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I MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After serving four years as Vice President and the six years as President, I have seen significant changes in the activities of EEA. Although we started small, we had a grand vision. In EEA, we have translated our dreams into reality. I can assure you that, by any standard, we have built one of the most successful professional associations in the area of economics, I would say in Africa. I am proud to be part and parcel of this process. We have also proved that we can make a difference. EEA has successfully established



Dr. Wolday Amha, President

itself as a key player in the economic and social development of Ethiopia. EEA has undertaken various policy related researches, organized short term trainings to its members and the general public and organized several platforms on which serious discussions on the socio-economic issues took place. It has also been able to provide professional opinion and advice on many issues affecting the development of this country. It has now become credible source of information for those interested in the economic development of Ethiopia. EEA stands to the provision of quality services to members, the government, and other stakeholders on sustainable bases. The change ahead is to meet the high expectations of members and the responsibility to provide value adding services.

As usual this year report covers, the activities of the Association accomplished through its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), and the EEA Secretariat. The Report deals with the performance of EEA during the fiscal year 2009/10, ongoing and planned activities for the year 2010/11 and the external audit report of the year 2009/10.

Our track record has shown that EEA has grown in subject matter diversity, its scholarly depth and institutional strength. In this regard, EEA has received inspirational feedbacks from local and international organizations. To mention but few of the feedbacks: the Executive Secretary of the ACBF has sent an inspirational letter for the hard work that EEA has performed. In addition, the Think Tank Initiative Policy Community Survey of the International Development Research centre (IDRC) of Canada which was held on 24 Think Tanks that are found in 11 African Countries put EEA on the top in terms of Institutional Indicators, Output Rating Indicators, and Usefulness of Output.

At this point I would like to dwell a bit on the future challenges facing the Association, which need our concerted attention. The Executive Committee, the Secretariat and the Research Institute, have initiated three major areas of activities for action with a view of enhancing and improving the EEA's operations and source of income. I will briefly touch upon them

EEA Multi-purpose Building: EEA has 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. Though the EC of EEA has approved the budget for furnishing and equipping the conference hall, its implementation called for a close supervision from the management and EC of EEA.

Establishment of Training Institute: though the Association has given due attention for the establishment of a regular 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 the Training Institute. The establishment of a Training institutes of excellence is an area where EEA is planning to make a difference. Thus, this activity should be given due attention in the next year.

Expand Membership Base: Increasing membership base and increasing the participation of members in the Association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been encouraging 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.

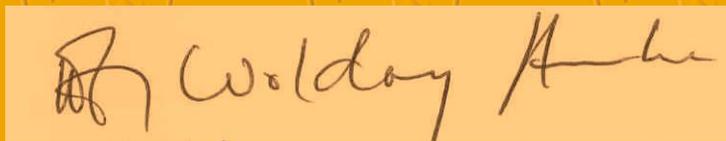
In spite of the significant challenges we have, I remain optimistic about the future of EEA. Our Association is willing to seek new ways of addressing the emerging new economic problems and to be of better service and meet the expectations of its members and key stakeholders. We have sought to make our 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 literarily 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 for their professional work and enthusiasm. .

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 to 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 the Think Tank Initiative of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada. I can assure you that with your continued support we can make a difference in Ethiopia.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Wolday Amha".

Wolday Amha
President, EEA

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMERY

The year 2009/10 was one during which the Ethiopian Economics Association has registered remarkable achievements in all its activities. In the reporting period, the EEA has been working on 22 research projects on economic and social ills facing the Ethiopian Economy, through its research wing, EEPRI. Out of the 22 research projects 8 have been completed and the rest 14 are still ongoing. To mention but few of the research projects undertaken during the reporting period: i) Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export ii) the Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy whose thematic focus is Energy Services and Development, iii) A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between Ethiopia and China and India; iv) The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change; v) Making Rural Services Work for the Poor; vi) Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR); etc., could be cited. These researches are expected to benefit members, the Government, the private sector, international communities, Civil Society organizations, the Academia and the general public.

In addition, during the reporting period, EEA has broadened its scope of activities from the National to the sub-regional level. In the reporting period, the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa (ANSA-Africa), which is based in South Africa, had selected the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) as its East Africa Anglophone region implementing partner to organize sub-regional workshops and trainings.

The Association has also organized various forums that brought together diverse groups of stakeholders and published the result of the discussions for wider dissemination.. In this regard about 10 workshops and conferences have been organized during the reporting period. The notable performances in this area are the Eighth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy; the 1st Regional Annual Conference on the Amhara National Regional State Economic Development; several Local and National Workshops on the Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change; Vision 2020 Forum on the topic "A Road Map to Build Inclusive financing in Ethiopia 2011 – 2015" etc.

The staff of EEA also actively participated in more than 50 local and international workshops and conferences, which were organized by the public and private sectors as well as civil society organizations and the international bilateral and multilateral development community, and provided professional opinion. In addition, several visitors who were seeking independent and professional information and advice on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy have been received and briefed.

In the year, EEA has put up efforts to open additional chapters at Haramaya and Mekelle. Accordingly, the third chapter of EEA has been opened at Haramaya

University and preparatory activities are underway to open the fourth chapter in Mekelle.. In the reporting period, about 219 new members have joined the Association which makes the total numbers of members of EEA to reach to about 2,919.

Though we were not able to organize as many short term 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 members of EEA's stakeholders are note worthy. In this regard, the Association has organized about two trainings to its members at Addis Ababa and Hawassa, and three trainings to other stakeholders that include EEPCo, Ethiopian Commodity Exchange Authority and the business communities. Especially, the trainings on WTO Accession that were organized at 18 towns to the members of business communities are a notable performance to be mentioned. In addition, to materialize the establishment of EEA Training Institute, the Executive Committee has formed a task force for the development of the TOR for conducting the situation analysis of training needs of the various institutions (government, private and civil societies) and the legal frame work and the internal capacity of the Association. Accordingly, the task force has developed the TOR for a Feasibility Assessment to establish the Training Institute and short listed the consultants

In the year, EEA has published about 10 different types of publications. In addition, EEA has distributed about 14,525 different types of publications freely to Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters, members, and other stakeholders. Similarly, 2057 publication of EEA have been sold to various stakeholders.

In order to facilitate the research and other activities of the Association, several administrative actions have also been undertaken during the reporting period. Accordingly, additional staff have been recruited (Executive Secretary, Junior Researcher, Junior Accountant, four guards, Driver and Affair Executor), all desktop computers were replaced by new once, one mini-conference hall has been furnished with tables and chairs and one Hardtop field vehicle has been procured in the reporting period.

The financial position of our Association remains very sound as indicated in the external audit report. To assure the sustainability of EEA's activities, EEA has worked hard to diversify its donor base and increase its own resource. In this regard, out of the total income collected in the reporting period, EEA has mobilized about 40% of the total income from its own activities (membership contribution, book sales, commissioned research projects, etc.).

III. INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of the Association accomplished from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 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 2009/10 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2010/11 (from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). The last part provides the external audited financial report of EEA. For further clarification, the Summary of performance report is annexed in Log Frame format.



Training on WTO Accession for the Business Communities

PART ONE

IV. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010)

1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

As it is known, one of the major objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association is to conduct research on various issues affecting the Ethiopian economy. To that effect the Association has established the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in 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 undertaken 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 that have been carried out from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 are highlighted in 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. 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, survey instruments have been developed for major export items, survey on Cut Flowers, Leather and Leather product, coffee, oil seeds and pulses was carried out and coding and editing and data entry were conducted. In addition, focus Group Discussions were held on Textile and Garment, and meat and meat products. The analysis and report writing were also completed and submitted to the clients in February 28, the findings were presented on a workshop on March 5, 2010. Comments were collected and incorporated and the study report was finalized and submitted on June 17, 2010. The project is financially supported by the European Commission (EC) and undertaken for the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI). The survey has

identified the supply side constraints affecting the development of the export sector and the sector's ability to benefit from market access opportunities provided across the globe. The study has forwarded some recommendations that could improve the export performance of the country and hence improve its competitiveness at the global level.

1.1.2. Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy: With the view of consistently providing an independent and professional overview of the performance of the Ethiopian economy, EEA has been preparing annual economic reports on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00. Accordingly, the Seventh Annual economic report, with a thematic focus on “**Energy Services and Development**” has been completed. The report provided good insights about the energy resources, supply and demand, policy and strategy challenges of energy sector operations and services in Ethiopia. Besides, the report covers an update of the macro-economy, agriculture & related, manufacturing industry, trade, and social sector developments. In the reporting period, the report has been published and disseminated to the various stakeholders.

1.1.3. 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. 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, two local and one national level participatory scenario-development workshops were organized to identify alternative adaptation pathway options. Video and audio conferences were held with multi-country project partners and the World Bank and the final National Synthesis Report was prepared and submitted.

1.1.4. A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between Ethiopia and China and India: 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 project was financially supported by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). In the reporting period, data collection and analysis were conducted and comments on the first draft incorporated and the findings of the study report was presented on a workshop organized by FES in April 2010.

1.1.5. Review the Federal Government Budget Proclamation for the Year 2009/10 (2002 E.C.):

The project was initiated by the Netherlands Embassy. In the reporting period, an opinion report has been prepared on the Federal budget proclamation for the year 2009/10 on issues related to the overall Federal budget and deficit growth; developments of external loan and assistance; revenue collection performance of Federal and Regional States; sectoral distribution of 2000 EC Federal government budget; and sectoral allocation of the Federal government's budget vis-à-vis PASDEP. The report was presented for members of the Embassy and other members of the international community.

1.1.6. International Migration, Remittances and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia:

The objective of this research project is to inform policy makers about the role of Ethiopian Migrant Workers of the Middle East. In the reporting period, data collection and analysis and report write up was carried out and the report issued as a working paper.

1.1.7. Rapid Assessment of Shoe Shiners and Parking Attendants in Addis Ababa:

EEA has started this project with the financial support of the International Labor Office (ILO) and in collaboration with the City Council of Addis Ababa, the Federal Cooperative Promotion Bureau and the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions. The objective of the project is to assess critically the feasibility of providing organizational, technical and material support to the two groups of informal economy workers in Addis Ababa assess by undressing issue of understanding this group of workers; their working conditions, relationships, and possible prospects for improvement. In the reporting period, Survey instrument were formulated, field surveys, Data cleaning, verification and coding, Data entry and data analysis, report write up have been undertaken and the final report was prepared and submitted to the clients.

