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L MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Ethiopian Economics Association has been established as an independent professional association, with the primary aim of promoting the development of the economics profession in Ethiopia and contributing to the policy formulation and implementation process of our country through research, training, public dialogue forums and dissemination. Being active members of the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) since its establishment in 1991 and serving four years as Editor in-chief and three years (since September 2010) as president of EEA, I have witnessed the remarkable progress the Association has achieved. Over the last two



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President

decades, it has expanded from a few founding members with just few staff at the Secretariat to over 4300 members; with more than 28 full time staffs working under the Secretariat and the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI). It had grown from an organization with assets worth not more than few hundred Birr to an owner of multi-purpose building. It started with the publication of a newsletter but now publishes several reputable publications including the Ethiopian Journal of Economics, an annual Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy, Quarterly Macroeconomic Economic Reports, and several proceedings of conferences. In terms of organizing public dialogue forums, it had grown from organizing simple roundtable discussion forums to that of organizing regular regional and international conferences and several thematic discussion forums. I believe 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.

I believe also that this evolution has symbiotically earned EEA the respect of the development community including policy makers, business communities, civil society organizations, donors and the public at large as an independent source of socio-economic policy analysis and knowledge in Ethiopia.

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 2013/14, ongoing and planned activities for the year 2014/15 and the external audit report of the year 2013/14.

In the year 2013/14 EEA has been working on about 11 research projects focusing on economic and social issues pertinent to the growth and development of the Ethiopian Economy through its research wing, EEPRI. To mention but few of the research projects undertaken during the reporting period: the 2014 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy with a thematic topic "Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia: Policies, Performance, Constraints and Prospects", Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture, and Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia. EEA hopes that these research projects inform the policy formulation and implementation process in the country. This is clearly evidenced by the increasing demand for EEA's engagement in collaborative research projects. In addition, the research outputs are expected to benefit and inform EEA members, the private sector, the international community, Civil Society Organizations, the Academia and the general public.

The Association has also organized various discussion forums (eight in number) on the national and regional economy and development issues that involved diverse groups of stakeholders. The results of these discussions were published for wider dissemination. A notable achievement in this regard has been the Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy, the five regional conferences held at Bahir Dar, Mekelle, Hawassa, and Eastern Ethiopia (Haramaya and Jigjiga) in collaboration the EEA chapters. The workshops and other public dialogue forums organized in different parts of the country during the year have been able to attract huge participation of stakeholders. These discussion forums have created opportunities for various EEA stakeholders to discuss and interact with policy makers and among themselves. The staffs of EEA have also actively participated in several local and international workshops and conferences 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, visitors who were seeking independent and professional information and advice on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy have been received and briefed.

In terms of the provision of short-term trainings, the activities carried out in this area with a view to improve the professional standing of EEA's members and the staffs of government institutions are note worthy. In this regard, the Association has organized about twelve training events at Addis Ababa and at different parts of the century through its regional chapters. EEA's research staffs have also been extensively engaged in the teaching of courses and advising students in various university graduate programs. EEA's engagement in training activities contributes to the skill development of policy makers and the overall capacity building efforts of the country. In addition, some preliminary work has been carried out in the process of establishing the EEA Training Institute. In this regard, EEA had been able to design a graduate level training program in three specialization areas. Several people have been involved in the preparation of the program. At the moment, the draft curriculum development for post graduate program and continent development for short-term trainings is completed. The training institute was furnished with desk top computers, tables and chairs.

In view of the provision of the constitution of the Association, EEA has also put up efforts to open additional chapter at Jigjiga. As a result, EEA opened officially its seventh chapter at Jigjiga University on the 9th October 2013 and preparatory activities to open Jigjiga Chapter are in progress.

In the year, about 300 new members have also joined the Association which increased the total number of registered members of the Association to about 4300 as of June 30, 2014.

Having addressed briefly the performance of EEA for the year, I would like to dwell upon the future challenges of the Association, which need our concerted attention. We have outlined five focal areas for future action with a view to enhancing and improving the EEA's operations and source of income. These are the effective and productive use of our Multi-purpose building, expansion of our membership base and insuring the financial sustainability of the Association.

