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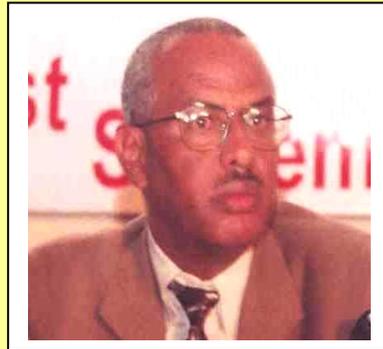
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## ***I. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Our report this year covers, as is customary, the activities of the Association accomplished through its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), and the EEA Secretariat.



In the reporting period, EEA carried out several research activities on economic and social issues pertinent to the growth and development of the Ethiopian Economy through its research wing, EEPRI. To mention some of the completed research topics conducted in the reporting period: i) Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia's Innovative Health Extension Program; ii) Measuring Empowerment:- The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia; iii) Trade Relations between Ethiopia and the Sudan and the East African Community (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) iv) Private Sector's Responses to the Current Global Financial and Economic Crisis; v) Study of Quality of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia; vi) The Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects etc.,

EEA strongly believes that its research activities can influence policy making if it can proactively engage policy makers. In this regard, EEA has made a relentless effort this year to engage the Government its activities and strengthen collaboration with Government in the areas of economic research, training and consultation. As a result the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry commissioned this year three research projects to our Association. These research projects are: National Human Development Report (NHDR) under the title of the Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change; Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export and Training on WTO Accession for Business Communities. In addition to these engagements, EEA had the benefit of maintaining a cordial and professional relationship with the two Ministries and other Government institutions.

The Association has also organized various discussion forums (six in number) on the Ethiopian economy and development issues that involved diverse groups of stakeholders. The results of these discussions were published for wider dissemination. A notable achievement in this regard has been the Seventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy which was organized and held for the first time at the EEA Multi-purpose Building Conference Center

The staff of EEA also actively participated and provided professional opinion in various local and international workshops and seminars which were organized by the public and private sectors as well as civil society organizations and the international bilateral and multilateral development community. In addition several visitors who are seeking information and advice on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy have been received and briefed.

In the area of resource mobilization, EEA has performed strongly in the reporting period. The Association has in particular been successful in diversifying its donor base and raising its own



generated income. The fact that EEA managed to secure a four year competitive grant of CAN\$ 1,220,430 from the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) of International Development Research Center (IDRC) is a noticeable achievement in this regard. Currently, EEA has reached a strong financial position in its history. Its fixed asset has increased from Birr 23 Million in June 2008 to about 30 million Birr by the end of June 30, 2009. Its own generated income from research activities, membership fees, sponsorship, sales of publication also increased from 11 Million Birr in June 2008 to 17 Million Birr by the end of June 2009. Thus, currently, the share of own income from the total income of the Association reached about 40%.

In the year, EEA has put up efforts to open additional chapters at Haromaya, Dire Dawa and Mekele. Accordingly, agreements have already been reached with Haromaya and Dire Dawa Universities and all preparatory activities have been completed for the official inauguration of the chapters. In addition, continuous communication has been made with Mekele University to open EEA Chapter there.

During the current reporting period, the new organizational structure and revised operational manuals of EEA which were prepared in the previous year were put in to operation. Accordingly new placement of staff was undertaken along with the appropriate changes in the remuneration packages.

Though we were not able to organize as many training events as we would have wished, the activities carried out in this area with a view to improve the professional standing of EEA's members and the staff of government institutions are note worthy. In this regard the Association has organized three training events at EEA Bahir Dar and Hawassa Chapters. This is one of the important areas where EEA intends to make a difference in the future.

Having addressed briefly the performance of EEA for the year, I would like to dwell upon the future challenges of the Association, which need our concerted attention. We, at the Secretariat and the Research Institute, have outlined three focal areas for future action with a view to enhancing and improving the EEA's operations and source of income. These are the effective and productive use of our Multi-purpose building, expansion of our membership base and the re-registration of EEA as per the new CSO law.

- As you well aware of, EEA completed its Multi-purpose Building and housed its offices (the Secretariat and EEPRI) in it. However, the building is not yet fully providing the intended services. The conference hall is not yet furnished with the required furniture and a sound system which are critical missing inputs. In addition, though the Executive Committee of EEA has given due focus for the establishment of Training Institute and started some preliminary work, we have not yet developed a Training Program and the corresponding curricula and business plan for the establishment of Training Institute. The establishment of Training institutes of excellence in development economics and business management is an area where EEA is planning to make a difference. In this endeavor, we need the support of the members, friends of the Association, the private sector, the government and the development partners.
- Expand membership base and increase the participation of members in the association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. We need to



increase membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and abroad. In this regard, the opening up of the EEA's chapters at regional centers taking into account their functional sustainability is the right move in the right direction.

- The EC of EEA has held repeated discussion on the implications of the Charities and Societies Proclamation and undertaken preparatory activities. The Secretariat of the Association has also made frequent visit to the Ministry of Justice to get information of the registration process. Thus, in the plan period, the re-registration of EEA as per the Charities and Societies Proclamation will be one of areas that will deserve our focus.

In spite of the significant challenges we have, I remain optimistic about the future of EEA. The opportunity squarely lies before us for the association to make concerted efforts to come to grips with perhaps the most significant economic problems of Ethiopia. The work done by economists and the research and the decisions that will be made within the profession in the next few years, are likely to be extraordinarily influential, in terms of improving the welfare of the entire Ethiopian society.

Our association is willing to seek new ways of addressing the emerging new economic problems and to be of better service and meet the expectations of its members and key stakeholders. We have sought to make our association progressive, responsive, and effective for future generations of economists in Ethiopia. I believe that we have laid the foundation and we will proceed and succeed.

The remarkable achievements of EEA were the result of the active participation of members, the friends of EEA (non-members), the government, and development partners. The willingness of members to assist in the various undertakings of EEA is one of the important assets of the Association. It is through the dedicated efforts of literally its members that the work of EEA is carried out. I thank them for their support.

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

I would also like to recognize and appreciate the immense support given to us by the Ethiopian Government and thank them for the support they extended us in realizing EEA's goals and objectives. I believe our relation and cooperation shall grow even stronger in the future.

Our special thanks go to our partners who have shared our vision and provided us with generous financial support to materialize the activities of EEA. These include; The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), The Norwegian Church Aid, The Royal Netherlands Embassy, The Swedish Embassy through SIDA, The Development Cooperation of Ireland (DCI) and the Ireland Embassy, the British Embassy through DFID, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany, and International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada. I can assure you that with your continued support we can make a difference in Ethiopia.

Wolday Amha (Ph.D)  
President, EEA



## II. INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of the Association accomplished from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 by its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) and the EEA Secretariat. The first part of the report covers the activities performed in the year 2008/09 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2009/10 (from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010). The last part provides the external audited financial report of EEA. For further clarification, the performance report has also been presented in Log Frame format as annex.



Press release before the inauguration of the EEA Multi-purpose Building



Partial view of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference Participants

## *PART ONE*

### *III. SIX MONTHS ACTIVITY REPORT for 2008/09 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)*

#### *1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES*

One of the objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association is conducting research on various issues affecting the Ethiopian economy. To that effect the Association has established the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) since 2000 to undertake policy related researches on a sustainable manner. Normally two types of research activities, namely core program research activities and demand driven or commissioned research activities are organized by the Association. Over the last few years the Association was able to produce several research outputs which have been critical inputs to the policy making process of the country. As before several research activities have been undertaken during the reporting period some of which are completed and others are ongoing. The completed and the ongoing research activities from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 are highlighted under this section.

#### **1.1. COMPLETED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

Out of the several research projects that were initiated during the previous reporting periods and during the current reporting period, the following research activities have been completed:

**1.1.1. Measuring Empowerment: The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium Term Impact of Ethiopia's Women Development Initiatives Project (WDIP):** This is a continuation 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. In the reporting period data cleaning, verification, coding, data entry analysis and report writing has been carried out. The database and the final report have also been submitted to the client. The project is funded by the Global Development Network (GDN). In the project, three staffs of EEA have been involved. The project started in March 2008 and completed in September 2008.



- 1.1.2. Analysis of Impact of Cash Transfer on Child 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 reporting period data analysis and report writing have been carried out and the report has been submitted. In the project three staffs of EEA drawn from the Agriculture and Natural Resource Division and Human Resources Division have been involved.
- 1.1.3. 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 staff drawn from the Agriculture and Natural Resource Division and Human Resources Division. The project cost is about Birr 196,083. The study area covers institutions of the Federal Government, Donors and the four bigger regions – Tigray, Amhara, Oromia and SNNPR. In the reporting period, data analysis and report writing has been carried out. Based on the feedback obtained from the workshop organized to discuss on the findings of the study, final report was also prepared and submitted to the client.
- 1.1.4. 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. In the reporting period data analysis and report writing has been carried out and the report has been submitted to the client, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). The work is completed December 31 2008.
- 1.1.5. 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 comments collected from the Share Company was incorporated, the study was finalized and submitted to the Share Company in October 2008.
- 1.1.6. 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 role and contributions of FBOs in various fields of



development and explore the limitations and opportunities as well as future prospects that these organizations may face based on an historical perspective and a broad understanding of development. The client for this project is the Norwegian Church Aid –Ethiopia. In the reporting period, comments from the client on the first draft report were incorporated and the final report was prepared and submitted.