1.1.8. Quarterly Macroeconomic Reports:

With the objective of providing an independent and professional opinion on the macro-economic performance of the country, EEA has been publishing quarterly macro-economic reports since 2003. Accordingly, four quarterly reports were planned to be published during the report period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. EEA has been able to publish the reports for quarter II, III, IV of 2008/09 and the first quarter of 2009. 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.

1.1.9. 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 the reporting period, the necessary data were collected and analyzed. Based on the collected information three papers produced and submitted to the FAO

1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1.2.1. The Eighth Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy: With the view of consistently providing an independent and professional overview of the Ethiopian economy, EEA has been preparing annual reports on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00. In the reporting period, the Association has identified “developments in the financial sector” to be the main thematic issue for the Eighth Economic Report of the Ethiopian Economy. The outline and a concept note have been prepared and discussions were held with external consultants on the content and outline of the report. The outline was, then, refined and the actual activity has started. Data Collection for other section of the report is also being undertaken.

1.2.2. Making Rural Services Work for the Poor: The main purpose of this research project has been to assess the quantity and quality of rural agricultural and water supply services in rural areas of Ethiopia. In the reporting period, survey has been completed in all sampled areas and data cleaning, verification, coding and data entry has been carried out. Two papers have also been prepared and presented at IFPRI/ESSP conference. The dataset was also prepared and submitted to the client (IFPRI) and draft manuscript for discussion papers (DPs) prepared and submitted

1.2.3. Updating and Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model for Ethiopia: In an effort to frequently make updated forecasting Macro-econometric model for Ethiopia, EEA has finalized updating the data and the research team has estimated the model component equations and solved the system. At the moment, EEA has tried to organize discussions with MoFED for its finalization and utilization.

1.2.4. Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR): The objective of the study is to prepare the National Human Development Report (NHDR) for 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. During the reporting period, comments on the first draft report are being incorporated and a revised draft has been submitted. The report is expected to be finalized in the coming reporting period.

1.2.5. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa: The main purpose of this project is to generate relevant data and information on the effects of climate change at various levels in Ethiopia. This project is undertaken together with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (based in Sri Lanka. In the reporting period, survey instruments were developed and survey location sites were identified. Training for data collectors was also given.

1.2.6. Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change: the main objective of this

research project is to develop a book on the title “Demographic Transition and Development in Ethiopia” and to conduct field research on determinants of youth migration in Ethiopia. The client for this project is Packard foundation. In the reporting period, draft manuscripts are prepared for the book text and survey instruments are under preparation.

1.2.7. Spatial Equity in the Provision of WASH Services: The major objective of the project is to investigate the spatial equity in the provision of water and sanitation services across the country based on the evidence from selected area. The study was commissioned by Water Aid Ethiopia (WAE). In the reporting period, the research design has been elaborated, and a plan for stakeholders consultation prepared. The team of the project also participated in a workshop organized by Water Aid Ethiopia, to discuss and enrich its five year strategic plan.

1.2.8. Study of Rural Land Administration in Ethiopia: The study is initiated in collaboration with the World Bank. In the reporting period, survey instrument were developed and data collection started. The project is expected to be finalized during the next reporting period.

1.2.9. Creating new markets via smallholder irrigation: The case of irrigation-led smallholder commercialization in Lume district, Ethiopia. The aim of this work is to generate knowledge and lessons on the role of small-scale irrigation in agricultural commercialization. In the reporting period, data were generated by graduate student from IDS of Sussex University and have been analyzed.

1.2.10. ANSA-Africa Social Accountability Project - East Africa Region: The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa (ANSA-Africa) had selected the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) as its East Africa Anglophone region partner. The purpose of the partnership agreement is to network and build the ANSA-Africa network in the East Africa Anglophone region within countries and across countries; to host and collaborate with other partners in capacity development and training on social accountability themes and initiatives; and to be a sub-regional platform for knowledge sharing and learning on social accountability initiatives emanating from the region. In the reporting period, work plans for the year 2010 have been prepared and preparatory activities were carried out for the organization of the sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Extractive Industries and Natural Resource Management to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by the end of August, 2010. For the public dialogue workshop, paper presenters were commissioned from Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. In addition trainings topics were identified to organize trainings on social accountability and other related areas. Memorandum of Understanding were also drafted and signed with partner institution in Kenya and Tanzania.

1.2.11. Updating of Social and Economic Database: The previous

database which was compiled in three volumes and distributed in CD-ROMs contained important data on the Ethiopian Economy up to the year 2007/08. During the reporting period, updating the database up to the year 2009 has been started.

1.2.12. Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis of the SNNP Region: As per the request of the SNNP Bureau of Revenue, technical and financial proposals have been prepared and submitted to the Bureau. . The main purpose of the project is to conduct an analysis on revenue generating potential and gap analysis. Discussions on the technical and financial proposals were undertaken with the Authority and agreement reached and the work has been started.

1.2.13. Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential: Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa Addis Ababa City- This project is part of the big project of the World Bank under the title of "Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential". Discussions on the TOR have already been finalized and the EEA's research team has prepared the research outline. The project is on its inception.

1.3. RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEVELOPED

Several research proposals have been prepared and submitted to different organizations on different topics in partnership with several external firms and organizations for funding. The major proposals are:

1.3.1. Adherence to ART and CD4 count in Ethiopia: a proposal was developed and submitted for funding. If the fund is secured the research will be held in the next reporting period.

1.3.2. Comprehensive Evaluation of General Education Quality Implementation Project (GEQIP) in Ethiopia: technical and financial proposal were prepared jointly with Mathematical Policy Research Institute (US-based).

1.3.3. Socio economic baseline survey in Amhara and Oromia Regions of Ethiopia: technical and financial proposal were prepared to conduct two baseline surveys for Oxfam-GB.

1.3.4. Study on the potential for commercialization of the Ethiopian Agricultural: a research project proposal submitted to the private sector development hub of the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association.

1.3.5. Study of Climate change adaptation in three selected districts in Ethiopia: Technical and financial proposal were developed based on an invitation by Africa Climate Change Resilience Alliance (ACCRA) – Ethiopia)

1.3.6. The Nile Coordination Project: The Challenge Program for Water and Food (CPWF) has posted a call for proposals in a research program on the Nile Basin that focuses on rain water management at landscape scales in the Ethiopian highlands using appropriate technologies and governance

mechanisms. The Nile BDC project consists of five projects and lasts for four years. EEA has participated in the development of the research proposal and the project has been accepted by the funding agency. EEA will mainly be responsible for Evaluation of project achievements and socio-economic implication of interventions as well as capacity building in M&E, and process documentation. EEA is awaiting the negotiations for contracting at the moment.

1.3.7. *Community based Health Care Financing/Insurance:* the proposal was prepared and submitted to the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research. The objective of the research project is to identify and quantify the effect of community based health care financing/insurance on health status of the local population.

1.3.8. *Evaluation of Export Promotion measures in Ethiopia:* Technical and financial proposals were developed and submitted to JICA for funding.

1.3.9. *Economic Growth corridor for Ethiopian:* The Ethiopian Economic Association formed a multi-disciplinary high level research team to develop the stated proposal. The Technical and financial proposal submitted to UNDP for funding in August 2009.

2. TRAINING ACTIVITIES

2.1. PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A TRAINING INSTITUTE

Establishing Training *Institute* has been initiated long before the construction of the EEA Multi-purpose Building. The basic aim of establishing EEA's regular Training Institute is to produce a professional pull of economists that have state-of-the-art knowledge and skills to make a difference in economic research, policy formulation and development practice in Ethiopia. This it to mean to add value and bridge existing quality gaps in the area through producing competent economists and business leaders that are able to make a difference in economic research and policy formulation; enhance private sector competitiveness in today's globalizing world economy; and design, execute and manage development programs that can enable the country address its problems of poverty and underdevelopment. In the reporting period the Executive Committee has formed a task force for the development of the TOR for conducting the situation analysis of training needs of the various institutions (government, private and civil societies) and the legal frame work and the capacity of the Association. Accordingly, the task force has developed TOR for a Feasibility Assessment study to establish the Training Institute and short listed consultants.

2.2. SHORT TERM TRAININGS ORGANIZED

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.

2.2.1. *Ethiopian Macroeconomic Data, Structure, Limitations and International Standards:* The training was organized in collaboration with the Hawassa Chapter of EEA for about 25 participants drawn from regional Bureaux that include BOFED, Trade and Industry Bureau, Agriculture and Rural Development Bureau etc. staff of the Hawassa University and members of EEA at the Hawassa University from August 25-27, 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.

2.2.2. *Performance and Impact Evaluation of Development Projects:* The training was organized at the head office of EEA for about 36 participants drawn from Government institutions (Federal and regional), NGOs, and Universities (that include Addis Ababa University, Bahir Dar University, Dire Dawa University, Hawassa University, Arba Minch University and private colleges) from December 15-17, 2009. The objective of the training is to develop the skills and knowledge of participants in planning, implementing and monitoring development projects and programs. And

2.2.3. *Training on Econometric Softwares for the Staff of Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCo):* As per the request for training from EEPCo, the econometric software training on Eview, STATA and Pc-Give was organized for 12 staff members of the corporation from September 3 – 15, 2009. The training is believed to enhance the staff capacity of the Corporation. The training was provided by three staff of EEA.

2.2.4. *Training on Research Methodology and Econometric Softwares for the Staff of Ethiopian Commodity Exchange Authority:* As per the request for training from the Authority, the software training on E-view, STATA and Pc-Give was organized for 20 staff of the organization from November 30 – December 5, 2009. The training is believed to enhance the staff capacity of the Authority. The training was provided by three staff of EEA.

2.2.5. *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 prepared for its implications. The project is supported by EU and Ministry of Trade and Industry. In the year, training manual was prepared and training has been given to members of the business community at 18 towns. Completion report was also prepared and submitted to the client Ministry of Trade and Industry and EU.

2.2.6. *Support and Participation in University Level Trainings*

Staff members of EEA participate in as lecturers, theses advisors and theses examiners for various universities and colleges. The following staff members have participated in these kinds of activities during the reporting period.

- Two staff of EEA offered courses for Graduate students of Economics students at the Addis Ababa and Debre Markos Universities.
- A staff of EEA offered a course for post-graduate students at Haramaya University
- A staff of EEA served in as a member of examining board for 8 MSc and one PhD Theses defenses.
- Four staff of EEA served as Thesis Advisor for 10 MSc and one PhD students for Haramaya University, Addis Ababa University, and Unity University College.
- A staff of EEA Served as a reviewer for Discussion Paper of the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.
- A staff served as Board of examination for 5 graduate students of Haramaya, AAU, and Unity University College.
- A staff has reviewed the thesis of two students from College of Malawi as per the request of the President of Chancellor College of Malawi, (Professor Ephraim)

2.2.7. Internship Trainings: EEA also provides internship training for both local and international university students. Accordingly the following internship facilities have been offered for university students.

