture on Developmental State and its relevance to the African Development in the new Ethiopian Millennium. While Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Economic Commissioner of African Union, on the African Growth record and the future challenges. • Official opened the 1st African Millennium International Trade by H.E Ato Girma W/Georgis, president of EFDRE on February 5, 2008 and lasted for 10 days until February 14, 2008. • The trade fair visited by about 10,000 people. • About 95 organizations participated and displayed their product and services. The participants comprise Government institutions, Embassies, civil societies, Public enterprises, Private companies, private local and foreign companies, NGO's etc. In addition, Ethiopian and African music concerts and dance; and circus were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought Africans and their key stakeholders and partners together and discussed on African key development challenges. • Improved Trade and investment ties among African business and Africans with their global partners; promoted products and services; Technology transferred and Cultural exchange taken place. • EEA strengthen its relationship with African Union, United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), government, private and public sector and civil Society group. • Increases EEA visibility

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			displayed during the event.	
	4. EEA Bahir Dar Chapter Inaugural panel discussion on the topic “the State of the Ethiopian Economy” and “Amhara Regional State Socio-economic Performance: - Performance, Constraints, Development Priorities and Potentials” organized on June 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified 2 main speakers (senior researcher from EEA/EEPRI & and the head of Amhara BOFED) and chair person. • Carried out preparatory activities such as invited Amhara Regional State Government Officials, EEA members, Civil Society members and Academia; and secured hall for the discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 120 people participated in the panel discussion. • Singed collaboration agreement with Bahir Dar University during the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with Amahra Regional State and offices and with the Bahir Dare University improved • Visibility of EEA improved • Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers at the region improved • Improved knowledge on socio–economic situation of the country and the Amhara regional state. • Regional offices and other Stockholders in the Amahra regional state recognized EEA’s contributions as a key development partner
	5. Panel Discussion on the Challenges of Inflation Pressure on the Ethiopian Economy organized at Hawassa in collaboration with the prospective graduate of Economics students on April 5, 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified 2 main speakers (Senior researcher from EEA/EEPRI & lecturer at the Hawassa University) and chair person. • Carried out preparatory activities such as invited SNNP Regional State Government Officials, EEA members, Civil Society members, students of Economics and Academia; and secured hall for the discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 400 people participated in the panel discussion. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with the Hawassa University improved • Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers at the region improved • Improved knowledge on current economic situation of the country. • Visibility of EEA in the SNNP improved

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	6. Workshop on Faith Based Organizations Research Proposal organized on October 25, 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held discussion on the objective & methodology of the study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained feed back on the methodology of the study 25 people participated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved the quality of EEA's research output Increases the transparency of EEA's research work
	7. Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEA has published regular publications, research reports and working papers in a continuous manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under regular publications: Three Volumes of the Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, Five issues of the Economic Focus Magazine, Four Quarterly Macroeconomic Reports and Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics are published Under Research Reports: 3 research reports i.e. Stakeholders' Perceptions of Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies in Ethiopia; and Can Ethiopia Realize a Better Agriculture in its third Millennium? the Role and Dilemma of Farm Prices' posted on a website are published. Under the working papers: 3 working papers i.e. Determinants of Child Schooling Progress in Rural Ethiopia; Commercialization of Stallholder Agriculture in Some areas of Ethiopia; and Human Capital and Economic Growth in Ethiopia are published 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information Academia, researchers and students could take EEA publication as reference for further study and analysis. Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy. Improved the visibility of EEA EEA publication distributed widely. Increases EEA's influence or role in the economic policy making of the country
	8. Publication distribution	EEA has distributed its publications (the new and the old once) to academia, members of the association and government institutions, regional institutions, universities and colleges and the general public through different methods of distribution channels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 8000 free copies distributed to Universities (EEA Bahir Dar chapter, Adama University and EEA Hawassa Chapter), Regional Government Bureaus, 12 Ministers, donors etc. Over 2000 copies distributed on sales. 	