**1.1.7. Baseline Survey of Rural Towns Electrification (EEPCO):** This project was commissioned to EEA 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. In the reporting period data from the second round survey was verified, processed and submitted to EELPA.

**1.1.8. Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia’s Innovative Health Extension Program-** This study was aimed at conducting 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. The final report has been submitted in May 2009 to the Global Development Network (GDN) which has funded the project. Some more work is planned using the dataset collected during this study.

**1.1.9. Quarterly Reports:** With the objective of providing an independent and professional opinion on the macro-economic performance of the country, EEA has been publishing a quarterly macro-economic report since 2003. Accordingly, four quarterly reports were planned to be published during the report period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. EEA has finalized and published the report for quarter III and IV of 2007/08 and quarter I of 2008/09, while the report for the period from October to December 2008 is under preparation. The reports focus on all the macro economic sectors of the economy with the exception of the production sector for which data is not available on a quarterly basis.



**1.1.10. Finalizing the Documentation of the Macro-econometric Model and Exploring Further Possibilities of Calibration:**

EEA has completed the construction of a forecasting Macro-econometric model for Ethiopia during the previous reporting period. During the current reporting period, the documentation process of the macro-econometric model has been completed and prepared for external users in hard copy and CD-ROM, which have been disseminated to all the important policy makers and other partners of the Association. Discussion was also held with MoFED to update the model so as to incorporate and use the recently revised national accounts data and make the model usable for projection and policy simulation. EEA plans to undertake this exercise in collaboration with MoFED during the next planning period.

**1.1.11. Private Sector's Responses to the Current Global Financial and Economic Crisis:** A study was carried out to assess the private sector's response to the current global financial. The study was commissioned by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in commemoration of its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The final report has been presented on a workshop organized by the ILO on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009.

**1.1.12. Updating of Social and Economic Database:** The previous database which was compiled in two volumes and distributed in CD-ROMs contained important data on the Ethiopian Economy up to the year 2004/05. During the reporting period, the database was updated to include data up to the year 2007/08 for most of the variables. The CD-ROM is now widely distributed among researchers, policy makers, students and other stakeholders.

## **1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

Out of the several research projects that were initiated during the previous reporting periods and during the current reporting period, the following research activities are ongoing:

**1.2.1. The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change (Social Component):** This is part of a larger study on Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change and is undertaken in collaboration with the World Bank. The outcome of the study is expected to assist decision makers in developing countries to integrate adaptation measures into their development plans and budgets. The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change study is



expected to undertake micro-level analysis to inform calculations of global costs of adaptation in all developing countries, thus complementing the top-down aggregated perspective of the cost of adaptation for an economy. The social component of the project aims to complement the economics of adaptation to climate change (EACC) study by providing a methodology distinguished in various levels. In the reporting period climate change and its effect in Ethiopia have been reviewed, indicators developed and hotspot areas identified. The staff of EEA also participated in video and audio conferences and an international training workshop. The draft report of the project has been finalized and submitted to the client. The remaining work will be undertaken during the next planning period.

**1.2.2. Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export:** The project aims at identifying, analyzing and preparing a study report on the supply side constraints to the country's main exports and come up with policy recommendations that will help to remove some of the constraints. In the reporting period a proposal was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which was subsequently accepted. The project is supported by the European Union (EU) and is expected to be completed in March 2010. At the moment preparatory work is being undertaken and survey questionnaire preparation is well under way.

**1.2.3. Training on WTO Accession for business communities:** the objective the project is to make the business community aware of the WTO Accession issues and get prepare for its implications. The training will be organized in 17 major towns of Ethiopia. The project is supported by EU and training manual is being prepared at the moment. The project is expected to be completed in October, 2009. For smooth implementation of the project EEA has concluded agreement with the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association.

**1.2.4. Rapid Assessment of Shoe Shiners and Parking Attendants in Addis Ababa:** Since the urban informal sector, consisting of very small scale economic activities, accounts for a substantial, and increasing, share of urban employment in Ethiopia and most developing economies, and since a large majority of the urban poor depend on such activities for their livelihood, any credible strategy to reduce urban poverty and raise employment in these countries must pay due attention to this sector. In line with this, EEA has started this project with the support of the International



Labor Office and in collaboration with the City Council of Addis Ababa, the Federal Cooperative Promotion Bureau and the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions. The project is expected to critically assess the feasibility of providing organizational, technical and material support to the two groups of informal economy workers in Addis Ababa. This rapid assessment study is expected to be completed at the end of August 2009.

**1.2.5. Making Rural Services Work for the Poor:** 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. 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 reporting period, the instruments (questionnaires) for the study have been developed. And the household and some of the Kebele level surveys have been completed. Data entry and cleaning of the household survey has been completed while some of the Kebele survey is going on and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2009. The project is expected to be completed in November 2009. This project is carried out in collaboration with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

**1.2.6. A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between China and India and Ethiopia:** The general objective of the study is to survey the economic relations between Ethiopia and China and India. The specific objectives include: to assess the growing trade relations between Ethiopia, and China and India, to identify factors which are likely to condition the trade flows and their potential impacts on the Ethiopian economy; and to depict the trends in the loans and assistances provided by China and India to Ethiopia. The client of this project is FES and is expected to be completed during the year.

**1.2.7. National Human Development Report (NHDR) i.e. The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change:** The objective of the study is to prepare the National Human Development Report (NHDR) of Ethiopia under



the theme ‘the Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change’. This is a joint project of UNDP-Ethiopia, MoFED, and EEA. This project is expected to take about 15 months and the first draft of which is planned to be completed by April 2010. So far, data and documents have been collected and about 60% of the report writing has been completed. Two background papers, one on the ‘Sources of Growth in Ethiopia’ and another on ‘Climate Change, Growth and Poverty in Ethiopia’ have also been carried out.

**1.2.8. Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** With the view of consistently providing an independent and professional overview of the performance of the economy, EEA has been preparing annual report on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00. Accordingly, the Seventh Annual report, with a thematic focus on “**Energy Services and Development**” is under preparation. The report will make a detailed assessment of the energy sector and the environmental impact including, the recent developments in the sector, the potentials and constraints and opportunities available. Besides, the report covers an update of the macro-economic, agriculture & related, manufacturing industry, trade, and social sector developments. In the reporting period the draft report has been completed and presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. At the moment the remaining sections of the Report are being prepared and the final report is expected to be published during the next reporting period.

**1.2.9. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa:** A project which is being carried out together with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (based in Sri Lanka) is under way. In the reporting period, report on feedback on storage inventory and framework for field survey has been prepared and a mid-term review on the project has been organized among the project participants.

**1.2.10. Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation among Small holders in Ethiopia:** This is joint project with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the EEA. The major objective of this research project is to strengthen national and local capacities for climate change adaptation and the implementation of the NAPA in Ethiopia. In this regard climate change related impacts, vulnerabilities and risks will be downscaled and assessed at the national and local levels focusing on two major agro climatic



zones namely dry land and highland zones of Oromia Region. In addition, suitable practices and technologies will be identified and the roles of key agencies and organizations involved in addressing climate change related risks will be identified and analyzed. The project is expected to be completed in December 2009.

**1.2.11. Research Proposals Developed:** Several proposals on different Research projects have been prepared and submitted to different organizations in partnership with several external firms and organizations which include **ZEF- University of Bonn** on Biofuel Systems and Rural Poverty Reduction: Strategies for Europe and Developing Countries, **Mathematica Policy Research** on General Education Quality Improvement Project, **ANSA** on Implementation Partner for East Africa, **OPM – England** on Assessing the Implementation of Civil Service Reform Program in Ethiopia. In addition, a proposal National Health Accounts (NHA) Household Service Utilization and Expenditure Survey was submitted to Abt Associates in April 2009. Similarly a technical proposal was submitted to the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia for organizing short term training on Econometric software.

**1.2.12. Securing a Four Year Competitive Grant from IDRC:** EEA has submitted a detailed proposal to the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) of the IDRC in response to a call for expression of interest during the previous reporting period. More than 300 institutions from all over African countries have submitted their proposal of which only 24 institutions were able to pass the final screening process. After stiff screening process, EEA has been able to secure a four year competitive grant which aims at improving the research activities and organizational performance as well as helping in the publication and dissemination of the research outputs.

## 2. *Short Term Training Activities*

Providing short term training to members and the general public including policy makers is another major objective of the Ethiopian Economics Association. This capacity building activity is highly demanded but the resources of EEA are limited to organize such trainings on regular basis both in Addis and outside Addis Ababa. The following are some of the training activities organized during the reporting period.