- Offered four months (February 5, 2010- June 5, 2010) internship for a post-graduate student from Utrecht University, the Netherlands. The student has conducted a research which is a requirement in fulfilling his master degree. While at the Association/, he has conducted a study on supply chain in the production of Pepper by collecting primary data from red pepper producing *woredas* in Ethiopia.
- Offered internship services for 6 students drawn from 6 universities in Ethiopia.

2.3. EEA STAFF TRAINING

- The librarian has got a training opportunity on scientific and technological information management in Brussels from May 1 – July 30, 2009.
- Four Staff members attended local training workshop on National Accounts organized by Addis Ababa BoFED and the World Bank
- Four staff of EEA attended training on Computational General Equilibrium Modeling (CGE) organized by Ethiopia Strategy Support Program (ESSP). The training was running every Friday in the afternoon for some months.

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. The 1st 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.

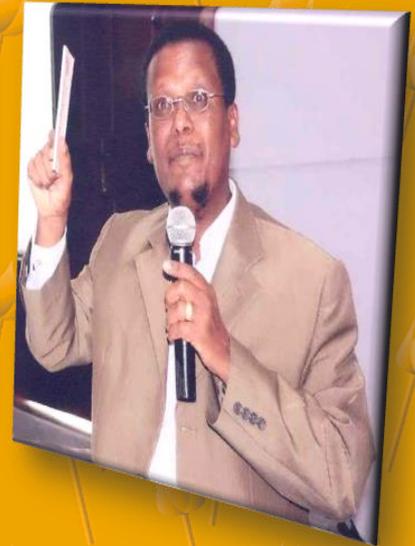
In line with the above stated objectives, the First Annual conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on August 15, 2009 at the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall. The conference attracted about 120 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region. In the one day conference 8 papers were presented and discussion was held.



3.1.2. The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Ethiopian Economics Association

The Extraordinary General Assembly of EEA was organized on December 26, 2009 at EEA conference Center with high level participation of its members. The Assembly has thoroughly discussed and endorsed External

Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2008/09) and the plan for the year 2009/10. GA discussed and approved the revised By-law of the Association for the re-registration of EEA and approved the selection of External Auditor for the next three years.



3.1.3. National Awareness Workshop on “Ensuring Effective Accountability & Transparency Process in ADB Financed Projects”

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) and the African Development Bank (ADfB) jointly organized a National Awareness Workshop on “Ensuring Effective Accountability & Transparency Process in ADB Financed Projects” from December 1-2, 2009 at EEA Conference Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop was officially opened by H.E. Ato Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development

The objective of the National Awareness Workshop was to raise the awareness of participants which are drawn from government institutions and civil society organizations on the existence, mandate and functions of the Bank’s Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) administered by CRMU and the Bank’s anti-corruption and fraud policies and procedures administered by IACD, and to exchange views on the ways in which the acquired information by participants could be disseminated among local communities and other ultimate beneficiaries of the Bank’s financed projects. Experience sharing on accountability, transparency and anti-corruption among Bank staffs, government representatives and civil society organization is also another area of the workshop objective.

The participants of the workshop were drawn from the Parliament (Federal and Regional); Government Institutions which work on Anti Corruption, Transparency and Accountability areas; Government Institutions running AfDB Projects; and NGOs & Civil Societies which are directly or

indirectly working in the area of Anti-corruption, Transparency & Governance. Though it was planned to attract about 60 participants from the above diverse groups of organizations, the number of the participants were well over the target (about 69). The high turnout of the participants indicates that the discussion topic is very attractive and timely for the participants.



3.1.4. Local and National Workshop on the Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change - Social Component

In the reporting period, two local and one national level participatory scenario-development workshops were organized to identify alternative adaptation pathway for climate changes. The local workshops were organized at Metehara on June 18, 2009 and at Wolaita on August 7, 2009. The two local workshops attracted 74 participants drawn from farmers and pastoralists (men and women) of rural Kebele in study woreda (Fentalle in Oromia and Kindokoysha in SNNPR); zonal and district level experts from Bureau of agriculture and rural development/pastoral development, natural resources; experts from other line ministries (water, health, infrastructure); Food Security and Disaster desks, Pastoral Community Development Program (PCDP); Municipality and district administration; Women and youth associations; and Elders and religious leaders. The National workshop was organized on October 16, 2009 at Addis Ababa. The national workshop attracted about 42 participants which are drawn from the various Ministries and Agencies; National Metrological Service Agency; Forum for Social Studies, Relief Society of Tigray, SOS-Sahel Ethiopia; Federal Environmental Protection Authority; the World Bank Country Office; the World Bank, Washington D.C.; Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research; Addis Ababa University; World Food Program; Ethiopian Television; and House of People's

Representative.

3.1.5. The Eighth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy:

The conference is one of the most important discussion forums that EEA has organized annually to provide fora for the discussion of economic issues and to contribute to the economic advancement of the country. After all the preparatory activities successfully completed, the Eight International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy was held from June 24 – 26, 2010. This year the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program II (ESSP II) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) co-organized this conference.

At the conference about 85 papers were presented in three plenary and five breakout sessions. Out of the total 85 papers, about 39 papers were presented by partner institutions like IFPRI, ILRI, FSS, Young Live Ethiopia, National Social Protection Platform lead by UNCIF and WB. The rest 46 papers were presented by individual researchers. The conference attracted large number of Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian researchers who are doing research on the Ethiopian Economies. The conference was attended by 470, 300 and 250 participants during the first, second and third days of the conference, respectively. The participants are drawn from Federal and Regional Government Offices, Universities and Colleges across the country, civil society Organizations, International organizations, local and international Research institutes and of course EEA members.

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





One of the Plenary Sessions



One of the Parallel Sessions

3.1.6. Vision 2020 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.

Accordingly, EEA organized one Vision 2020 forum on the topic “A Road Map to Build Inclusive financing in Ethiopia 2011 – 2015” on April 22, 2010 at Hilton Addis Hotel. The principal speaker of the topic was Dr. Wolday Amha and the discussants were Dr. Gebrehiwot Ageba and Ato Amsalu Alemayehu. In the event more than 150 invited guests, including EEA members, government dignitaries, business persons, and members of NGOs and the private sector.



3.1.7. Inaugural Workshop during the opening of the EEA Chapter At Haramaya University

In view of the provision of the constitution of the Association, EEA opened officially its third chapter at Haramaya University on the 24th April 2010. To commemorate the opening of the EEA Haramaya University chapter, EEA organized a half day inaugural panel discussion. During the discussion, Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of the Secretariat of the Association, briefed the participants about the Ethiopian Economics Association, its vision, objectives, constitutions and the overall activities of the Association. Following the briefing, two papers were presented entitled “Donor Driven Development Strategy for Africa” by Prof. Belay Kassa, President of the Haramaya University and “Impact Evaluation of Ethiopian Health Extension Program” by Dr. Assefa Admassie, Director of the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute. The event attracted more than 120 participants from the staff of Haramaya University, representative from the various offices of Hariri Administrative regions, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region.



At the Inaugural ceremony of EEA Haramaya chapter, The Haramaya University has provided 8 big shelves, 5 Tables and more than 10 chairs and promised to provide about 10 computers. The University also assigned one librarian for the day to day operation of the chapter. This enabled the chapter to open a mini-library that serves the staff, students of the University and members of EEA in the region. Before the opening of the chapter, the Secretariat of the Association has visited and held discussions with the staffs of the Economics department of the University and heads of regional bureaus. In addition to the opening of the Haramaya Chapter, preparatory activities are underway to open another chapter at Mekelle.

3.1.8. The 2nd Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development:

The preparatory activities for the organization of the Second Annual conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development have been underway. Accordingly, in the reporting period, a call for papers has been made to members, universities across the region, research institute and relevant Regional Government and Non-Governmental institutions through poster, email and letters.

3.1.9. The Launching of the 7th Annual Report of the Ethiopian Economy

A half day launching workshop was held on March 24, 2010 at the Jupiter International Hotel, Addis Ababa. About 8 journalists attended the launching workshop. The launching of the EEA Report on the Ethiopian economy is an instrument for research results dissemination to wider public and media agencies.

3.2. 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 moderators 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:

3.2.1. A Staff member of EEA attended one international conference in Ghana Accra, September 2009.

3.2.2. Two Staff members attended International Conference organized by IFPRI/ESSP in Addis Ababa, October, 2009. At the conference the one staff presented a paper.

- 3.2.3.** One staff attended two meeting at the Ministry of Trade and Industry
- 3.2.4.** One staff attended a workshop which was organized by ACORD Ethiopian on WTO and Ethiopia in December 2009.
- 3.2.5.** One staff attended a workshop which was organized by ERA on the Implementation assessment of the Twelve Years performance of Road Sector Development Program in November 2009.
- 3.2.6.** One staff attended an International Conference, Sweden, October 2009
- 3.2.7.** One staff attended public lecture on the Performance of the Ethiopian Agriculture, prepared by the MOARD. The public Lecture was given by Lorete Prof. Gabissa Ejeta, Winner of the 2009 World Food Prize Award.
- 3.2.8.** Three staffs of EEA attended presentation on African economic outlook for 2010 in which there was a special presentation on the case of Ethiopia. The presentation was organized by International Monetary Fund (IMF) Ethiopian country office.
- 3.2.9.** Three staffs of EEA attended the 4th Annual African Economic Conference from November 11-13 organized by African Development Bank and Economic Commission for Africa. The theme of the conference was Fostering Development in an Era of Financial and Economic Crises.
- 3.2.10.** Three staffs of EEA attended a half day workshop organized by ESSP on economic implications of foreign exchange rationing in Ethiopia using CGE modeling strategy. The workshop was launched on August 12, 2009.
- 3.2.11.** A workshop prepared by AACCSA on popularization workshop on company registration in Ethiopia
- 3.2.12.** A workshop prepared by AACCSA on the role of private sector in trade negotiations in June 2010 at Addis Ababa.
- 3.2.13.** Two staffs participated in a national conference on leaving the legacy of hunger and famine behind: progress towards food security in Ethiopia organized by association of Citizens' Solidarity for Campaign Against Famine in Ethiopia
- 3.2.14.** Three staffs participated in a presentation on "Permanent Migration and Remittances in Ethiopia" organized by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Ethiopia Strategy Support Program-II (ESSP-II)
- 3.2.15.** A staff participated in a "Consultation Workshop on the Preparation of 2010 MDGs Country Report" organized by MOFED and UN country Team
- 3.2.16.** A staff participated on a national working group meeting of "The National Social Protection Platform" and a consultative meeting of "The Ethiopian Social Development Fund" organized by Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MoLSA)
- 3.2.17.** A staff participated on a workshop on "Capacity Building for Research Institutes: Empirical Analysis and Policy Implication for Trade Negotiation" Organized by MoTI, EU and Addis Ababa University
- 3.2.18.** A staff attended an African Regional Conference on the Right of

Access Information February 7-9, 2010, in Accra Ghana. The conference organized by the Carter Center, in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa.