The Executive Committee decided to launch the Training Institute in the year 2013 at least with the short term training program. Accordingly, draft curriculum development for post graduate program and content development for short term training program has been completed, and the relevant furniture's was procured. But it was not possible to launch the short term training program as per our plan due to the EEA license renewal problem. In the next plan period, the training institute will be inaugurated with short-term training program and for the post graduate program formal communication with Government and collaborative institutions will be carried out if the EEA license renewal request is positively concluded.

Expand membership base and increase the participation of members in the association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. We need to increase membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and abroad.

In terms of financial sustainability, EEA's traditional local bilateral donors have stopped their financial support due to their own internal difficulties which has created some uncertainty and also due to the licensing issue. The license renewal issue has disruptive effect in the activities of the Association and has taken most of the time and energy of the Executive committee, EEA members and friends of the Association. Due to this and also due the fact that EEA has not been actively engaged in collaborative research projects as it could not present a valid renewed license the financial sustainability of EEA has been significantly challenged and compromised. If the license renewal request is positively concluded, extra efforts will have to be made to revive the motivation of the EEA staffs and improve the financial sustainability position of EEA again.

Finally, I would like to underscore that fact that the remarkable achievements of EEA, even under the very stressful and agonizing environment of the last one and half year caused by the challenges related to the license renewal, were the result of the active participation of

members, the friends of EEA, 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. I personally believe the success of the Association in meeting its objectives crucially depend on the concerted effort of all members and supporters of EEA.

At this juncture, I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee, the staff of EEPRI, the staff of the Secretariat and the staff of Economics Departments of regional Universities who run the activities of EEA Chapters for their commitment to the realization of the objectives of the Association.

I would also like to recognize and appreciate the immense support given to us by the Ethiopian Government institutions (at federal and regional level) and thank each and all of them for the support they extended to us in realizing EEA's goals and objectives. I believe our professional relation and cooperation shall be even more fruitful in the future.

Our special thanks go to our partners who have shared our vision and provided us with financial support to materialize the activities of EEA. These include; the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany, and the Think Tank Initiative of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada.

Our deepest gratitude, without doubt goes to our members for their active participation and willingness to serve and assist in carrying out the work of EEA.

Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse (D Phil) President of the Ethiopian Economics Association

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMERY

Since its establishment and in line with its constitutional objectives, the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) has been actively engaged in Economic research, short term training, organization of International and National conferences and workshops on the Ethiopian economy and the dissemination of the results of these activities through its various publications over the last 20 years, and most particularly since the establishment of its research wing the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in 2000.

As before, the Association has planned and tried its level best to accomplish several activities during the current reporting period. Accordingly, it has made modest progress in improving its research and training mandates, strengthening its organizational capabilities and its outreach and communication efforts during the year. In terms of research activities, in the year 2013/14 EEA has been working on about 12 research projects focusing on economic and social challenges facing the Ethiopian Economy, through its research wing, EEPRI. Out of the 11 research projects 3 have been completed and the remaining 9 are still ongoing. In addition, 3 project proposals have been prepared and submitted to different sponsoring organizations. To mention but few of the research projects undertaken during the reporting period: the 2014 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy with the thematic topic of "Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia: Policies, Performance, Constraints and Prospects", Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture, and the study on Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia. Some of these research projects were core research projects defined and initiated by the Association itself while some have been research projects undertaken in collaboration with local and external collaborators. EEA believes that these research projects have helped to inform the policy formulation and implementation process in the country. This is clearly evidenced by the increasing demand for EEA's engagement in collaborative research projects. In addition, the research outputs are expected to benefit and inform EEA members, the private sector, the international community, Civil Society Organizations, the Academia and the general public.

Regarding short-term trainings, the Association has organized about 12 rounds of short-term trainings to different stakeholders including its members (338 persons benefited from the trainings) at different locations during the year. In addition, a draft curriculum developed for the planned post graduate programs and content development for short-term training program has already completed. And the acquisition of teaching facilities and the organization of the training rooms were well furnished.

The Association has also organized various forums (one international conference on the Ethiopian Economy, five regional conferences and other two workshops on thematic issues) that were able to bring together diverse groups of stakeholders and published several conference proceedings for wider dissemination. The workshops and other public dialogue forums organized in different parts of the country during the year have been able

to attract huge participation of stakeholders. These discussion forums have created opportunities for various EEA stakeholders to discuss and interact with policy makers and among themselves. The staffs of EEA have also actively participated in several local and international workshops and conferences 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, visitors who were seeking independent and professional information and advice on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy have been received and briefed.