- 2.1. **Econometric Statistical Software Packages (STATA Give Win, Pc Give and Views):** The training was organized in collaboration with the Bahir Dar Chapter of EEA for 24 members of EEA at the Bahir Dar University from Dec. 8 – 13, 2008. 22 on STATA, Give Win, Pc-Give and EViews. The objective of the training is to provide members with an enlightening knowledge on econometric software applications in an effort to boost members’ ability on scientific research and praise the economics profession.
- 2.2. **Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards:** The training was organized in collaboration with the Bahir Dar Chapter of EEA for about 35 members of EEA and staffs of regional Bureaux that include BOFED, Trade and Industry Bureau, Agriculture and Rural Development Bureau etc. at the Bahir Dar University from April 29 – May 1, 2009. The objective of the training was to provide participants with an enlightening knowledge on Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data in an effort to boost their ability on scientific research and praise the economics profession.
- 2.3. **Support and Participation in University Level Trainings:** Two staffs of EEA offered a course for Graduate students of Economics at the Addis Ababa University Department of Economics and at Haromaya University. In addition some of the EEA staffs are serving as thesis advisors to graduate students and thesis examiners in various universities.
- 2.4. **Internship Program:** The Association provided two months internship facilities to eight economics students drawn from Addis Ababa University, Bahir Dar University, Adama University, Haromaya University, Mekele University, Jimma University and Hawassa University.
- 2.5. **EEA Staff Training**
  - (1) One staff attended an experimental training on “Economic Governance” organized by Institute for Democracy of South Africa in Johannesburg and the World Bank Institute in May, 2009.
  - (2) Three staffs attended training on the Application of GAMS to CGE Modeling at EDRI.
  - (3) Two EEA Staffs attended an International Training on Participatory Scenario Development at Accra – Ghana from 8 – 13 June, 2009.
  - (4) One staff has been granted a three months training opportunity in Belgium

### 3. *Organization of Workshops and Paper Presentations*

Organizing different discussion forums including workshops and conferences, public lectures and other similar events is one of the objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association. EEA has been successful in organizing several public forums where economic issues have been discussed extensively. The following forums have been organized during the current reporting period.

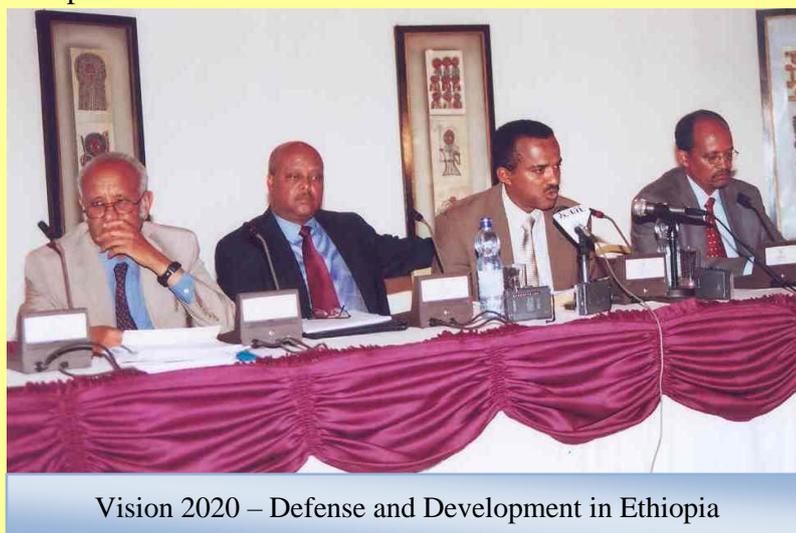


### **3.1. Organization of Workshops**

#### **3.1.1. Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum**

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

In the last six months, one Vision 2020 forum on “Defense and Development in Ethiopian” was organized. In the event some 150 invited guests, including EEA members, government dignitaries, business persons, members of NGOs and Ethiopians from the Diaspora have participated. The presentation of the public lecture was posted at EEA website.



#### **3.1.2. Public Lecture on the Recent Financial Crisis**

As a follow of Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum one public lecture on “the Recent Financial Crisis: Market Correction or System Disintegration? What implication and lessons can we draw?” was organized at Association’s Conference Center on December 26, 2008. The lecture was aimed at providing insights to participants on the possible impact of the current global financial market crisis which is accompanied by economic downturns of major economies of the world on developing countries in general and on Ethiopia in particular. Moreover, it has tried to give implications on market structure in Ethiopia. The event attracted more than 120 invited guests, including EEA members, government dignitaries, business persons, members of NGOs and Ethiopians from the Diaspora participated. The presentation of the public lecture was posted at EEA website.



### **3.1.3. Inauguration of the EEA Multi-purpose Building and the 16th General Assembly**

Inauguration of the EEA Multi-purpose Building and the 16th General Assembly of EEA was successfully organized on November 15, 2008 with high level gratification of members, Executive Committee members of EEA, invited donor communities, Government officials and staff of EEA. The EEA Multi-purpose Building was inaugurated in the presence and opening remark of H.E Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn, Web at the rank of Minister (Government representative in the house of peoples' representative).

During the inauguration of the EEA Multi-purpose Building, the Ethiopian Economics Association has taken the event as an opportunity to recognize and thank institutions including key Government institutions, Universities, donors, development partners and other that have supported EEA's vision financially, technically and morally over since the inception of the Association. In this regard, 48 institutions have been awarded with Certificate of Appreciation by H.E. Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn. Overall, about 300 members and invited guests have attended the inaugural ceremony.

After the completion of the inaugural ceremony of the EEA Building, the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) of EEA was held. The General Assembly has thoroughly discussed and endorsed the Annual Performance Report, the plan for the year 2008/09 and the External Audit Report. GA re-elected Dr. Getnet Alemu as Chief-Editor Dr. Astede Assefa as Treasurer and Ato Workineh Deneke as Member. The GA also elected W/ro Etalem Engida as new member of the Executive Committee of EEA.



Inaugural ceremony of the EEA Multi-purpose Building





16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – EC members with Guest of Honor



16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Participants

#### **3.1.4. Dissemination Workshop on the Study of the Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development**

A dissemination workshop was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2008 to present the findings of the study on the FBOs project to the major stakeholders. In this half a day workshop more than 25 people have participated and have forwarded their comments and feedbacks on the draft study report.



Participants of the FBOs workshop



### **3.1.5. The Seventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy was organized from June 25 to 27, 2009 at the EEA Multi-purpose Building Conference Center. The event attracted high turnout of the participants, papers presenters and session organizing institutions. The conference was attended by about 420, 238 and 252 participants during the first, second and third days of the conference, respectively. All in all, 74 papers were presented in seven plenary and five parallel sessions. Of the total paper presented at the three day conference, 19 papers were presented by session organizers that include World Bank, Future Agriculture, EDRI, IFPRI, RiPPLE, Economics Department of AAU, Young Lives Study and Ethiopian Development Research Institute. The remaining 55 papers were presented by individual researchers. From the evaluation feedbacks; the organizing committee has obtained that in terms of venue, organization of the conference (program design, timing of invitations and conference materials), topics covered, participation, etc., the organization of the conference rated as the most successful one ever. Generally, the successful conclusion of the Conference is expected to improve relationship between the Association and Government and other stakeholders; raised the capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers; and improves the knowledge of participants on the socio-economic situation of the country.



The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference Guest of Honor, H.E. Ato Neway Gebre Ab





The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference participants

### **3.1.6. The First Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development:**

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) has opened chapters at some regional centres in collaboration with Regional Universities with the aim of engaging EEA in Economic research, training, and organization of conferences and round table discussions on the Regional socio-economic activities. In line with the above stated objectives, the first annual conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development is to be co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on August 15, 2009. In the reporting period, call for papers have been made to members through email and notice and letters have been dispatched to regional collaborating institutions. So far about 7 papers have been collected that will be presented at the one day conference. It is hoped that the conference improves relationship between the Association and regional government and other stakeholders in the region; improves the capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers in the region; and improves the knowledge of participants on the socio-economic situation of the Amhara Regional State.

### **3.1.7. Public Lecture on “Why are there so Many Poor People in Africa and South Asia?”**

A half day public lecture on the issue of “Why are there so many poor people in Africa and South Asia?” was held at Hilton Hotel on June 19, 2009 in collaboration with the WB in which representatives of the Government, donor community, Civil society organization, academia and EEA members participated. The public lecture was given by Dr. Shanta Deveajan, World Bank Chief Economist of the African Region.



### **3.2. Paper Presentations on Workshops and Seminars**

With the aim of influencing policy EEA staffs are encouraged to participate and present papers in various national and international forums. During the reporting period, staff members and researchers of EEA have presented papers on the various national and international workshops, seminars and other forums. The following are some of the papers presented:

- 3.2.1. Economic Development Challenges in Ethiopia:** a paper presented during the roundtable discussion on Food and Agricultural Policy in Ethiopia on December 9, 2008 in the presence of the IFPRI Board of Trustees. The Roundtable was organized by the EDRI and IFPRI.
- 3.2.2. Stakeholders' Perception on Climate Change:** The paper was presented on a workshop organized by EDRI and IFPRI in Adama from December 11 to 13, 2008. The workshop was attended by more than 120 people drawn from different organizations and countries.
- 3.2.3. Threats and Opportunities of Biofuel Production:** This paper was presented on a Regional Workshop organized by the Addis Ababa University on September 22, 2008. The theme of the workshop was Food Education, Security and Social Perspectives.
- 3.2.4. The implications of bio-fuel farming for land access and food security in Ethiopia:** - the paper was presented on the workshop organized by Addis Ababa University from Oct. 20-21, 2008. About 70 people participated on the workshop
- 3.2.5. Benefits for Ethiopia of Investing in Large-scale Agricultural Schemes:** the paper was presented at the workshop organized by Green Forum on October 30, 2008 in which about 100 people from different sector participated
- 3.2.6. Current Economic Challenges facing Ethiopia:** This paper was presented on the one day workshop organized by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in February 2009.
- 3.2.7. Impact Evaluation of the Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program:** the Result of the research project on the Health Extension Services Program was presented by two staff of EEA in York- England, at the EEA 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy in Addis Ababa, Pretoria – South Africa and Accra – Ghana during the reporting period.
- 3.2.8. Private Sector's Responses to the Current Global Financial and Economic Crisis:** a paper was presented on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 during the commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ILO.