3.2.19. A staff attended a Regional Forum on Public Procurement Monitoring: Advancing citizens' engagement with government through Social Accountability on 6 - 7th May, 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya organized by ANSA-Africa and WBI.

3.2.20. A Staff participated in the inaugural conference of the Ethiopian Land Administration Association in Bahir Dar and in another meeting in Addis Ababa.

3.2.21. A Staff member attended one international conference in Mombasa, Kenya, March 2010.

3.2.22. Four Staff members attended local workshops and conferences organized by EDRI on trade related issues

3.3. Paper Presentation at 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:

3.3.1. A staff presented a research paper prepared in collaboration with a research from ODI (UK) at Kenyan Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPRA), in February 2010. The title of the paper is 'Creating new markets via smallholder irrigation: The case of irrigation-led smallholder commercialization in Lume district, Ethiopia'.

3.3.2. A Staff presented a paper (based on earlier study project) for CSCAFE stakeholders Conference. Title: 'Quality of aid for Ethiopia'.

3.3.3. A Staff presented a paper at Panel Discussion on "Safe-motherhood in Ethiopia" and presented paper on "Household, Micro and Macroeconomic Situation of Ethiopia vis-à-vis maternal health".

3.3.4. A Staff presented a paper at CS-CAFEs Conference on "Patterns of Rural energy in Ethiopia: Its implication for food security and Land degradation".

3.3.5. The following papers presented at the 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy from June 24 – 26, 2010 by EEA staff:

- Socio-economic Determinants of fertility in Urban Ethiopia- Factors affecting cooperative membership of farmers in rural Ethiopia –
- Adaptation to Climate Change: Results of Community Level Consultations and Implications for National Adaptation Strategy in Ethiopia
- Households' Choice of and Satisfaction with Drinking Water Supply In Rural Ethiopia: Direction of Trade Dynamics and Trade Concentration in Ethiopia

- Patterns of Rural Energy in Ethiopia: Implications for Land Degradation and food Insecurity
- The Impact of Remittances on the Ethiopian Economy – A CGE Analysis
- Simulation Outcome of EEA Macro Model
- International Migration, Remittance and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia
- Community and experts consultations on adaptation to climate change’.
- Demographic Transition and implications for development in Ethiopia.

3.4. Participation in National Committees and Providing 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 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. Head of EEA Secretariat is a member of network of four sectoral associations and two professional associations which was established by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

4. Re-registration of EEA as per the New Charities and societies Proclamation

In the reporting period, the EC of EEA has held repeated discussion and collected advice from legal professionals 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. Finally, after submitting the application form and all the necessary supporting documents, the Association has been re-registered and obtained its certificate of registration bearing the number 1373 on December 31, 2009.

5. Publications Produced

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

- 5.1. Proceedings of the 7th International Conference in three volumes**
- 5.2. Report on the Ethiopian Economy Volume VII 2007/08: Development, Prospects and Challenges of the Energy Sector in Ethiopia**
- 5.3. Quarterly Macroeconomic Reports: Three Quarterly Macro-economic Reports (Vol. 7 No. 2 and 3 and Vol. 8 No. 1)**
- 5.4. Ethiopian Journal of Economics: One issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics (Vol. XVII No.2).**
- 5.5. Book: The 3rd volume of the topics covered in the Vision 2020 forum have been compiled and published in Amharic**

- 5.6. **Working Papers;** During the reporting period, two working papers have been published and distributed.



6. **Articles Submitted for Journal Publications and Review of Journal Articles:**

6.1. **Reviewing articles for the Ethiopian Journal of Economics**

In the reporting period, a total of 14 articles were reviewed by external reviewers of which one article was rejected while 13 articles have been communicated to authors for further improvement. Authors of the seven articles submitted the improved version of their articles which are published in the EJE Vol. XVII No.2 and Vol. XVIII No. 1. Currently, 14 articles are under review by external reviewers.

6.2. **Article Submitted and Published in Journals and other Scientific Publications**

6.2.1. Arjun Bedi and Assefa Admassie, “Attending Shoal, Learning and Child work in Ethiopia”, in the *World of Child Labor: Historical and Regional Survey*, edited by Hugh D. Hindaman, M.E. Sharpe, New York, pp. 265-267, 2009.

6.2.2. Assefa Admassie, Abebaw, D. and A. Delelegn, “*Impact Evaluation of the Ethiopian Health Services Extension Program*”, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 1(4), 430-449.

6.2.3. Abebaw, D., J. Mburu and K.H. Mueller, “*The Safety-net Role of Wild Coffee Berries in Ethiopia: Linking Conservation to Development*”, *Ethiopian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 7(2), 55-80.

6.2.4. Abebaw, D., J. Mburu and K.H. Mueller. 2008, “Responding to an Income *Shock through Increasing Forest Extraction: Survey Evidence from Ethiopian Coffee Farmers*”, Ethiopian Journal of Economics, XVII (2), 57-76.

6.2.5. Abebaw, D., Yebletal Fentie and Belay Kassa, “*Impact of a food security program on household food consumption: a matching estimator approach*”, Food Policy, 2010 (forthcoming)

6.2.6. Assefa Admassie, Abebaw, D. and A. Delelegn, “Impact Evaluation of the Ethiopian Health Services extension Program: A non-experimental approach”, **GDN Working paper No. 22, 2009.**

6.2.7. Research Article in Progress Two articles by Degnet Abebaw are under review for the publication in Journals.

7. 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 14,525 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests (See the details in the Table 7.1).

Table 7.1: Publications Distribution (July 1 – December 31, 2009)

S/N	Beneficiaries	No of publication distributed						Total
		Economic Focus	Quarterly Macro Report	Annual Report	Proceedings	Journals & Research Report & others	Statistical Database & Macro model CD	
1	Donors & Government officials	100	75	49	111	50	46	431
2	EEA Chapters (Hawassa & Bahir Dar)	1176	80	34	142	110	23	1565
3	Universities	2896	206	278	521	206	0	4107
4	Public Library	1568	129	90	102	67	0	1956
5	EEA members and Guests	5451	268	213	200	326	8	6466
	Total	11191	758	664	1076	759	77	14525

EEA has also made available its publications with highly subsidized price to academia, members of EEA and the general public. Through this method about 2057 publications have been distributed.

8. 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.

8.1. Membership Recruitment: A total of 219 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. As a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2010 has reached about 2919.

8.2. 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 39.4% of the total registered members. Currently, about 67% of the registered members (about 2222 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 8.1.

Table 8.1: Membership Status as of June 30, 2009

Membership Status	Members by Category				
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
1. Registered Members	1844	372	666	37	2919
2. Active Members	690	161	294	6	1151
3.1 As % of the total	37.4	43.1	44.1	16.2	39.4
3.2 Those who have e-mail address	1242	293	514	26	2222
3.3 As % of the total	67.4	73.6	76.7	100	66.9

8.3. 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, contract has been signed with web hosting provider (Info mind Plc). The new website partially functional in the area of online membership registration and annual fee collection and event registration. For instance, for the first time about 500 EEA members registered online to attend the 8th International Conference on the Ethiopia Economy and about 10 new members registered online. List of publication and, news have been uploaded. In the reporting period, the website was visited by about 8000 visitors.

8.4. Membership Services: The Ethiopian Economic Association has provided various services to its members that includes trainings (see section 2); online services such as online registration, publication sales etc.; updating membership data base; issue Membership ID Card; 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. In the reporting period, 23 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers; about 2041 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 1088 members of whom 324 are issued in the reporting period. Orientation has been given to 216 new members.

9. 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:

- 9.1.** The President of EEA, EEPRI Director and Head of EEA Secretariat gave an interview for Sheger Radio Station (102.10 FM Radio Station). The Radio Station made a one hour and ten minutes program on EEA development and contributions. The program was transmitted twice
- 9.2.** The National Awareness Workshop on “Ensuring Effective Accountability & Transparency Process in ADB Financed Projects which was held from December 1-2, 2009 has got good coverage by ETV and other news papers. Before the opening day of the workshop, press release was given to news agencies.
- 9.3.** The 1st annual Conference on Amhara Regional State which was held on August 15, 2009 got good coverage by the Amhara Regional State News Agency at the Ethiopian Television.
- 9.4.** The 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy that was held from June 24 – 26, 2010 at EEA Conference Center has got good coverage by ETV and other news papers. Before the opening of the conference, press release and interview were provided to news agencies
- 9.5.** Two Staffs of EEA have provided periodic (on Saturdays’ morning) live radio interviews for Sheger Radio Station (102.10 FM Radio Station) on various economic issues.
- 9.6.** The staffs of EEA have given interviews to various News Agencies including VOA, Blumberg news, Sheger FM, business magazine and ETV on different issues.

10. EEA Documentation Center Services

The Ethiopian Economics 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 subscribed 2 online access “HINARI”, “World Bank Databases” and Free Online Access to all SAGE Journals for one month
- 1893 users have visited the Documentation Center and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents.
- Around 66 Documents Catalogued, classified and encode to the database.
- EEA journals Hosted on Africa Journal online (AJOL)
- Prepared a manual Bibliography for the Library Material
- More than 96 new members of EEA have been given library pocket.
- Purchased 5 CD-ROMs & 17 documents of survey & reports from Central Statistic Agency;
- Six different Ethiopian Codes (Negarit Gazetta of FDRE) purchased from Birhanena Selam;
- 8 annual conference reports are scanned and entered into Green stone software;
- 47 documents which were collected from the World Bank and other organization free of charge, registered, processed, and encoded.
- Hosting New EEA journals (Vol XVIII NO1 APRIL 2009) on Africa Journal online (AJOL) was done.

11. 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.