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	9. Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Programs and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using various media visits and at the different discussion forums, EEA's objectives, program and activities are promoted. Media communicated about the objectives and contents of the 6th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. Information has given to media on the public lecture on the Renaissance of Africa in the New Ethiopian Millennium and the 1st African Millennium International Trade Investment Fair EEA commissioned a film company to make a well organized 5 minutes promotional DVD and a 30 minutes documentary film on EEA Journey. Invited Medias and News Agencies in every EEA workshops and discussion forums. Information has given to media on economic issues regularly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing has given to the staff and heads of BOFED, TIB, ARD and Micro and Small Enterprises Agency of the Amhara regional stat. Similar briefing has given to BOFED and TIB of SNNP Media has given good coverage to the 6th International conference, vision 2020 forums and other discussion forums and to the activities of EEA. participated in the NGO day Exhibition that has been organized by the CRDA from December 3 – 5, 2008 A 5 minute promotional DVD and a 30 minutes documentary film on EEA Journey produced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Image of EEA strengthened Mistrust among the policy makers removed Strengthened the relationship with stakeholders Increases the visibility of EEA
Strengthening EEA's organizational structure, policies and procedures to ensure effective coordination of research and dissemination activities	1. Revising Operational Manuals and Developing Strategic Plan for EEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultants hired, relevant information provided, repeated discussion held, relevant information provided and follow up woke carried out. The EC of EEA formed a committee drawn from the EC, Management and staff of EEA/EEPRI for reviewing the draft Strategic Plan document. The Strategic Plan committee has reviewed the draft document and consolidates comments from the staff and EC members and held discussion repeatedly with the consultants. Comments have also given on the organizational Structure, Financial Manual, and the Purchasing, Property and Stores Management Manuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultants have submitted the second draft Strategic Plan Document, Organizational Structure, Financial Manual, and the Purchasing, Property and Stores Management Manuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational efficiency of EEA improved EEA's governance structure improved Internal controlling system improved Remuneration packages and promotional criteria developed
	2. Strengthening the Management Board and Technical Advisory Committee of EEPRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOR of the management and technical committee has been revised and members of the committees updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee formed and the updated TOR and members of the committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved the efficiency of the Association Improved the credibility and transparency of the Association

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Strengthening the operational and financial sustainability for effective policy research and analysis	1. The construction of EEA Multi-purpose Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second disbursement of the bank loan (ETB 4.75million) released • Technical experts from Ethiopian Telecommunication Corporation visited the construction site and 10 direct line is connected to the building • Technical experts from ELPA visited the site and cost estimation for electric power obtained • meetings were held with the contractor and the supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 85% of the construction work completed • EEA relocation its office to the new building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved institutional capacity of the Association in research, organization of conferences and discussion forums and caring out regular trainings (shore and long term)
	2. Membership Drive • Opening up EEA chapter at regional University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried out repeated communication with Bahir Dar University and Mekelle University. • Visited and held discussion with Bahir Dar University President, FBE Dean, Head and staff of the Economics Department. • Visited and held discussions with the staffs and heads of four Amhara regional State bureaus. • Hawassa Chapter strengthened • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened the second chapter at Bahir Dar in collaboration with the Bahir Dar University • Obtained office and office furniture and equipment for the Bahir Dar University freely from the Bahir Dar University. • Signed Memorandum of Understanding with Bahir Dar University for collaboration work. • Presented and made accessible all EEA publications to members, academia, students and other stakeholders at EEA Bahir Dar Chapter • Reached consensus with the Economics Department of the Mekelle University for the opening of the third Chapter at Mekelle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased EEA visibility • Strengthen EEA image • Improved EEA publications distribution channel • Improved members participation • Increases membership base • Build up the capacity of members • Improved communication with members
	• Increasing EEA membership	• Briefed potential members about the objectives, activities and benefits of being member of EEA	• Increased EEA Members by 458 and reached a total of 2340 members by June 30, 2008.	
	• Provide services to members and updating their data base	• Provided membership services such as provide training, library and internet services, ID Card, Information through internet and EEA website and invite members to attend workshops and discussion forums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued 480 ID Card to members • Organized two Trainings to members on Macro-Economic Data Compilation (about 50 members benefited from this training) and one training on STATA and PCGive. • Provided information on the activities of EEA. • Updated email address and data base of members. 	