**3.2.9. The following eleven papers have been presented by the staff of EEA at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy that was held from June 25 – 27, 2009:**

1. Demand for Child Curative Care: Empirical Evidence from Rural Ethiopia
2. Effect of individual, Household and Village Characteristics on Child Immunization in Rural Ethiopia
3. Balance of Payment Constrained Economic Growth: A case of Ethiopia
4. The Implications of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis for Ethiopia
5. Energy and Economic Development, Energy Resources and Constraint for Exploitation and Demand and the Current Consumption and Problems of the Sector.
6. Sources of Growth in Ethiopia
7. Modeling the Export Sector of Ethiopia
8. Behavior of macroeconomic Policies in Ethiopia
9. Poverty and Accesses to Credit in Rural Ethiopia: Empirical Evidence from Coffee Growing Households
10. Determinants of International Tourism Inflows in Ethiopia
11. Rural Non-farm Employment in Ethiopia: Status and Linkages

**3.3. Participation in Workshops and Seminars**

The staff of EEA have participated in several local and international workshops and seminars and provided professional inputs. They also served as moderator of meetings on several occasions. In addition, attempts were made to provide policy advices on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy both for nationals and expatriates. In this context, several visitors have been received and briefings and discussions were held on the Ethiopian economy. While listing all the national workshops and seminars in which EEA staffs have participated would be extremely difficult, some of the following international workshops have been attended by EEA staffs:

- 3.3.1.** One staff attended an international workshop on '*Economic and Legal aspect of International Investment Agreements*' (Kampala, Uganda November, 2008)
- 3.3.2.** One staff participated an international workshop on '*Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on the African Economy*' (Zambia, Lusaka April, 2008)
- 3.3.3.** One staff attained training workshops on **Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) at Brussels from March 15 to 20, 2009**. The aim of the workshop was to widen the



understanding of EPA negotiation process, challenges, status of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) that has been going on between EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

- 3.3.4.** Climate Change and Water Storage (in Collaboration. with IWMI); One member of EEA staff Participated in a Research Team meeting that discussed on a component activity – “Inventory of storage types, characteristics, and their distribution in the Blue Nile”

### **3.4. Participation in National Committees to Provide Professional Advices**

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

- 3.4.1.** The Director of EEPRI is a technical committee member which is organized by EOST. He is also a member of the Academic Board of the CPP of the AERC.
- 3.4.2.** A staff of Human Resource Division is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member.
- 3.4.3.** A staff has been taking part in a joint research project with a coalition of various Civil Society Groups working on poverty.
- 3.4.4.** A staff of the Human Resource Division is participating in a collaborative research project on the topic “the role of Civil Society Organizations in achieving the Millennium Development Goals” organized by a network of civil society groups.
- 3.4.5.** 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.

## **4. *Publications Produced***

In the reporting period, the Association has published the following documents in hard copies and in CDs:

- Four issues of the Economic Focus Magazine, namely: -
  - Peace and Development,
  - Climate Change and Carbon Trading & Development, and
  - Climate Change related to Adoption Mechanism & Development.
  - National Defense and Economic Development in Ethiopia (Vol. 11 No. 2)
- Tow issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics (Vol. XVI No. 2 & Vol. XVII No. 1)



- Three Quarterly Macro-economic Reports
- Two Volumes of the Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.
- The Ethiopian Macro-Economic Model: Description and Profile.
- The Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy Vol. VI 2006/07
- The Role of Faith Based Organizations in Development in Ethiopia: Past Contributions and Future Prospects (joint publication with NCA-Eth).
- A paper on “Can Ethiopia Realize a Better Agriculture in its third Millennium? The Role and Dilemma of Farm Prices” posted on a website.

## 5. *Articles Submitted for Journal Publications and Review of Journal Articles:*

### 5.1. **Articles Published in Journals, Books and Scientific Publications by Staffs of EEA**

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

- 5.1.1. Dr. Assefa Admassie contributed Book Chapter entitled “Attending School, Reading, Writing and Child Work in Rural Ethiopia” was published in July 2008.
- 5.1.2. The Book entitled “Economic Reform in Developing Countries” was published by Edward Elgar and edited by Fanelli, Jose Maria and Lyn Squire.
- 5.1.3. Klaus Deininger, Jaap Zevenbergen, Daniel Ayalew, Assefa Admassie, and Berhanu Adenew, contribute an abstract “**Assessing the Certification Process of Ethiopia’s Rural Lands**” which was published in the Book entitled “**the Frontiers of Land Issues**”, 2008.

### 5.2. **Article Submitted for Journal and other Scientific Publications**

- 5.2.1. Assefa Admassie and Gezahegn Ayele, “Adoption of Improved Technology in Ethiopia”, submitted to EJE
- 5.2.2. Amin Abdella, “the Booming Non-Traditional Exports in Ethiopia: The Case of Cut-Flower”, submitted to EJE
- 5.2.3. Amin Abdella, “Competitiveness of the Ethiopian Economy in COMESA Market”, paper submitted for publication on EEA, Working Paper.
- 5.2.4. Degenet Abebaw, “*Responding to Income Shock through Forest Extraction: Survey Evidence from Ethiopian Coffee Farmers*”, *Ethiopian Journal of Economics* [Forthcoming Publication]
- 5.2.5. Degenet Abebaw, “*The Safety net role of Wild Coffee berries in Ethiopia: Linking Conservation to Development*”, *Ethiopian Journal of Agricultural Economics* [Forthcoming Publication]
- 5.2.6. Degenet Abebaw, “*The Impact of a Food Security Program on*



***Food Consumption in Northwestern Ethiopia: A Matching Estimation of Ethiopia’s Health Extension Program: A Non Experimental Approach”***

5.2.7. *Assefa Admassie, Degenet Abebaw, Andinet Delelegn, “Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia’s Innovative Health Extension Program: A Non- Experimental Approach”* to be submitted to the Journal of Development Effectiveness.

**5.3. Research Article in Progress**

5.3.1. Technical Efficiency of Ethiopia’s Health Systems: Evidence from Panel Data.

5.3.2. Child Malnutrition in Ethiopia: A Quintile Regression Analysis

**5.4. Reviewing of Journal Articles**

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

5.4.1. One article for the Journal of Population and Environment

5.4.2. One article for the Ethiopian Journal of Development Research which is published by the College of Development Studies of AAU.

5.4.3. One article for the Ethiopian Journal of Economics

5.4.4. One article for the Comparative Education.

**6. *Publications Distribution***

The Ethiopian Economics Association has continued to distribute its publications to Government officials and institutions, donors, EEA Chapters, academia, members of the Association and the general public through different distribution channels in some cases free copies.

In the reporting period, EEA has distributed about 24,861 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests (See the details in the Table 6.1).



**Table 6.1: Publications Distribution (January 1 – June 30, 2009)**

S/N	Beneficiaries	No of publication distributed					Total
		Economic Focus	Quarterly Macro Report	Annual Report	Proceedings	Journals & Research Report	
1	Donors	56	30	10	21	57	174
2	Government officials	84	48	12	36	156	336
3	EEA Chapters (Hawassa & Bahir Dar)	1462	264	65	179	490	2460
4	Universities (Arba Minch, Haromaya, Dire Dawa, Jijiga and AAU)	4815	555	190	359	737	6656
4	EEA members and Guests	9814	1586	1979	591	1265	15235
	Total	16,231	2,483	2,256	1,186	2,705	24,861

EEA has also made available its publications with highly subsidized price to academia, members of EEA and the general public. Through this method about 3,817 publications have been distributed.

## 7. *EEA Membership Drive*

To maintain and expand EEA membership, significant effort has been made in the reporting period. In this regard, the secretariat office has tried to communicate members through email to update its database and to invite and engage members in the different activities of the Association. The Association has also tried to open EEA chapters in the regions.

**7.1. Membership Recruitment:** A total of 364 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. As a result, the total registered number of members of the Association as of June 30, 2009 has reached about 2700. Of the total members, 154 and 97 members are registered at Hawassa and Bahir Dar EEA chapters respectively.

**7.2. Active members:** The number of active members as defined by those settling their membership fees is still very low though the trend is an increasing one. The number of active members is about 44.7% of the total registered members. Currently, about 64% of the registered members (about 1726 members) have e-mail addresses which are much higher than the level in the previous years. The details by membership type are shown in Table 7.1.



**Table 7.1: Membership Status as of June 30, 2009**

Membership Status	Members by Category				
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
Registered Members	1902	306	458	34	2700
Active Members	716	146	339	5	1206
3.1 As % of the total	37.6	47.7	74.0	14.7	44.7
3.2 Those who have e-mail address	1116	221	364	25	1726
3.3 As % of the total	58.7	72.2	79.5	73.5	63.9

**7.3. Opening up of EEA Chapters:** EEA has two chapters one at Hawassa and another in Bahir Dar Town. To increase the number of EEA Chapters to five, the Association has made preparatory works during the reporting period. In this regard, the Secretariat Head with EEPRI Director visited Haromaya University and Dire Dawa University. During the visit, the team held successful discussions with presidents and heads of Economics departments of the universities and reached an agreement to open EEA Chapters. The Universities have already agreed on the memorandum of understanding and expressed their commitment to provide the necessary support for the opening of EEA Chapter offices. With this understanding, all EEA publications were sent to universities and preparatory activities completed. What remains is to organize the inaugural workshops which have been postponed a number of times due to unexpected circumstances. In addition, continuous communication has been made with Mekele University to open EEA Chapter there. The team also visited Jijiga University in order to explore what EEA could contribute to the improvement of the teaching of Economics in the University. As a result of which, all EEA publication has been sent to the Jijiga University to support the teaching the university. In addition, continuous communication has been made with Mekele University to open EEA Chapter.