- 11.1. Staff Recruitment:** One Executive Secretary, four guards, one Junior Researcher, one Junior Accountant and one Driver and Affair Executor have been hired during the reporting period following a competitive process.
- 11.2. Purchase of Equipment:** In order to increase the efficacy of the research and administrative activities all desktop computers have been replaced by new once. Laptop computers have also been procured for research staff of EEA. One mini-conference hall has been furnished with tables and chairs. One Hardtop field vehicle was also procured in the reporting period.
- 11.3. 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.

12. Evaluation of EEA's Performance by its Stakeholders

EEA's past performances have been evaluated by external consultants, which showed very encouraging results. In addition to the standard midterm reviews of our organization, some stakeholders who have assessed EEA's performance and who have visited EEA's head office have expressed their satisfaction in different ways. Some of them gave us their feedbacks verbally while others forwarded their feelings in written. The following three letters received from EEA donors are only some examples in this respect.

12.1. Feedback from the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

The ACBF team lead by Ms. Frannie Leautier, the Executive Secretary of the foundation, visited the Ethiopian Economic Association on April 2010 and sent the following note of Appreciation.

On behalf of the ACBF team that visited the Ethiopian Economics Association on 20, April 2010, I wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to your staff, and especially to you for making time to meet us despite your busy schedule.

From the discussion we had, which centered on strengthening and moving forward the existing partnership between the EEA and ACBF, I deduce the followings:

- *Showcasing of EEA/EEPRI as a success story to be featured during the ACBF 20th Anniversary celebration; and*
- *Increased ACBF utilization of consultants' within EEA/EEPRI's database*

The operational department and units in our respective institutions will work closely together to ensure that the outcomes are achieved efficiently and effectively for the mutual benefits of EEA/EEPRI and ACBF.

Yours sincerely,

*Frannie Leautier
Executive Secretary*

12.2. Feedback from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

EEA has close working relationship with IFPRI. In the 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, IFPRI actively participated by organizing various sessions and co-hosting the conference. After the workshop, the Director of IFPRI sent a note of appreciation which is put in the box below.

Congratulations on the very successful Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) Eighth International Conference on the Ethiopian economy, June 24-26, 2010! The program and participation were outstanding, and the facilities were excellent. Many people I spoke with commented very favorably on the event.

It was a pleasure for IFPRI-ESSP2 to participate in and co-host this conference with the Ethiopian Economics association. We look forward to continuing to work with you on research and outreaching activities in the future.

Thank you and best regards

Dr. Paul Dorosh

Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

12.3. Feedback from the Think Tank Initiative Policy Community Survey

In the reporting period, the Think Tank Initiative conducted a Policy

Community Survey on 24 Think Tanks that are found in 11 African Countries and send us the result of the survey. Respondents to the survey were stakeholders (senior level staff in their organizations, and active members of the national policy community) who are engaged in developing or influencing national government social and economic policy. These included respondents from government, non-governmental organizations, the media, multilateral/bilateral organizations, the private sector, and from research/academia.

The results of the survey that have been shown on the Annex 2, 3, & 4 and the attached charts revealed that in terms of institutional capacity, output delivery and usefulness of the outputs, EEA performed well and is one of the top Think Tanks on the continent. EEA performs well above the average of 24 Think Tanks that are found in 11 African and 5 East African countries in most of the indicators. With regard to institutional assessment (see Annex 2) about 11 institutional indicators were used to measure the performance of institutions under consideration and the survey result pointed out that as compared to the 11 African Countries, EEA performed above the average in 7 indicators while as compared to the 5 East African Countries, EEA performed above the average in 9 indicators. Similarly, in the area of output and usefulness of output ratings, EEA performed above the averages of 11 African Countries and 5 East African countries in all the 12 indicators used (see Annex 3 and 4 and the charts in the annex).

Generally, in view of the respondents, the findings of the survey well underscore that the contribution of EEA in the policy making process of the country is relatively strong and put EEA in a better position as compared to the surveyed 24 African Institutions. This can be seen from the overall rating result of the survey. According to the overall rating, 61% of the respondents rated the overall performance of EEA as Very Good or Excellent while the rate for 11 African Countries and East African countries are 41% and 39%, respectively. Similarly, 64% of the respondents rated the Overall Impact of EEA as Very Good or Excellent while the average for 11 African Countries and East African Countries is about 43%. See the details in the Table below.

Table 12.1: Overall Ratings as % of Respondents Selecting (4+5 i.e. V. good & Excellent)

S/N	Rating	11-Country average*	East Africa**	EEA (n=36)***
1	Overall performance	41	39	61
2	Influence	29	26	33
3	Overall impact	42	44	64

In addition to the Policy Community Survey, Think Tank Initiative conducted and revealed the result of a Peer Review of Research Output of the 24 Think Tanks. In this process, each institution requested to submit up to four research outputs for peer review, produced during 2009. Each output was reviewed by a single peer reviewer chosen according to their expertise in the research topic and the specific context where the research was carried out. Reviewers provided their feedback using a form especially designed for this purpose. The score from this exercise also indicated that EEA is on the right direction in terms of methodology, relevance, timeliness, quality, etc., of its research activities.

13. Challenges Faced

- 13.1. **EEA Multi-purpose Building:** EEA completed its Multi-purpose Building and housed its offices (the Secretariat and EEPRI) in it and rented out some of the free spaces. 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. Thus, the task of equipping and furnishing the conference hall should be the front task of the next plan period.
- 13.2. **Establishment of Training Institute:** though the Association 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 because of shortage of financial resources..
- 13.3. **Expanding Membership Base:** Increasing 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. For instance, although the number of active members of the Association which was about 17% on June 30, 2006 has increased to 39% on June 30, 2010, it is still very low. Thus, we need to increase members' participation and membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and abroad. However, this task has been severely constrained by the limited financial resources available for the establishment of EEA chapters outside Addis Ababa and running cost of the existing ones. But, expanding membership base has brought significant challenge of meeting the quorum requirements during General Assembly meetings as per the Constitution of the Association. .
- 13.4. **In adequate Human Resource:** One of the major constraints to research activities is the small size of EEA's research staff relative to the demand for analytical outputs. Few staffs have also left EEA not only to pursue their further training but also because of attractive salary elsewhere. The recruitment of senior research staffs has also been a major challenge for the Association.
- 13.5. **Financial and Administrative Constraints:** Although EEA has received generous support for its core program activities from its development partners, the irregularity of financial disbursement and its unpredictable nature were the major constraint that EEA has faced.
- 13.6. **Inadequate Physical Infrastructure:** EEA had also operated under stressful conditions in terms of physical infrastructure. Though current internet connection has been upgraded, it is still very slow. The frequent power interruption had also been a major constraint on the operations of EEA activities.
- 13.7. **Training for Members:** Though EEA wishes to organize more trainings with the objectives of improving the professional competence of its members and other stakeholders, due to other priorities and due to human resource constraints, the plan could not be materialized. However, it is believed that the problem will be solved after the establishment of the envisaged EEA Training Institute.

PART TWO

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

(July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)

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 Eighth Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** With the view of consistently providing an independent and professional overview of the Ethiopian economy, EEA has been preparing annual report on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00. The theme of the annual report on the Ethiopian Economy is “Financial Sector and Development. In the plan period, the data collection, analysis and report writing will be carried out and the report will be published and disseminated.
- 1.2. Ninth Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** in the plan period, the thematic area of the report will be identified and data collection for the other chapter of the report will be started.
- 1.3. Updating and Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model for Ethiopia:** In an effort to frequently make updated forecasting Macro-econometric model for Ethiopia, EEA has finalized updating the data and the research team has estimated the model component equations and solved the system. In the plan period, EEA will try organize discussions with MoFED for its finalization and utilization.
- 1.4. Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR):** The

objective of the study is to prepare the National Human Development Report (NHDR) for 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 will be finalized in the plan period.

- 1.5. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa:** The main purpose of this project is to generate relevant data and information on the effects of climate change at various levels in Ethiopia. This project is signed together with the Arba-Minch University and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (based in Sri Lanka. The project is sponsored by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and GTZ. The remaining project activities that will be carried out in the plan period from EEA side include: Finalization of the field work for data collection (socio-economic survey) in selected sites in Nile Basin and Database preparation/compilation, analysis and report writing.
- 1.6. Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change:** the main objective of this research project is to develop a book on the title “Demographic Transition and Development in Ethiopia” and to conduct field research on determinants of youth migration in Ethiopia. The client for this project is Packard foundation. In the planned period, survey instrument will be developed and data collection, analysis and report writing will be carried out and the book will be published.
- 1.7. Spatial Equity in the Provision of WASH Services:** The major objective of the project is to investigate the spatial equity in the provision of water and sanitation services across the country based on the evidence from selected area based case studies. The study was commissioned by Water Aid Ethiopia Study (WAE). In the planned period, field surveys will be conducted in selected districts in the country and data analysis and report writing will be carried out.
- 1.8. Study of Rural Land Administration in Ethiopia:** The study is initiated in collaboration with the World Bank. In the planned period, field survey will be finalized and the database will be submitted to the client.
- 1.9. Creating new markets via smallholder irrigation:** The case of irrigation-led smallholder commercialization in Lume district, Ethiopia. The aim of this work is to generate knowledge and lessons on the role of small-scale irrigation in agricultural commercialization. In the planned period, Data analysis and report writing will be carried out.
- 1.10. Interlinking Weather Index Insurance with Credit to Alleviate Market Failures and Improve Agricultural Productivity in Rural Ethiopia.** The project is a collaborative research between EEA and University of California, San Diego and FAO. The project will be launched in September 2010 and during the plan period, survey instrument will be developed and data collection, analysis and report writing will be carried out.

- 1.11. Making Rural Services Work for the Poor:** The main purpose of this research project has been to assess the quantity and quality of rural agricultural and water supply services in rural areas of Ethiopia. In the planned period, the discussion papers will be finalized and submitted to the client (IFPRI).
- 1.13. Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential:** Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa Addis Ababa City- This project is part of the bid project of the World Bank under the title of "Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential". The project will be finalized during the reporting period.
- 1.14. Quarterly Macroeconomic Report:** Four issues of the Quarterly Macroeconomic Report will be published in the next year. Both issues will cover major macroeconomic performances during the year 2010/11.
- 1.15. Generate Quarterly GDP series for the Ethiopian Economy:** Lack of quarterly GDP estimate has been a great challenge for undertaking researches and policy analysis at a short frequency basis. Recognizing the existing gap in this regard, EEA has planned to generate quarterly GDP using scientific econometric approaches.
- 1.16. Revenue Potential Gap Analysis of the SNNP Region:** As per the request of SNNP Revenue Authority, Technical and financial proposal prepared and submitted to the Authority. The main purpose of the project is to conduct an analysis on revenue generating potential and gap analysis of the region. In the planned period, the project will be started and completed.
- 1.18. Update the EEA's Socio-Economic Database for Ethiopia:** The Ethiopian Economic Association has also the objective of creating conducive environment for economic researchers. As part of this effort, the Association will update the economic database to 2010.
- 1.19. Other planned Research projects:** - in the last reporting period EEA has developed several technical and financial proposals and submitted to organization for funding. If the fund for the proposed projects is secured, they will be implemented. In addition new research proposals will be developed and submitted to different partners. Ethiopia.