In terms of expanding the reach of EEA's activities, the Association has been putting up significant efforts to open additional chapters in different parts of the country. Accordingly, the seventh chapter of EEA has been formally launched in Jigjiga in collaboration with the Jigjiga University. In addition, new members have been recruited increasing the total membership size of EEA to more than 4500. Efforts have also been made to improve membership services.

EEA has been able to publish about 13 different types of publications during the year. It has distributed about 1170 copies of the different publications to Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters, EEA members, and other stakeholders. In order to facilitate the research and other activities of the Association, several administrative actions have also been undertaken during the reporting period. The hiring of new staff and the procurement of office equipment & furniture are some of the activities to be mentioned.

The financial management of EEA remains very sound as indicated in the external audit report. The report shows that there are no major irregularities in the financial management of the Association. Unfortunately and in contrast to previous trends, the financial resources base has been significantly eroded due to the challenge associated with the license renewal issue. EEA has forfeited millions of dollars over the last year simply because it was not able to accept several research requests from stakeholders due to lack of renewed license. This situation has left EEA in a very precarious and dangerous situation.

III. INTRODUCTION

The Ethiopian Economics Association is a non-profit, non partisan and independent professional association established in 1991 to accomplish the following objectives:

- 1. To contribute to the economic policy formulation capability and broadly to the economic advancement of Ethiopia;
- 2. To promote the professional interests of Economist;
- 3. To promote the study of economics in the country's educational institutions;
- 4. To promote economic research and assist in the dissemination of the findings of such research in Ethiopia;
- 5. To provide for afor the discussion of economic issues; and
- 6. To promote professional contacts between Ethiopian economists and those of other countries.

In line with the above objectives, the Ethiopian Economics Association has been actively engaged in Economic research, training, organization of International, National and Regional conferences and round table discussions on the Ethiopian economy and the dissemination of the results of these activities through its various publication which includes Research Reports, Annual Economic Report, Ethiopian Journal of Economics, Quarterly Economic Report, Proceedings of Conferences etc., over the last 20 years, and most particularly since the establishment of its research wing the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in 2000. The Association also facilitates capacity building support for civil society institutions and the private sector for policy analysis. Essentially therefore, research and its uptake by policy-makers, the private sector, civil society organizations, the academia, the international development partners, etc., are issues of prime concern to EEA.

To broaden its activities, the Association has also opened seven chapters at Hawassa, Bahir Dar, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Mekelle, Jimma and Jigjiga in collaboration with regional Universities.

This report has three parts. The first part of the report covers the activities performed in the year 2013/14 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2014/15 (from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). 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 as Annex 1.



PART ONE

ANNAUL PERFORMANCE REPORT (JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014)

1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

As it is known, one of the major objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association is to conduct researches 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. By and large two types of research activities; namely: core program research activities and demand driven research activities are undertaken by the Association. Over the last few years, the Association has been able to produce several research outputs which have been critical inputs to the policy making process of the country.

During the reporting period, 3 research projects have been completed while another 8 research projects have been ongoing. In addition, 2 research proposals have been developed and submitted to different development partners both local and international. The completed and the ongoing research activities that have been carried out from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 are highlighted as follows.

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.

- The 2014 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. Accordingly, the 2014 Economic Report with the thematic topic "Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia: Policies, Performance, Constraints and Prospects has been prepared. The report has provided good insights about the Sector. It highlights in details the structure, development process of the sector including institutions and its major contributions to the Ethiopian economy. During the reporting period, the desk top review, secondary data collection, analysis and report writing has been completed and the document has been formatted and edited before it was published.
- Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture: It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF). The objective the project is to assess the current livelihood assets, needs and aspirations of the rural poor, identify strategic options for different strata of poor households, identify proximate causes and underlying barriers for each segment of the poor to achieve the strategic options, and finally assess the likely impacts of

- innovations for each segment of the poor. During the reporting period, the final report was prepared and submitted to the client.
- **Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia:** It is a collaborative 3 years project with OSSREA, ISS, University of Gottingen, Erasmus University of Leiden and EEA. The study aims to investigate the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies. In the reporting period, the final report was prepared and submitted to the client.