**7.4. Redesigning EEA Website and Upgrading the Internet Service:** EEA has redesigned its website so as to make it user-friendly, flexible, functional and dynamic. In the reporting period, project proposal has been prepared, website designer selected on competitive bases, and the website has been developed. The new website has been demonstrated at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. Currently, the Association is trying to identify a web hosting provider, to make the new website functional. The completion of this project will improve the efficacy of membership services. The Association can perform online membership fee collections, registrations and sales of the publications. The new website also enables to access EEA's Statistical Database and library services online. It will also help members, academia and other stakeholders to download some of the Association's publications.



## *8. Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Programs and Activities*

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

- 8.1.** The activities of EEA and its Multi-purpose building have obtained a good coverage by Ethiopian Television, various media both private and public during the occasion of the official inauguration of EEA's Multi-purpose Building that was held on October 15, 2008.
- 8.2.** The Head of the Secretariat of the Association and the Director of EEPRI visited and briefed about the vision and activities of EEA to Dire Dawa University, Haromaya University, Jijiga University presidents and Economics Department heads/staffs. The team also visited the heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureaus of Harari Council and Dire Dawa town.
- 8.3.** EEA has distributed a 30 minutes DVD documentary film that was prepared on "EEA's Journey" to Donors, Government officials, Universities, Collaborating institutions. The film has been seen by participants during Vision 2020 forums and the General Assembly of the Association.
- 8.4.** The Executive Committee of EEA has provided a press release on June 23, 2009 on the overall objectives and activities of EEA and provided detailed information on the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. During the occasion, an informative report that was prepared for the occasion distributed to journalists. The report covers the Association Vision, Mission, Objectives, Membership status, Financial and organizational situation of the Association, the main activities of the Association so far achieved and future plans of the Association. The press release was attended by Ethiopian TV, press and private press agencies. The press release has got good coverage in the media.
- 8.5.** The staffs of EEA have given interviews to various News Agencies including VOA and ETV on different issues.
- 8.6.** Current information about the activities of the Association has also been uploaded on EEA website.
- 8.7.** At every workshop, panel discussion and conferences, Media people and News Agencies are invited to report on the activities. In this regard, the public lecture that was organized on the topical issue of the financial crisis as well as the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference have received high News coverage on the electronic and print media.



## 9. *EEA Documentation Center Services*

The Ethiopian Economic Association Documentation Center has been providing different services, like Internet, reading, photocopy and book borrowing for EEA staff, members, university/College students and individual researchers (including foreigners who came to Ethiopia for different research work). In the reporting period, the following activities were performed by the center:

- The documentation center have got 34 books on different subjects on donation
- The library acquired 28 publication which was purchased from Central Statistical Agency
- Around 15 books were catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.
- 1281 users have visited the Documentation Center and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents.
- Preparing a manual of Bibliography for materials available in the documentation center
- Maintenance of WIN/ISIS database was successfully done and more than 2,600 data are currently available to users.
- The acquisitions of new books are also in process.

## 10. *Administrative Activities*

Putting in place the necessary administrative infrastructure is critical for the smooth functioning of any organization. In order to help the research and other activities of the Association several administrative actions have been undertaken during the reporting period. While it would be difficult to mention every administrative measure, the following should be mentioned.

- 10.1. Staff Recruitment:** One Executive Secretary and four guards have been hired during the reporting period following a competitive process.
- 10.2. Purchase of Equipment:** In order to increase the efficacy of the research activities several Lap top computers have been purchase after a tender process. At this moment almost all research staffs have a lap top computer.
- 10.3. Implementation of the New Organizational Structure:** The Association has prepared a new organizational structure and revised its operational manuals during the previous reporting periods which were approved in October 2008. During the current reporting period, effort was made to implement the new procedures. Accordingly new placement of staffs was undertaken along with the necessary changes in the remuneration packages.
- 10.4. Other Activities:** In addition to the above activities, several efforts were being undertaken to improve the system of administration and create conducive working environment for the staffs and members of EEA during the reporting period.



## *PART TWO*

### *IV. PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2009/10 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)*

Capitalizing on its achievements, improving its weaknesses, and fostering new ideas, the Ethiopian Economics Association will continue to play an active role during the next planning period. It plans to continue its traditional activities in the area of research, training and organizing forums and introduce new initiatives while putting more effort to improve the quality of its social services. In addition, the Association hopes to make visible appearance in several National Regional States through its regional chapters in addition to its main center in Addis Ababa. In this spirit, the Association plans to accomplish the following major activities during the next plan period.

#### *1. Ongoing and Planned Research Activities*

EEA plans to continue its engagement in core program research areas and demand driven research areas during the next planning period. In this regard EEA plans to expand its research activities into new areas and become involved in commissioned research more aggressively. It will try to develop several research proposals in response to calls for proposals by different national and international organizations. In addition, it will strive to improve the quality of its research output and increase its dissemination ability. In this regard, the following are the main ongoing and planned research activities that will be undertaken during the plan period.

- 1.1. Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export:** The project aims at identifying, analyzing and preparing a study report on the supply side constraints to the country's export and come up with policy recommendations that help to remove the constraints. In the plan period survey, secondary data collection, focus group discussions, analysis and report writing will be undertaken and the report will be submitted to EU/MOTI in March 2010.
- 1.2. The Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** The theme of the annual report on the Ethiopian Economy is "Energy and Environment". The report writing is well underway. In the plan period, the report will be published and disseminated.



- 1.3. **The Eighth 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 will be undertaken.
- 1.4. **Training on WTO Accession for business communities:** the objective the project is to make the business community aware of the WTO Accession issues and get prepare for its implications. In the plan period, training manual will be prepared, training will be conducted in 17 different towns in the country and report will be prepared and submitted to EU & MoTI.
- 1.5. **Quarterly Macroeconomic Report:** 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 2008/09 (April – June 2009) and the first two quarters of 2009/10.
- 1.6. **The Third Ethiopian Millennium: Renaissance, Sustainable Growth and Climate Change.** As mentioned earlier about 60% of the work has been completed in the reporting period. And 40% of the work will be completed and the report will be submitted to UNDP and MoFED in the coming plan period.
- 1.7. **Customizing the Macro-econometric Model for Policy Valuation:** The main objectives of the EEA Model are to (i) to define appropriate growth strategy for the country, (ii) to evaluate alternative policies and (iii) to scrutinize the interactions of varies sectors of the economy, describe transmission mechanisms and evaluate policy impacts and advice future policy directions. In light of these objectives, consensus has been reached between EEA and MoFED to calibrate the Model further so that it becomes suitable for policy analysis. Specifically the MoFED wants to use the model to forecast some economic variables during the preparation of the second phase of PSDEP.
- 1.8. **The Impact of Fuel Price Hike on Urban Poor in Ethiopia:** This project will be conducted in the coming year in collaboration with Norwegian Church Aid.
- 1.9. **Trade relations between Ethiopia, china and India.** In the next six months the required information will be collected and the report will be prepared. The study is expected to be completed by 31st December 2009.



- 1.10. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa:** A project which is undertaken in collaboration with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (based in Sri Lanka) is going on. The project is sponsored by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and GTZ. The remaining project activities from EEA side include preparation of survey instruments, undertaking survey and report writing. The project will be completed in the plan period.
- 1.11. Making Rural Services Work for the Poor:** 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. In the plan period, data verification, cleaning and entry will be carried out. Data will be analyzed and the report will also be prepared. The project is expected to be completed in November 2009.
- 1.12. The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change: the Social Component.** This project is commissioned by the World Bank. The remaining activities to be undertaken during the plan period include: conducting 2 and 1 national local consultation workshops, and preparation of the overall project report. The project will be completed in October 2009.
- 1.13. Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation among Small holders in Ethiopia:** The major objective of this research project is to strengthen national and local capacities for climate change adaptation and the implementation of the NAPA in Ethiopia. Work has already been started and the project is expected to be completed in December 2009.
- 1.14. Rapid Assessment of Shoe Shiners and Parking Attendants in Addis Ababa:** This rapid assessment study addresses the issue of understanding this group of workers; their working conditions, relationships, and possible prospects for improvement. In the plan period, there will be stakeholder consultations, field surveys, and data analysis and report presentation. The project is expected to be completed in the coming three months.
- 1.15. A project proposal on Water Management, Governance and Equity Issues in Ethiopia:** lessons learnt from case studies of WASH projects and best International Practices submitted to Water-Aid in 2008. The



decision is still being awaited and if the projected is commissioned to EEA, it will be implemented during the plan period.

- 1.16. A concept note and proposal for a study project on ‘Framework for Economic Growth Corridor in Ethiopia’ will be prepared and submitted to the UNDP.**
- 1.17. A study on the agro-industrial investments and contributions to local development in Ethiopia will be initiated during the plan period.**
- 1.18. Establishing a new Research Division:** Along the line of improving its research capacity, EEA plans to reorganize the trade and Industry division into two and create a new division that will focus only on trade issues and another which will focus on industry related issues.