2. Planned Short-Term Training Activities

2.1. Establishing a Training Institute

Establishing Training Institute has been initiated long before the construction of EEA Multi-purpose Building. In the planned period, Feasibility study for the establishment of Training Institute will be conducted and training programs will be developed.

2.2. Short term Trainings Organized

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
- Trainings on Statistical Package: (SPSS, STATA, E-Views, PC-Give, etc.)
- Introduction to Macroeconomic Modeling Techniques
- Introduction to Basic Time-Series Analysis
- Research Methods and Report Writing
- Training on WTO Accession

2.3. Training on Policy Formulation and Implementation for Federal and Regional Stakeholders: As a mechanism to support policy design and implementation, EEA is preparing a module to be used as a guideline for the demand based training on policy formulation and implementation for regional and federal stakeholders.

2.4. ANSA-Africa Training on Social Accountability: As part of the agreement made with the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa (ANSA-Africa), EEA will organize a five days training workshop for trainees drawn from relevant institutions from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia.

2.5. Internship Training: EEA has been providing a two months internship training for senior undergraduate 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.

2.6. Young Professionals Development Program: EEA also plans to start a new initiative in which a one year young professionals program for new M.Sc. graduates of economics if it could secure the necessary resources.

2.7. Staff Training: EEA will continue to seek for opportunities for short-term training for its staffs during the plan period.

3. Planned Workshops and Conferences

3.1. Vision 2020 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 though it was interrupted in 2009. In the plan period, EEA plans to organize about three forums from the following topics.

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

3.2. ANSA-Africa Social Accountability Project - East Africa Region:

In the planned period, the sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Extractive industries and Natural Resource Management that will be held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Book Launching workshop that will be held at Nairobi, Kenya; and

Training on Social Accountability that will be held at Addis Ababa will be organized. For the public dialogue workshop, paper presenters who were commissioned from Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and participants from each country will participate.

3.3. Organize the Inaugural Workshop for the Establishment of EEA Chapter at Mekelle University: - Cognizing the Federal Administration arrangement of the country, EEA aims to extend its area of engagement at Regional States and improve its visibility so as to contribute to the advancement of the Regional State Economy Development through research, capacity building training and organization of various discussion forums. Thus, it is planned to organize EEA's Chapters opening inaugural workshop at Mekelle.

3.4. The 9th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy: As a continuation of the previous international conferences, the 9th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized in June 2011 at the EEA Conference Center

3.5. The Second Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development: Capitalizing on the experiences achieved during the organization of the first regional conference, EEA plans to co-organize the second annual conference in collaboration with the EEA Bahir Dar Chapter in August 2010. Some preparatory activities will be also made for the organization of the third annual conference.

3.6. Other Conferences and Workshops:

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

- Public Lecture on socio-economic issues by inviting prominent persons will be organized, when possible.
- The 17th General Assembly of EEA will be called during the plan period to discuss on past accomplishments and future plans of the Association.
- Dissemination workshop of the 8th Annual Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized

4. Developing the 3rd five years strategic plan for EEA

Since 2000, the Ethiopian Economics Association has been undertaking its activities based on a five years strategic plan. The plan outlines the main activities that the Association intends to undertake during the five year plan period in the hope of contributing its share in the policy making and implementation processes in Ethiopia for sustained economic growth and poverty reduction. It is also used to solicit financial support from its development partners. The 1st five years strategic plan covered the period from 2000 – 2005 while the second covered the period from 2006 – 2010. Hence, EEA plans to develop the 3rd five years strategic plan which will cover the period from 2011 to 2015 during the plan period.

5. EEA Membership Drive

5.1 Opening up of Regional Chapters: One EEA chapter which will be useful channel for expanding the activities of EEA will open its fourth chapter in Mekelle in collaboration with the Mekelle University. In the previous reporting period, discussion with the University officials were held and agreement reached to open the chapter.

5.2 Strategies for retaining and increasing new members: Effort will be made to improve membership services which includes the following:

- 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.

5.3 Providing Training: During the plan period trainings will be organized at Haramaya, Mekelle, Bahir Dar and Hawassa in collaboration with EEA Chapters in the regions in addition to the planned trainings that will be organized in Addis Ababa.

5.4 Making Functional EEA Website: In the last reporting period, EEA has developed and upgraded its website. During the current plan period, the website will be fully functional. i.e., all online services will be started and downloadable materials will be available.

6. 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 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- The proceedings of the Second Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development will be published
- Three issues of the Economic Focus will be published
- Two issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- The Eighth Annual Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published
- Four issues of the Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Five issues of Working Papers series will be produced during the year.
- Several Research Reports will be also produced at the culmination of the different research projects.

7. Publicizing EEA Objectives, Program and Activities.

There is a plan to use various 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, etc. 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.

8. Distribution of Publications

EEA will continue to distribute its regular publications to its members, Government offices, Universities, civil society organizations, the private sector and public libraries through the various channels. 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 strengthen its chapters at regions so as to widen its publication distributions.

9. 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.
- Putting the data base on the EEA web site.
- New Documents will be catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.
- Strengthening the relationship of the Documentation Center with different governmental and non-governmental libraries
- Prepare an index to the newsletters to increase their readability.
- Encoding all the library materials to the data base.
- Obtain books through donation
- Send EEA journals to AGOL
- Facilitate the provision of ISSN and ISBN numbers to EEA publications

10. 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.

10.1 Hiring of New Employees: According to the organizational structure EEA will increase its professional work force. While it will not possible at this point in time fully implement the structure, a few additional staffs will be hired during the plan period on competitive basis. Accordingly, it is planned to hire two junior researchers, Finance head and Human Resource and General Services Head. In addition, consultants and publication officers will be hired on contractual bases.

10.2 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.

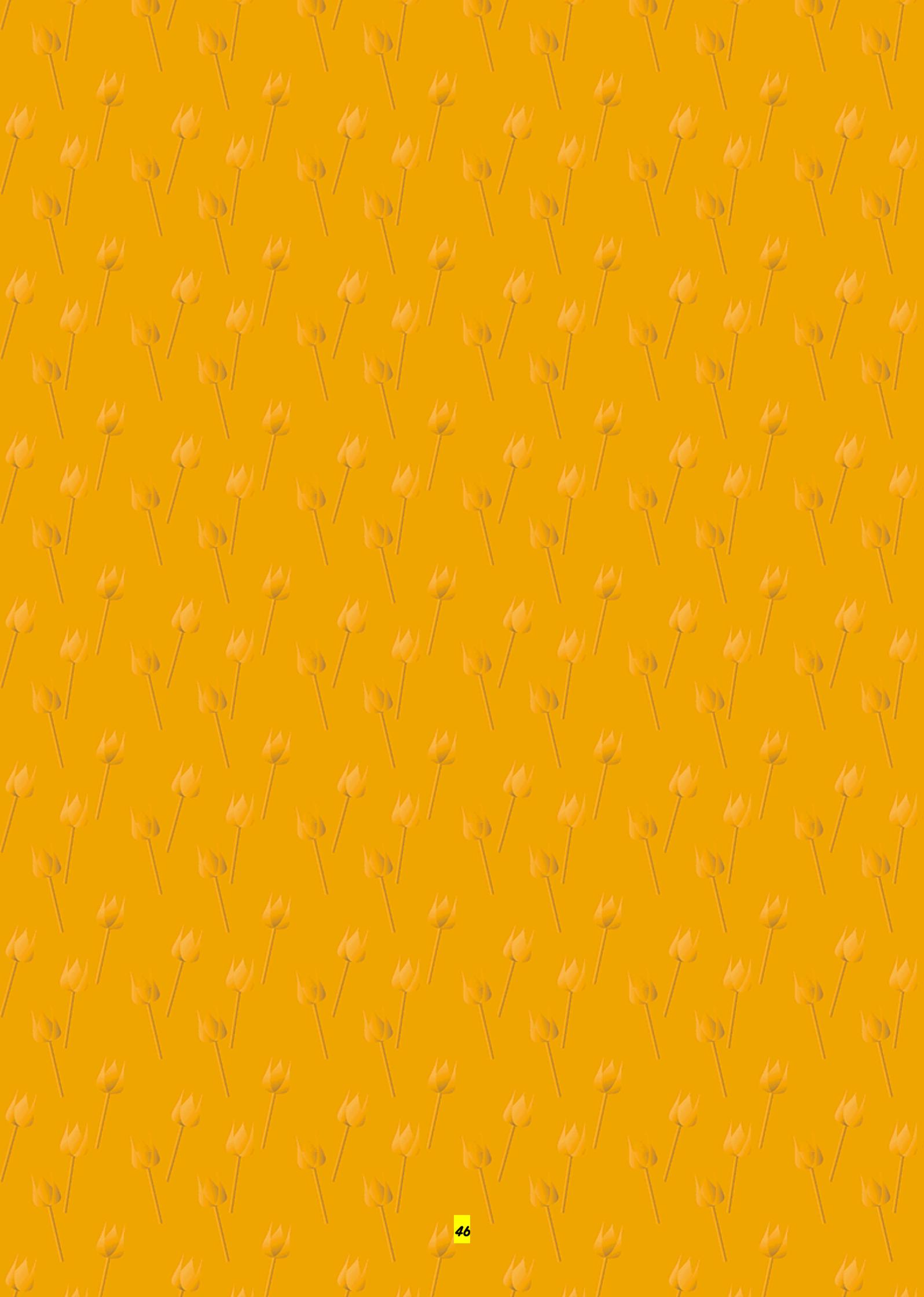
10.3 Establishing a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit: In view of the expanded activities of the Association and to meet the reporting demands of the various donors, EEA is planning to establish an M&E unit.

10.4 Other Administrative Activities: The EEA administration will continue to strive to create a better and improved working environment for its staffs and members. Hence, EEA plans to replace the existing old office furniture. New Softwares and additional equipments will also be purchased.