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Establish and Expand Institutional Networking with institutions that advance the mission of EEA	1. EEA/EEPRI staff Paper presentation at various workshop organized by EEA' Stockholders	Staff members and researchers of EEA/EEPRI have presented papers at various national and international workshops and seminars.	Presented papers some of the papers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness: the Civil Society Perspective of Smallholder Farmers Development Priority and Policy in Ethiopia • Total Economic Values of Pastoralism in Ethiopia: A Knowledge Management Study. • The Economic value of pastoralism in Ethiopia • The State of Poverty Reduction and Food Security in Relation to Achieving Millennium Development Goals in Ethiopia • Food Price Inflation and the Urban Poor in Ethiopia • Simulation Exercises on Inflation Using Macro-economic Model • Fiscal Policy Shocks and the Ethiopian Economy: an Empirical Exercise • Determinates of Child Malnutrition in Ethiopia • The Economic Partnership Agreements: the Case of Ethiopia • Sectional Interest and regulatory provisions as major barriers to competition in Ethiopia • Enhancing Ethiopia's International competitiveness: The lesson to learn • Growth Prospects and Challenges to become a Middle Income Country • Gender Differences in Educational Performance of Primary School Age Children in Rural Ethiopia • Stakeholders' Perception of Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies in Ethiopia • Creating Markets to end Poverty in Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases and broadened EEA's network with its stockholders • EEA staffs' productivity improved • Increases EEA's acceptance as a credible organization for research and policy advice • Improved the image of EEA • Broadened the knowledge and understanding of the economic situation of the country

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	2. EEA/EEPRI staff Participation at various workshop organized by EEA' Stockholders in workshops	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 50 workshops including the following.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in about 50 workshops and seminars 	
	3. Membership in National Committees and Providing Professional Advices	Staff members of EEA/EEPRI are participated as members of steering committees which is established by different organizations with the aim of providing policy and professional advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in 13 National committees. Namely: • The Director of EEPRI is a technical committee member which is organized by ESTA. He is also a member of the Academic Board of the CPP of the AERC. • A senior researcher is a member of research team for the study on the Second CRC study, which is organized and implemented PANE • Assistant researcher is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member. • Assistant researcher is participating in a training and research project involving the different networks of civil society groups in Ethiopia on “Tools of Appreciative Inquiry for Research”. • Researcher is participating in a technical Committee for the preparation of Strategic plan for Chemical industry in Ethiopia • Discussions have been made with International consultant working with the MoTI on WTO accession and Ethiopia’s anti-dumping regulations and practices. • Discussions have been made with International consultant from Queens 	

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			<p>College, UK, on Competition law in Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions have been made with PHD student on the research topic “Ethiopian Industrial Development: Lessons from South Korea’s industrialization strategy” • Researcher participated in a technical Committee for Commemoration of the 7th Ethiopian Industrial Week • Comments on the 2007/08 federal government budget was prepared by EEA/EEPRI staffs and consultation/meeting held on the budget proclamation with senior staffs of Netherlands Embassy • Filled questionnaire prepared by MOTI and NBE for the institutions’ Business Process Reengineering (BPR) exercise 	
	<p>Visits to EEA to share experiences and discuss on economic issues</p>	<p>EEA has received visitors among which the major once include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team from the WB visited EEA on March 18, 2008 and discussed issues related to Private and Financial Sector Development • A Team from CIDA working on Governance Issues visited EEA and held discussions on March 31, 2008. • On April 1, 2008 a team from Sweden working on Private sector development visited EEA and held discussion on the issue. • On April 4, 2008 a Finish Delegation visited EEA and held discussions on the situation of the Ethiopian Economy. • Parliamentarian, governmental offices, students, scholars, civil societies, etc. has also visited EEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provided professional opinion and shared experience • Discussion with two leading parliamentarians was held on food inflation, its impact on poverty and possible mitigating strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen and broadened the networks of EEA • Improved the analytical capacity of EEA staff • EEA accepted as a credible organization for policy advice and source of information. • EEA’s influence or role in the policy making increases