## **2. *Planned Short Term Training Activities***

- 2.1. Short Term Training for Members and Policy Makers:** During 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:
  - Performance and Impact Evaluation of Development Projects
  - 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
  - Training on WTO Accession
- 2.2. Internship Training:** EEA has been providing a two months internship training for senior university students from different universities. During this plan period up to eight students from different universities will be provided with two months internship training opportunity.
- 2.3. Long Term Internship Training:** EEA also plans to start a new initiative in which one year internship training will be provided to select new M.Sc graduates of economics if it could secure the necessary resources.
- 2.4. Staff Training:** EEA will continue to seek for short term training opportunities for its staffs during the plan period.



### 3. *Planned Workshops and Conferences*

**3.1. Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forums:** Vision 2020 Ethiopia forum will continue in the planned period. Speakers and discussants for the topics will be identified. Some of the topics identified and planned for the forum include the following:

- Microfinance Institutions and Development in Ethiopia
- Tourism and Development in Ethiopia
- Construction and Development in Ethiopia
- Mining Industry and Development in Ethiopia
- Bio-fuel, Food Security and Economic Development in Ethiopia
- Telecommunication and Development in Ethiopia

**3.2. Other Conferences and Workshops:**

Following the previous tradition of organizing different forums the following conferences and workshop will be organized during the plan period.

- The first Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development is planned to be co-organized with the Bahir Dar chapter on August 15, 2009 at Bahir Dar.
- Public Lecture on socio-economic issues by inviting prominent persons will be organized.
- At least four workshops or panel discussions will be organized at regions where EEA's chapters operate.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EEA will be called during the plan period to discuss on past accomplishments and future plans of the Association.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized in June 2010 at EEA Conference Center
- Two Local (district level) and one National Participatory Scenario Development workshops will be organized as components of the research project 'The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change: the Social Component'
- A conference on Bio-fuel, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability and Economic Development in Ethiopia.
- A workshop will be organized for agricultural policy makers, researchers and development partners to disseminate the result of the study on climate change and adaptation issue in collaboration with the FAO.



#### 4. *EEA Membership Drive*

- 4.1. Opening up of Regional Chapters:** three EEA chapters which will be useful channels for expanding the activities of EEA will be opened at Mekele, Haromaya and Dire Dawa in collaboration with the Universities of the respective regions.
- 4.2. Strategies for retaining and increasing new members:** Effort will be made to improve membership base by implementing various strategies which includes the following:
- Online services such as online registration, publication sales etc will be started
  - Membership data base will be updated
  - Membership ID Card will be issued
  - 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 maintain contacts.
- 4.3. Providing Training:** During 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.
- 4.4. Redesigning of EEA Website and Upgrading the Internet Services:** EEA has redesigned its website so as to make it user-friendly, flexible, functional and dynamic. In the plan period, the website will be fully functional. The new website enables to access EEA's Statistical Database and library services online. It will also help members, academia and other stakeholders to download some of the Association's publications.
- 4.5. Increase EEA Website visitors by enhancing the provision of on line services:** - In the plan period, various online services will be provided to members and to others who visits EEA website. Thus, it is believed that EEA website visitors will increase substantially.

#### 5. *Production of Publications*

In its effort to disseminate the research findings EEA uses different product lines one of which is publication. EEA publications are in great demand among the different stakeholders. EEA plans to improve its publication quality and increase the spread of its publication outlets during the plan period. In this regard the



following publications will be produced during the plan period.

- EEA will publish the Proceeding of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- At least three issues of the Economic Focus Magazines will be published.
- The Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published
- Four issues of the Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Some four Working Papers will be produced during the year.
- Several Research Reports will also be produced at the culmination of the different research projects.

## 6. *Publicizing 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 during the organization of various discussion forums so that they may cover the various activities of the Association such as its International Conference and workshops. Up-to-date information about the activities of the Association will also be loaded at EEA website. EEA Staffs will provide interviews to various Medias on economic issues.

## 7. *Distribution of Publications*

EEA will continue to distribute its regular publications to its members, Government Offices, Universities, Civil Society Organizations, the Private Sector Chambers of Commerce and Sectoral Associations, Donors, and UN agencies through the various channels. EEA's Chapters at regions will continue to serve as major outlets for EEA's publication.

In addition, the current distribution and marketing system will be strengthened to reach the general public in a more effective way. In this regard EEA will try to identify and work with bookshops and libraries to expand its distraction outlets.

## 8. *EEA Documentation Center Services*

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

- 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

## 9. *Administration Activities*

Without an active and efficient administration apparatus, the research and training activities as well as the organization of forums and production of publication will not be successful. So, improving the administration efficiency will be an important task of the Association during the plan period. In this respect, the following activities are planned.

- 9.1. Organizing Training and Seminar Room Facilities:** While EEA's multipurpose building has sufficient space for organizing a training room it has not been able to use the space for training purposes. During the plan period, it is planned to establish a training and seminar room with all the necessary facilities. This will enable the Association to provide regular short term trainings for its stakeholders.
- 9.2. Hiring of New Employees:** According to the new organizational structure EEA should increase its professional work force. While it will not possible at this point in time to fully implement the structure a few additional staffs will be hired during the plan period on competitive basis.
- 9.3. Improving the Research Activities:** One of the major activities of EEA is research which often involves field work. However, the field work has been seriously undermined because of lack of field vehicle. Hence, one field vehicle will be purchased if resource allows. Besides, office desks and chairs will be purchased.
- 9.4. Administering the EEA Office Building:** It is expected that the EEA office building will be fully handed over by the contractor to EEA. This requires a careful assessment of the building for appropriate corrective works and maintaining the building constantly. The administration of



EEA will follow up the handover of the building and the day to day maintenance of the building. It will also create ways for using the building more effectively.

- 9.5. Other Administrative Activities:** The EEA administration will continue to strive to create a better and improved working environment for its staffs and members. Hence, additional equipments will be purchased in addition to handing the routine administrative activities.



*PART THREE*

*AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

















**PERFORMANCE REPORT IN LOG FRAME FORMAT FOR THE PERIOD January 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009**

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. Finalizing the Documentation of the Macro-econometric Model and Exploring Further Possibilities of Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The documentation process of the macro-econometric model is completed and published and is ready in hard copies and CD-ROM</li> <li>Discussion held with MOFED on the extension/updating of the model with the recently revised National Account Data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented Macro-econometric model in hard copies and CD-ROM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The model could be used to undertake policy simulations, evaluations and forecasting. As a result the policy making process of the country will improve.</li> <li>The model could be used by researchers, lecturers and students for academic exercise and learning and teaching purpose.</li> <li>Increases the role of EEA in the economic policy making process</li> <li>Improve the visibility of EEA</li> </ul>
	2. Impact Evaluation of Ethiopia's Innovative Health Extension Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data analysis and report writing is completed.</li> <li>The first draft report was submitted to GDN and One-on-One discussion with project mentor on the draft report and the way forward was also carried out.</li> <li>The final report was also submitted and presented at GDN's workshop</li> <li>The final report accepted by the client and the report presented at National and international Conferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final research report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The projects will inform policy makers, donors and other stakeholders concerning impacts of health policies and the lessons learned.</li> <li>It will provide useful insight for planning similar interventions in the future in the non-intervention areas as the project expands to cover the whole country in the near future.</li> <li>It also serves as source of information for similar exercise in the future.</li> <li>Provides an essential country experience that other developing countries could draw lessons from.</li> <li>The project capacitated EEA staff in the application of new research techniques in impact analysis</li> </ul>
	3. The Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The thematic issue "Energy and Environment" identified</li> <li>on the issue of Energy and Environment consultations with stakeholders and experts has been conducted</li> <li>identification of team of experts; TOR and research frame work have been carried out</li> <li>The first draft report on the thematic issue "Energy and Environment" completed and presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first draft report produced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy makers and government officials could get well-digested and analyzed information that help them to revisit their policies</li> <li>Academia, researchers and students has taken the report as a reference for further study and analysis.</li> <li>Increases EEA's influence or role in the policy making</li> <li>Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the other topics of the report, data collection carried out and report writing well underway.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved the understandings of the financial and world economic crises and its implication on the Ethiopian Economy</li> <li>Policy makers and donors will get information on the supply side constraints to the country's export and remedial recommendations will be provided to the problem</li> <li>Business community will aware of the WTO Accession issues and get prepare for its implications</li> <li>Well understood the growing trade relations between Ethiopia, and China and India</li> <li>The collaboration between EEA and its stakeholders will be further strengthened</li> <li>Increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization.</li> <li>Improved the EEA staffs in research capacity in the various field.</li> <li>Increased the trust of EEA's stakeholders</li> <li>Improved EEA's image</li> </ul>
4. Private Sector's Responses to the Current Global Financial and Economic Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract signed with ILO.</li> <li>Information collected and analysis and report writing carried out. .</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Report</li> </ul>		
5. Quarterly Macroeconomic Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data were collected, organized and analyzed</li> <li>Reports were written and published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three quarterly reports produced on the performance of the external sector, microfinance institutions, the investment climate, the dynamics of prices, money supply, and government finance.</li> </ul>		
6. Making Rural Service Provision Work for Rural Women and the Poor: Investments in Agricultural Services and Water Supply in Ethiopia:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey instruments designed</li> <li>Pre-testing of survey instruments was carried out.</li> <li>Familiarization of the purpose of the research project has been made to regional authorities.</li> <li>House hold and Kebele level survey completed</li> <li>Data entry and cleaning of the household survey has been completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveyed Data</li> </ul>		
7. Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Trade and Industry and EU and got acceptance.</li> <li>The project is signed on 13th March 2009</li> <li>Survey implementation plan is prepared and questionnaire preparation is well under way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal and signed agreement</li> </ul>		
8. Training on WTO Accession for business communities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Trade and Industry and EU and got acceptance.</li> <li>For smooth implementation of the project EEA has concluded agreement with Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal and signed agreement</li> </ul>		
9. A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between China and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal prepared and submitted to Fredrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and got acceptance.</li> <li>Preliminary work started.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal and signed agreement</li> </ul>		