PART THREE
AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

















Annex 1: SUMMARY OF PERFORMACE REPORT

Reporting Period: From July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
1	Research Activities		
1.1	Survey of Supply Side Constraints to Ethiopia's Export	Complete the survey, data entry coding and editing and write the report and submit it to the client.	Completed
It 1.2	Seventh Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy	Data collection, analysis and report writing and Publish and disseminate the report	All completed
1.3	The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change- Social Component	Collect information from two local and one national level participatory scenario-development workshops, participate in Video and audio conferences held with multi-country project partners and the World Bank and Prepare project report and National Synthesis Report and submit to the client.	Completed
1.4	A Survey of the Trade and Economic Relationships between Ethiopia and China and India	Conduct data collection, analysis and report writing, and collect feedback from the client and incorporate comments and submit the final report to the client.	Completed
1.5	International Migration, Remittances and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia	Conduct data collection, analysis and report write up and published it.	Completed and published in EEA WP
1.6	Review the Federal Government Budget Proclamation for the Year 2009/10 (2002 E.C.)	Prepare opinion report on the Federal budget proclamation for the year 2009/10 on issues related to the overall Federal budget and deficit growth; developments of external loan and assistance; revenue collection performance of Federal and Regional States; sectoral distribution of 2000 EC Federal government budget; and sectoral allocation of the Federal government's budget vis-à-vis PASDEP.	completed
1.7	Rapid Assessment of Shoe Shiners	Formulate survey instrument and conduct field surveys, data	Completed

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
	and Parking Attendants in Addis Ababa	cleaning, verification and coding, data entry and data analysis and report write up, and collect feedback and incorporate the comments and submit the final report to the clients	
1.8	Quarterly Macroeconomic Reports	Prepare and disseminate four reports	Four reports prepared and disseminated
1.9	Eighth Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy	Identify thematic area and start the collection of data for other chapters of the report	The financial sector identified as thematic area and outline and concept note developed for it. The collection of data for other sections of the report started.
1.10	Making Rural Services Work for the Poor	Conduct survey, data cleaning, verification, and coding and data entry and prepare data set and manuscripts, and prepare papers.	Survey was conducted, dataset and draft manuscript were prepared and submitted to the client (IFPRI) and two papers were prepared and presented.
1.11	Updating and Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model for Ethiopia	Update the data and re-estimate the equations of the model and start discussion with MoFED for its utilization	The data updated but discussion with MoFED has not yet started
1.12	Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR)	Incorporate comments on the draft report	The work is ongoing
1.13	Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub Saharan Africa	Develop survey instruments and select survey area and train data collectors	Completed
1.14	Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change	Prepare technical and financial proposal and submit them to the client for funding and secure the fund and prepare draft manuscripts and survey instruments	Technical and financial proposals prepared and funding for the project secured from Packard foundation. Draft manuscript prepared and survey instruments is under preparation
1.15	<i>Spatial Equity in the Provision of WASH Services</i>	Develop research design and plan for stakeholders consultation	Completed

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
1.16	<i>Study of Rural Land Administration in Ethiopia</i>	Develop survey instrument and start data collection	Survey instruments developed. Data collectors trained and data collection started
1.17	<i>Creating new markets via smallholder irrigation</i>	Generate knowledge and lessons on the role of small-scale irrigation in agricultural commercialization	Data generated by graduate student from IDS of Sussex University was analyzed.
1.18	Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation among Small holders in Ethiopia	Conduct data collection and analysis and report write up	The necessary data was collected and analyzed. Three papers produced and submitted to the FAO.
1.19	ANSA-Africa Social Accountability Project - East Africa Region	Submitted proposal and signed agreement with the secretariat of ANSA-Africa and get Prepare activity plan and agree with ANSA-Africa and start preparatory activities	Contract agreement signed and activity plan prepared and agreed with ANSA-Africa. Preparatory Activities were carried out for the organization of the sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Extractive industries and Natural Resource Management
1.20	Updating of Social and Economic Database	Update the data base	Ongoing
1.21	Revenue Potential Gap Analysis of the SNNP Region	Prepare technical and financial proposal	Completed
1.22	Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential	Prepare Technical and Financial proposal and discuss with the WB	Negotiation underway
1.23	Develop Research proposal and submitted for financing	Prepare technical and financial proposals and submitted for financing	Twelve proposals prepared of which four proposals have got financing and response for the rest is awaited
2	Training Activities		
2.1	Preparations for Establishing a Training Institute	Form a task force and prepare TOR and shortlist the consultant	The task force established by EC of EEA, the Task force developed TOR and invited consultants.
2.1	Training on WTO Accession for Business Communities	Provide training to members of the business community at 18 towns and prepare completion report and submit to the client.	Completed

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
2.3	<i>Organize training to members and other stakeholders</i>	Organize six trainings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was planned to organize three round trainings on Performance and Impact Evaluation of Development Projects at Addis Ababa but succeeded one. • Organized one training at Hawassa in collaboration with EEA Hawassa Chapter • Organized two trainings for two stakeholders on demand bases
2.4	Support and Participation in University Level Trainings	Offer training courses to universities, serve as advisors, examiner and offer internship services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided 3 courses at 3 universities, • Examined 8 MA, 1PHD and 5 undergraduate Students, • Advised 10 MA &PHD students. • One fording student offered 4 month internship. • Rreviewed the thesis of two students from College of Malawi • reviewed Discussion Paper of the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany • Offered four months (February 5, 2010- June 5, 2010) internship for a post-graduate student from Utrecht University, the Netherlands
2.5	EEA Staff Training	Depending the availability of training, facilitate staff training	Four staff of EEA attended local training and one staff attended training abroad
3	Organization of Workshops and Paper Presentations		
3.1	Organization of Workshops		

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
3.1.1	The Eighth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy	Plan to organize it in June 2010	Organized from June 24 -26, 2010; 85 papers presented; attended by about 470, 300 and 250 participants during the first, second and third days of the conference
3.1.2	The 1st Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development	Plan to organize it in August, 2009	Organized on August 15, 2009; Attended by about 120 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region. 8 papers were presented and discussion was held. The proceedings of the conference published and disseminated.
3.1.3	The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Ethiopian Economic Association	Plan to organize in December, 2009	Organized on 15 th and 26 th December 2009. The first meeting was not held due to the Absence of full Quorum while the second one succeeded with full Quorum. The Assembly discussed and endorsed revised the By-law, External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2008/09) and the plan for the year 2009/10. Approved the selection of External Auditor for the next three years.
3.1.4	National Awareness Workshop on “Ensuring Effective Accountability & Transparency Process in ADB Financed Projects	Organize in December 2009 in collaboration with ADB	Organized on December 1-2, 2009, It was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development and attended by about 69
3.1.5	Local and National Workshop on the Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change - Social Component	Organize two local and one national workshop	Two local workshops organized on June 18, 2009 and August 7, 2009 and attended by 74 participants. The national workshop organized on October 16, 2009 at Addis Ababa and attended by about 42 participants.
3.1.6	The 2nd Regional Annual	Plan to organize it in August 2010	Preparatory work underway to organize it on August

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
	Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development		14, 2010.
3.1.7	The Launching of the 7th Annual Report of the Ethiopian Economy	Organize it for journalists	Organized on March 24, 2010 at Jupiter Hotel, Addis Ababa. About 8 journalists attended the workshop
3.1.8	Vision 2020 Forum	Organize 3 forum	Organized 1 form on “A Road Map to Build Inclusive financing in Ethiopia 2011 – 2015” on April 22, 2010. attended by about 150 participants
3.1.9	Inaugural Workshop at the opening of EEA Chapters	Open EEA Chapter at Haramaya University and Mekelle University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A half day workshop organized on the 24th April 2010; two paper presented, attended by about 120 participants; the chapter office and EEA publications visited. • Preparatory work is going on for the opening of Mekelle chapter
3.1.10	Participation in Workshops and Seminars	Participate on selected local and international conference	Participated on over 50 conferences and workshops
3.2	Paper Presentation at Workshops and Seminars	EEA encourage its staff to present papers at various conferences and workshop organized by others	15 papers presented at 7 conferences
3.5	Participation in National Committees and Providing Professional Advices	EEA encourage its staff to provide professional advice to others	Three staff participated in three committees
4	Re-registration of EEA as per the New Charities and societies Proclamation	Re-register EEA	EEA obtained a certificate bearing a number 1373 of re-registration of EEA on December 31, 2009
5	Publications Produced	Published various publications	Four publication published
5.1	Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on the Ethiopian	Publish	Published in three volumes and is under dissemination

S/N	List of Activities	Plan for the Period	Status
	Economy		
5.2	Quarterly Macroeconomic Reports	Publish four reports	Published three reports
5.3	Ethiopian Journal of Economics	Publish four EJE	Published one
5.4	The 3rd volume of topics of Vision 2020 forum		Published
5.5	Working Papers	Publish four WP	Published one WP
5.6	Report on the Ethiopian Economy Volume VII 2007/08	Publish	Published and started its dissemination
6	Publications Distribution	Continuous activities	14,52 5different types of publications freely distributed to various stakeholders and 2057 publication on sale
7	EEA Membership		
7.1	Opening up Regional chapters of EEA	Open two chapters	One chapter opened at Haramaya University. The other is on process at Mekelle
7.2	Increasing Membership	Recruit more members	219 new members registered
7.3	Updated Membership Data Base and email addresses	Updating members data base	Ongoing
7.4	Provide membership services and information	Continuous activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership ID issued to 1088 members of which 324 issued in the reporting period • 2041 email messages were replied, forwarded to members, staff, and other stakeholders. • Provided 23 recommendation and referral letters • Provided orientation to new members and visitors
7.5	Redesigning EEA Website	Updating the Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesigning EEA Website completed • Online service started for instance for the first time about 500 EEA members registered online to