1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- The Role of Domestic Policies and Non-Governmental Actors (donors and NGOs) on Food Security in Ethiopia: It is collaborative research project under the FOODSECURE program and is being undertaken in collaboration with CIRAD. It aims to design effective and sustainable strategies for assessing and addressing the challenges of food and nutrition security. Its impact lies in the knowledge base to support policy makers and other stakeholders in the design of consistent, coherent, long-term policy strategies for improving food and nutrition security. In the reporting period, literatures have been reviewed and a Review paper produced and submitted.
- *Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia:* The study has two interrelated objectives: (i) to help the country revisit existing shortcomings (in existing strategies, projects and programs) that hamper sustainable land management and development, and (ii) to identify gaps and opportunities in existing (technical) knowledge as well as in policy and institutional factors that hamper or facilitate the implementation of technical remedies. During the reporting period, review and background paper was produced; which later developed into full research paper. The paper is a joint work with Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, and is now at its final stage to be published as a book chapter.
- Leveraging Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WATSAN) Nexus: Synergies, Thresholds, and Trade-offs for a Better Nutrition and Health Outcome in Ethiopia: The overarching objective of the AG-WATSAN-Nexus project is to investigate the complex interaction between and among irrigation agriculture and drainage system, domestic water supply, sanitation and hygiene practices, and their impact on human health and nutritional outcomes. It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF). EEA engagement was largely to provide technical assistance and logistical support to PhD student we hosted.
- **Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model:** it aims to provide well analyzed information to Policy makers and government officials that would help them as policies input. In the reporting period, the project data was under analysis stage.
- **Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation:** The preliminary estimation was completed. It has to be re-estimated based on the new GDP series of MoFED data.
- **Quarterly Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** 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. The

report provides professional opinion on the selected and contemporary one or two thematic topics and upon the availability of timely data from the relevant authorities, major developments in other aspects of the macro economy of the country will be reported. The publication of the report will continue the next reporting period.

- Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture Phase II: It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF). The objective the project is to assess the current livelihood assets, needs and aspirations of the rural poor, identify strategic options for different strata of poor households, identify proximate causes and underlying barriers for each segment of the poor to achieve the strategic options, and finally assess the likely impacts of innovations for each segment of the poor. During the reporting period the phase two research proposal was developed and submitted for the funder the outcome of which is expected ring the next reporting period.
- *Updating of Social and Economic Database:* In a view to provide users with a complete set of data, EEA has been updating and distributing a database on CD-ROM. During the reporting period, the database updating is under progress. It will be published and distributed to users in the next plan period.
- Business plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities: This is a continuation of the TIGA project and aimed at improving the small holder farmers' access to agricultural technology innovations in the target research areas, namely Halaba Special Woreda in SNNPR and Baso Liben Woreda in the Amhara National Region State. The draft business plan have been prepared and sent to the counterpart in ZEF.

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:

- Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities for Large Segments of the Rural Poor (RATIOS) (Second phase of the project "TIGA" project)
- Impact of Nutritional support and de-warming on productivity of manual laborers
- Comparative Perspectives on Social Sciences Ecosystem in LDCs: Towards Raising Efficacy of National Public Policy in Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

In addition to the research proposal developed during the plan period, a competitive call for proposal for a second phase was made for TTI supported institutions by the IDRC and a financial grant proposal has been prepared during this period. The proposal has been selected and four and half years financial support has been approved subject to the positive resolution of the EEA license issue. However, EEA has not yet signed an agreement as it does not have a renewed license yet.

2. TRAINING ACTIVITIES

2.1. PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A TRAINING INSTITUTE

With the aim to lunch the training institute, EEA has made preparatory activities. Such as developed course content for short term training, developed draft curriculum for the post graduate program, and furnished the training institute class room and the computer laboratory.

2.2. SHORT TERM TRAININGS ORGANIZED

One of the means through which capacity could be raised is through training programs. Demand for short term trainings has increased significantly. In response to the increased request for short term trainings, EEA has organized several short term training programs at different parts of the country both for policy makers and academia during the current reporting period. Accordingly, 12 short term trainings have been organized on various topics out of which five rounds of trainings were organized in Addis Ababa and the rest in the different National Regional States. Overall, about 338 people were trained.