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	India and Ethiopia			
	10. The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change (Social Component)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change and its effect in Ethiopia reviewed, indicators developed and hotspots identified.</li> <li>• The staff of EEA also participated in video and audio conferences and an international training workshop.</li> <li>• The first draft report of the project has been finalized and submitted to the client.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First draft report</li> </ul>	
	11. National Human Development Report (NHDR) i.e. The Third Ethiopian Millennium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract has been signed and the project launched officially.</li> <li>• EEA has prepared an inception report that includes progress report, outline of the report, action plan and suggested methodologies has been prepared and submitted to UNDP and MoFED for comment.</li> <li>• Data and documents have been collected and about 60% of the report writing has been completed.</li> <li>• Two background papers on the ‘Sources of Growth in Ethiopia’ and ‘Climate Change, Growth and Poverty in Ethiopia’ have also been carried out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first draft report is almost ready.</li> <li>• Background papers written.</li> </ul>	
	12. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on feedback on storage inventory prepared</li> <li>• Framework for field survey has been prepared</li> <li>• Participated in the preparation of mid-term review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports and survey instruments</li> </ul>	
	13. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two round survey was successfully completed in 20 towns covering 1300 households</li> <li>• The survey data processed and submitted to EELPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveyed Data</li> </ul>	

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	institution)			
	14. Study of Quality of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data analysis and report writing has been carried out.</li> <li>• Feedback workshop organized</li> <li>• Final report was prepared and submitted to the client</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final research report</li> </ul>	
	15. Trade Relations between Ethiopia and the Sudan and the East African Community (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data analysis and report writing has been carried out and the report has been submitted to the client, Fredrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final research report</li> </ul>	
	16. Measuring Empowerment:- The Condition of Poor Women in Ethiopia and the Medium Term Impact of Ethiopia's Women's Development Initiatives Project (WDIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data cleaning, verification, coding, data entry, analysis and report writing has been carried out.</li> <li>• The database and the final report have been submitted to the client.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report</li> </ul>	
	17. Analysis of Impact of Cash Transfer on Child Caring Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data was analyzed and report writing completed and submitted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report</li> </ul>	
	18. The Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development in Ethiopia – Past Contributions and Future Prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments collected from the client on the first draft report were incorporated and the final report was prepared and submitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Report</li> </ul>	

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	19. Assessment of the Ten-Year performance of Ayat Real Estate Share Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments on the first draft collected from the client was incorporated, the study was finalized and submitted to the Share Company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final report</li> </ul>	
	20. Updating Economic and Social Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collection and organization work completed and is available for users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Database in a CD ROM.</li> </ul>	
	21. Training and other capacity building activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified Training demand and topics</li> <li>Identified and selected trainees and trainers</li> <li>Prepared Training manuals</li> <li>Provided trainings</li> <li>advised graduate students</li> <li>Served the universities as external examiner for graduate students</li> <li>gave course to universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two training programs organized in “Econometric and Statistical Software Packages (STATA Give Win, Pc Give and Views)” and “Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards” at Bahir Dar University and a total of 57 members of EEA and staff of regional Bureaus and Bahir Dar University staffs benefited from the trainings.</li> <li>Eight economics students benefited from internship facility that drawn from Addis Ababa University, Bahir Dar University, Adama University, Haromaya University, Mekele University, Jimma University and Hawassa University.</li> <li>.EEA/EEPRI staffs served as external examiner for three M.Sc. students</li> <li>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</li> <li>A staff offered a course on “Agricultural Policy Analysis” for a PHD student from Haromaya University A staff offered a course for Graduate students of Economics at the Addis Ababa University Department of Economics.</li> <li>One staff attended an experimental training on “Economic Governance” organized by Institute for Democracy of South Africa in Johannesburg and the World Bank Institute in May, 2009.</li> <li>3 staffs attended training on the Application of GAMS to CGE Modeling at EDRI.</li> <li>Staff attended in an International Training on Participatory Scenario Development at Accra – Ghana from 8 – 13 June, 2009.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.</li> <li>The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.</li> <li>The quality and relevance of Thesis of Graduates improved.</li> <li>Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.</li> <li>The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.</li> <li>The quality and relevance of Thesis of Graduates improved.</li> <li>Improved quality of research publications</li> <li>EEA’s integrity and recognition as a strong research institute enhanced.</li> <li>Collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened</li> <li>EEA staff capacity improved</li> <li>EEA’s visibility improved</li> </ul>

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	22. Articles Submitted for Journal Publications and Review of Journal Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Six articles submitted to Ethiopian Journal of Economics and other journals.</li> <li>Six articles reviewed</li> </ul>	
	23. Documentation and library Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through its Documentation Center, EEA has provided Internet services, 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The documentation center have got 34 books on different subjects on donation</li> <li>The library acquired 28 publication which was purchased from Central Statistical Agency</li> <li>Around 15 books were catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.</li> <li>1281 users have visited the Documentation Center</li> <li>Manual of Bibliography for materials available in the documentation center prepared</li> <li>Maintenance of WIN/ISIS database was successfully done and more than 2,600 data are currently available to users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved stockholders' capacity</li> <li>Improved members' satisfaction</li> <li>Stakeholders recognized EEA's role in the capacity building effort</li> </ul>
Strengthening the working relations with stakeholders by establishing appropriate communication channels and improving the dissemination mechanisms from EEA's research	1. The Seventh Intentional Conference on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for papers have been made to members and collaborating institutions.</li> <li>Some other preparatory work for the conference is underway</li> <li>Papers that were presented at the Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy were also edited and published</li> <li>All preparatory activities successfully completed</li> <li>The conference carried out for three days (June 25-27, 2009) and Evaluation feedbacks collected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>74 papers were collected and presented in seven plenary and five parallel sessions</li> <li>19 papers were presented by secession organizers while the rest 55 papers were presented by individual researchers</li> <li>The conference attracted about 420, 238 and 252 participants during the first, second and third days of the conference, respectively</li> <li>From the evaluation it is found that the organization of the conference rated as successful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visibility of EEA improved</li> <li>Relationship with government and other stockholders improved</li> <li>Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers improved</li> <li>Improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the country.</li> <li>Stockholders recognized EEA's contributions as a key development</li> </ul>
	2. Organizing Vision 2020 Ethiopia Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified &amp; communicated 1 main speakers and 2 discussants</li> <li>Carried out preparatory activities such as invited EEA members, government officials, Civil Society members and Academia; and secured hall for the discussion.</li> <li>Reviewed Paper presented at the forum, translated edited, formatted and published at the Economic Focus Magazine of the Association.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized 1 Vision 2020 Ethiopian Forum on the topic Defense and Development</li> <li>About 150 people participated in the forum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved the understandings of the socio-economic issues of the country in relation to their consequences to future generation.</li> <li>Contributed to the growth of the culture of dialogue</li> <li>Improved Relationship with government and other stockholders</li> <li>Improved EEA's visibility</li> </ul>

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	3. Public Lecture on the Recent Financial Crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out preparatory activities such as invited EEA members, government officials, Civil Society members and Academia; and secured hall for the discussion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 120 people participated in the forum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved the understandings of the Global financial crises and its implication on the Ethiopian Economy</li> <li>Improved Relationship with government and other stockholders</li> <li>Improved EEA's visibility</li> </ul>
	4. Inauguration of EEA Multi-purpose Building and holding the 16 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EEA	<p>Carried out all preparatory activities including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prepared and disseminated Invitation card,</li> <li>Prepared, published and disseminated activity report, brochures, Agenda, Strategic plan document etc</li> <li>Certificate of appreciation prepared and institutions are identified for award.</li> <li>Invited Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 300 members and invited guests attended the inaugural ceremony.</li> <li>During the occasion EEA have awarded appreciation certificate to 48 institutions that include key Government institutions, Universities, donors, development partners and other institutions that have supported EEA's vision and provided financial, technical and moral support over the life of the Association.</li> <li>The Annual Performance Report, the plan for the year 2008/09 and the External Audit Report endorsed by General Assembly. GA re-elected Dr. Getnet Alemu as Chief Editor Dr. Astede Aseffa as treasury, Ato Workineh Denekew and W/ro Etalem Engida as member.</li> <li>The events have got good media coverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance EEA image</li> <li>Improved Relationship with government and other stockholders</li> <li>Increases members participation in the activities of the Association</li> </ul>
	5. Dissemination Workshop on the Study of the Role of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders and expertise in the area identified and invited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 25 people participated in the workshop</li> <li>The research report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved the quality of the research output</li> <li>Increased the transparency of EEA's research work.</li> </ul>
	6. The first Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for papers have been made to members through email and notice and letters have been dispatched to regional collaborating institutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 7 papers collected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visibility of EEA improved</li> <li>Relationship with Regional Government and other stockholders in the region improved</li> <li>Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers improved in the region</li> <li>Improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the Amhara Regional State.</li> <li>Stockholders in the region recognized EEA's contributions as a key development partner</li> </ul>