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			attend the 8 th International Conference on the Ethiopia Economy and about 10 new members registered online. Online membership fee collection and publication sale are possible to start
8	Documentation Center Services		
8.1	Provide efficient and up to date services to members and visitors	500 users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1893 users accessed materials in the centers • library pocket provided to 96 new members of EEA
8.2	Upgrade the services	Continuous activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 new document collected, classified and encode to the database • Purchased 5 CD-ROMs & 17 documents of survey & reports from Central Statistic Agency • Prepared a manual Bibliography for the Library Material • Six different Ethiopian Codes (Negarit Gazetta of FDRE) purchased • 8 annual conference report are scanned and entered into Green stone software • New EEA journals Hosted on Africa Journal online (AJOL)
9	Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Programs and Activities	Various activities and continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the interview of President of EEA, EEPRI Director and Head of EEA Secretariat, Sheger Radio Station (102.10 FM Radio Station) made a one hour and ten minutes program on EEA development and contributions and broadcast it twice.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy got good coverage at ETV and various media • The National Awareness Workshop on “Ensuring Effective Accountability & Transparency Process in ADB Financed Projects got good coverage by ETV and other news papers. • The 1st Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State got good coverage by the Amhara Regional State News Agency at Ethiopian Television • Two Staffs of EEA have provided periodic (on Saturdays’ morning) live radio interviews for Sheger Radio Station (102.10 FM Radio Station) on various economic issues. • Provided several interview on economic issues to various media agencies
10	Administrative Activities	Conduct administrative services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Executive Secretary, four guards, one Junior Researcher, one Junior Accountant and one Driver and Affair Executor recruited • All desktop computers replaced by new once • Laptop computers purchased • One mini-conference hall has been furnished by tables and chairs • One Hardtop vehicle procured

Annex 2: Result of Policy Community Survey: - Institutional Indicators

S/N	Institutional Indicators	% of Respondents Selecting Very Good and Excellent (4+5)#		
		11 Country Average*	East Africa**	EEA (n=36)***
1	Clear Communication	40	40	53
2	Engagement with Policy Makers	39	40	33
3	Partnership with other policy actors	34	33	39
4	Focus in high priority issues	45	45	53
5	Informed critique of public policy	40	39	61
6	Knowledge of policy making process	47	46	47
7	Quality of researchers	53	47	55
8	Regional knowledge	42	41	39
9	Research dissemination	38	37	50
10	Transparency	39	35	36
11	Value of in person events	35	29	31

Annex 3 Result of Policy Community Survey: - Output Rating Indicators

S/N	Output Rating Indicators	% of Respondents Selecting Very Good and Excellent (4+5)#		
		11 Country Average*	East Africa**	EEA (n=36)***
1	Accuracy	46	44	61
2	Availability	35	34	50
3	Clarity	44	41	58
4	Objectivity	48	45	50
5	Quality of Recommendations	46	41	53
6	Relevance	41	37	48
7	Timeliness	37	35	44

Annex 4: Result of Policy Community Survey: - Usefulness of Output

S/N	Usefulness of Output	% of Respondents Selecting Very Good and Excellent (4+5)#		
		11 Country Average*	East Africa**	EEA (n=36)***
1	Books	30	19	38
2	Journal Articles	30	26	52
3	Newsletters	24	25	25
4	Reports	43	39	61
5	Unpublished website content	21	20	39

When asked the question: the respondent replied using the scale 1 to 5 where 1=poor, 2=Satisfactory, 3=Good, 4= V. good and 5=Excellent.

* Based on the rating of 24 institutions across 11 countries (Number of ratings per insinuation with which respondents are familiar ranges from 11 to 40)

** Based on the rating of 11 institutions across 5 East African countries (number of rating per institution with which respondents are familiar ranges from 11 to 40)

*** Rating from 36 respondents who are familiar with and rated EEA in Ethiopia

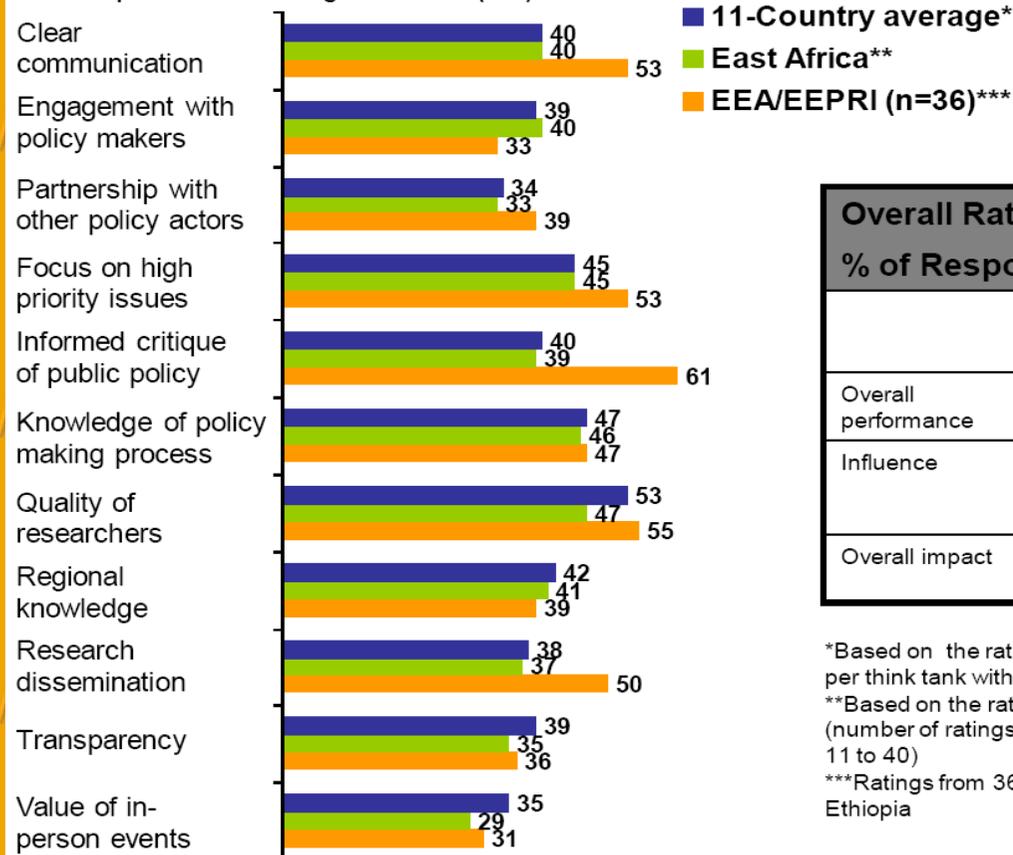
Annex 5: TTIs policy survey in the form of diagrams

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Institution Indicators

% of Respondents Selecting "Excellent" (4+5)[†]



Overall Ratings

% of Respondents Selecting (4+5)

	11-Country average*	East Africa**	EEA/EEPRI (n=36)***	
Overall performance	41	39	61	"Excellent" (4+5)
Influence	29	26	33	"Strongly Influence" (4+5)
Overall impact	42	44	64	"Positive" (4+5)

*Based on the ratings of 24 think tanks across all 11 countries (number of ratings per think tank with which respondents are familiar ranges from 11 to 40)

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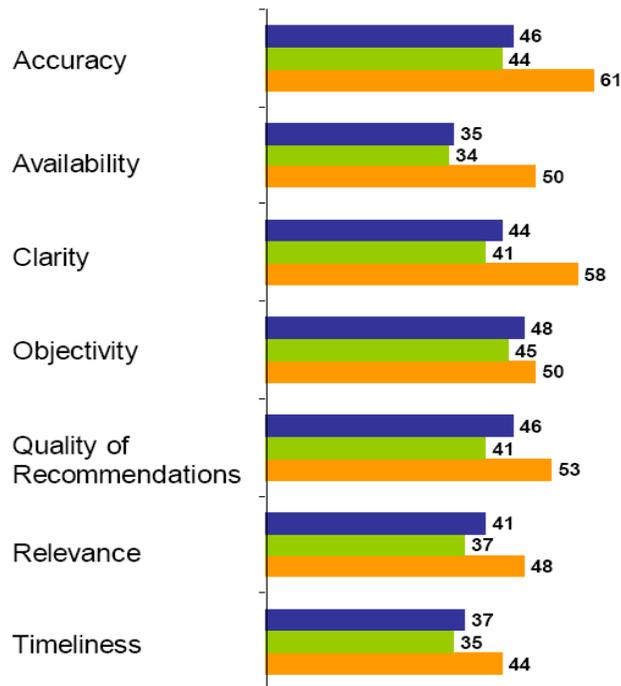
[†]When asked the question: How would you rate this research institute's performance in [...]?
 Please use a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is "poor" and 5 is "excellent."

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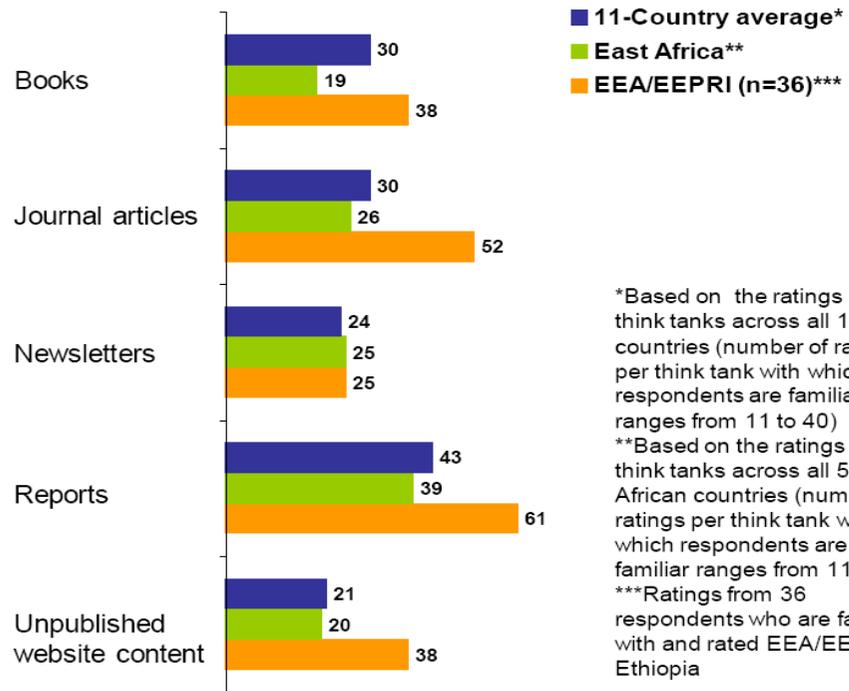
Output Ratings

% of Respondents Selecting "Excellent" (4+5)†



Usefulness of Output

% of Respondents Selecting "Useful" (4+5)††



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†Overall, how would you rate each of the following aspects of this research institute's outputs? By "outputs" we mean the institute's publications, reports, website content, newsletters and any other written communications. Please use a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is "poor" and 5 is "excellent."

††How useful have this research institute's different outputs been to your own work? Please use a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is "not at all useful" and 5 is "highly useful."