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	7. Public Lecture on “Why are there so many poor people in Africa and South Asia?”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out preparatory activities such as invited EEA members and secured hall for the discussion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from the Government, donor community, Civil society organization, academia and EEA members attended the public lecture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved the understandings of the African and Asian economic situation</li> <li>Improved Relationship with government and other stockholders</li> <li>Improved EEA’s visibility</li> </ul>
	8. Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EEA has published regular publications, research reports and working papers in a continuous manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four issues of the Economic Focus Magazine.</li> <li>Two issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics</li> <li>Three Quarterly Macro-economic Reports</li> <li>Two Volumes of the Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> <li>The Ethiopian Macro-Economic Model: Description and Profile.</li> <li>The Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy Vol. VI 2006/07</li> <li>The Role of Faith Based Organizations in Development in Ethiopia: Past Contributions and Future Prospects (joint publication with NCA-Eth).</li> <li>A paper on “Can Ethiopia Realize a Better Agriculture in its third Millennium? The Role and Dilemma of Farm Prices” posted on a website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information</li> <li>Academia, researchers and students could take EEA publication as reference for further study and analysis.</li> <li>Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> <li>Improved the visibility of EEA</li> <li>EEA publication distributed widely.</li> <li>Increased EEA’s influence or role in the economic policy making of the country</li> </ul>
	9. Publication distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>distributed publications (the new and the old ones) to academia, members of the Association and government institutions, regional institutions, universities and colleges and the general public through different methods of distribution channels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 24,778 free copies distributed to Donors, EEA members, Guests, EEA Chapters and Government officials</li> <li>Over 3800 copies distributed on sale.</li> </ul>	
	10. Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Programs and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive Committee of EEA has provided press release on June 23, 2009 on the overall objectives and activities of EEA and provided detailed information on the 7th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> <li>Using various media and at the different discussion forums, EEA’s objectives, program and activities are promoted.</li> <li>Invited Media and News Agencies in every EEA workshops and discussion forums.</li> <li>Given Information to media on economic issues regularly</li> <li>Current information about the activities of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and the objectives and activities of EEA and its Multi-purpose building have obtained a good coverage by media both private and public</li> <li>Informative report that covers the Association Vision, Mission, Objectives, Membership status, Financial and organizational situation of the Association, the main activities of the Association so far achieved and future plans of the Association was prepared and distributed to journalists.</li> <li>The activities of EEA and its Multi-purpose building have obtained a good coverage by media both private and public during the occasion of the official inauguration of EEA’s Multi-purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Image of EEA strengthened</li> <li>Mistrust among the policy makers removed</li> <li>Strengthened the relationship with stakeholders</li> <li>Increases the visibility of EEA</li> </ul>

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		Association uploaded on EEA website.	Building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Head of the Secretariat of the Association and the Director of EEPRI visited and briefed about the vision and activities of EEA to Dire Dawa University, Haromaya University, Jijiga University presidents and Economics Department heads/staffs. The team also visited the heads of Finance and Economic Development Bureaus of Harari Council and Dire Dawa town.</li> <li>EEA has distributed a 30 minutes DVD documentary film that was prepared on “EEA’s Journey” to Donors, Government officials, Universities, Collaborating institutions.</li> </ul>	
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"> <li>Executive Committee of EEA discussed on the manuals and approved for implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EEA has adopted new strategic plan and operational manuals and organizational structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational efficiency of EEA improved</li> <li>EEA’s governance structure improved</li> <li>Internal controlling system improved</li> <li>Remuneration packages and promotional criteria developed</li> </ul>
	2. Redesigning EEA Website and Upgrading the Internet access of the Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project proposal was prepared</li> <li>Service providers were contacted.</li> <li>Technical and financial proposals were collected and evaluated</li> <li>EEA website upgraded to the dynamic one and demonstrated at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dynamic website</li> </ul>	Project will improve the efficacy of EEA’s services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Association will perform online membership fee collection, registration and sale of the publications.</li> <li>The website page enables to access EEA’s Statistical Database and library online.</li> <li>It also helps members of the Association, academia, and other stakeholders of EEA to download the Association’s publications and EEA’s Library resources and Statistical Database.</li> <li>Research environment improved</li> <li>Staff motivation enhanced</li> <li>Increased EEA’s visibility</li> <li>Strengthen EEA’s image</li> <li>Improved EEA’s publications distribution channel</li> <li>Improved members’ participation and communication</li> <li>Increases membership base</li> </ul>
	3. Purchasing equipments for improving research environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New staff placement undertaken</li> <li>Several computers purchased</li> </ul>		
	1. Membership Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening up EEA chapter at regional University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out repeated communication with Mekele University, Haromaya University and Dire Dawa University</li> <li>Consensuses reached with Haromaya University and Dire Dawa University on MOU</li> <li>All EEA publication sent to Haromaya University and Dire Dawa University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement reached with all universities to open EEA Chapter</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Recruitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefed potential members about the objectives, activities and benefits of being a member of EEA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased EEA's Members by 364 and reached a total of 2700 members by June 30, 2009.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build up the capacity of members</li> <li>Improved communication with members</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide services to members and updating their data base</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 1230 ID Card Issued to members</li> <li>Organized two trainings to members on "STATA, Envies and PcGive" and "Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards" to 59 EEA members at Bahir Dar Chapter.</li> <li>Provided information on the activities of EEA.</li> <li>Updated email addresses and data bases of members.</li> </ul>	
Establish and Expand Institutional Networking with institutions that advance the mission of EEA	2. EEA staff Paper presentation at various workshops organized by EEA's Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff members of EEA have presented papers at various national and international workshops and seminars.</li> </ul>	The papers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Economic Challenges facing Ethiopia: a paper presented on the on a workshop organized by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in February 2009.</li> <li>Impact Evaluation of the Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program: the Result of the research project on the Health Extension Services Program presented by two staff of EEA in York- England, at the EEA 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy in Addis Ababa, Pretoria – South Africa and Accra – Ghana.</li> <li>Private Sector's Responses to the Current Global Financial and Economic Crisis: a paper presented on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 during the commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ILO.</li> <li>Eleven papers presented by the staff of EEA at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy that was held from June 25 – 27, 2009</li> <li>Economic Development Challenges in Ethiopia: a paper presented during the roundtable discussion on Food and Agricultural Policy in Ethiopia on December 9, 2008 in the presence of the IFPRI Board of Trustees. The Roundtable was organized by the EDRI and IFPRI.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases and broadened EEA's network with its stockholders</li> <li>EEA staffs' productivity improved</li> <li>Increases EEA's acceptance as a credible organization for research and policy advice</li> <li>Improved the image of EEA</li> <li>Broadened the knowledge and understanding of the economic situation of the country</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders' Perception on Climate Change: The paper was presented on a workshop organized by EDRI and IFPRI in Adama from December 11 to 13, 2008. The workshop was attended by more than 120 people drawn from different organizations and countries.</li> <li>• Threats and Opportunities of Bio-fuel Production: This paper was presented on a Regional Workshop organized by the Addis Ababa University on September 22, 2008. The theme of the workshop was Food Education, Security and Social Perspectives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implications of bio-fuel farming for land access and food security in Ethiopia: - the paper was presented on the workshop organized by Addis Ababa University from Oct. 20-21, 2008. About 70 people participated on the workshop</li> <li>• Benefits for Ethiopia of Investing in Large-scale Agricultural Schemes: the paper was presented at the workshop organized by Green Forum on October 30, 2008 in which about 100 people from different sector participated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EEA staff Participation at various workshop organized by EEA' Stakeholders in workshops</li> <li>2. Membership in National Committees and Providing Professional Advices</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The staff of EEA have participated in several local and international workshops and seminars and provided professional inputs.</li> <li>• They also served as moderator of meetings on several occasions.</li> <li>• During the reporting period the staff member of EEA/EEPRI participated in more than several international conferences.</li> <li>• Staff members of EEA have participated as members of technical and steering committees which is established by different organizations.</li> <li>• Staffs provide policy and professional advice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in several workshops and seminars</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• A staff of Human Resource Division is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member.</li> <li>• Various advices have been forwarded to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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			<p>undergraduate and postgraduate students coming from various universities and colleges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A staff served as an examiner for two Masters Theses at the Addis Ababa University and another staff of EEA served as a member of board of examiners for a Master's thesis defense at the Addis Ababa University, Haromaya University and Ethiopian Civil Service College.</li> <li>• A staff has been taking part in a joint research project with a coalition of various Civil Society Groups working on poverty.</li> <li>• A staff of the division is participating in a collaborative research project on the topic "the role of Civil Society Organizations in achieving the Millennium Development Goals" organized by a network of civil society groups</li> </ul>	
	<p>3. 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"> <li>• Member of the USA Congress visited EEA on November 4, 2008 and discussed about the Ethiopian agriculture and development.</li> <li>• Simon Anderson and Magdala (IIED, UK) visited EEA and discussed on climate change and adaptations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provided professional opinion and shared experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strengthen and broadened the networks of EEA</li> <li>• Improved the analytical capacity of EEA staff</li> <li>• EEA accepted as a credible organization for policy advice and source of information.</li> <li>• EEA's influence or role in the policy making increases</li> </ul>