- Advanced Econometrics with Software Application training at Wolaita Sodo University: EEA provided five days trainings on "Advanced Econometrics with Software Applications" at Wolaita Sodo University during September 30- Oct 4, 2013, to the staff of the Wolaita Sodo, Dilla, Bula Hora, Meda Wolabu and Arba Minch Universities, and staff of relevant Bureaus of the regions such as BoFED attained the training. A total of 33 participants attended the training.
- Accountability and Transparency capacity building training at EEA: Two rounds of capacity building training on Accountability and Transparency were held at EEA meeting hall, Addis Ababa, during Nov 19-23 and December 02-06, 2013. A total of 53 (41 male and 12 female) CSO's higher officials and Board members of the Poverty Action Network of Ethiopian (PANE) attained the training.
- *Training on ERHS using STATA:* Training on Ethiopian Rural Households survey using STATA software was organized for three days to 27 EEA members at EEA meeting Hall, Addis Ababa during Dec 31, 2012- Jan 2, 2013.
- *Time Series Econometric Techniques:* The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with Mekelle chapter offered five-days training on Time Series Econometric Techniques for Economists from April 28- May 2, 2014 to academia and public servants at Adigrat University training Hall, Tigray. During the five-days training a total of 28 (26 male and 2 female) trainees who came from academia and governmental organizations i.e. Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum University, and the region BoFED staff attended the training.
- **Development Macroeconomic Policy: Theory and Practice:** EEA offered three days training on Development Macroeconomic Policy: Theory and Practice during January 29-Febraury 1, 2014, at EA meeting Hall, Addis Ababa. The

training aims at informing policy makers and experts in various government institutions about the mechanics of macroeconomics and macroeconomic policy as it is applied to developing countries. It primarily focuses on the fundamentals of macroeconomic framework, macroeconomic policy making, public policy, and economic growth backed with demonstrations of Ethiopian data. During the three-days training a total of 20 (15 male and 5 female) trainees who came from members of Parliament i.e. Economic and budget standing committee members, Head of BoFED from Oromiya, Addis Ababa SNNPR, Dire Dawa and Somalia with technical expertise, Economic, Finance and budget standing committee members from Harari, Dire Dawa, and Amhara regions attended the training.

- Econometric Software Application (STATA, Eviews and PCGIVE): EEA organized four rounds of short term training on the software application to its members and academia staff of Jimma University. The first three round of training was organized for EEA members from October 28- November 1, November 04 08 and December 09-13, 2013 at EEA training Hall while the fourth was organized for members of Jimma chapter and academia from May 5-9, 2014. A total of 146 (105male and 41female) participants attended the trainings.
- **STATA Software Application:** two rounds of short term training on the software application were for 6 summer interns at EEA and 25 staff of Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency during August 28-30, 2013 at Addis Ababa.
- *EEA Staff Training:* As much as resource permits EEA also strives to offer training for its staffs from time to time. Accordingly: in the reporting period one staff attended the training workshop on Measuring of Inequality of Incomes & inequality of opportunities and outcomes for the Horn of Africa researchers January 14-16, 2014 at Khartoum, Sudan. One staff attained the training on Development Macroeconomic Policy: Theory and Practice which was held at EEA, Addis Ababa. EEA administration head attained the training on Accountability and Transparency capacity building training at EEA.

2.3. *Providing Professional Services to Universities:*

One of the means through which policy making capacity could be improved is through the support to the regular training program at various universities. Universities are the natural incubators of future policy makers. To meet this objective, EEA staffs have been supporting graduate level teaching in economics in various forms at various universities. Consequently, several EEA senior research fellows have provided capacity building services such as teaching of graduate level courses, supervision of Masters and PhD students, serving as members of the theses examination panel, etc. Accordingly, in the reporting period, two post graduates and one PhD courses have been given at Dire Dawa, Arba Minch and Addis Ababa, Universities; 7 post graduate and 3 PhD students were assisted in

preparing their Thesis/dissertation. Several post graduate students were examined at different universities. This service is highly appreciated by all universities and students.

2.4. Internship Training

EEA also provides internship training for both local and international university students. Accordingly, six senior economics students drawn from different universities have been able to use the internship facilities during the reporting period.

3. ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC DIALOGUE FORUMS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Organizing different discussion forums including workshops and conferences, public lecture 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 PUBLIC DIALOGUE FORUMS

- The Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy: The conference is one of the most important discussion forums that EEA organizes annually to provide fora for the discussion of economic issues and to contribute to the economic advancement of the country. In the reporting period, the 11th International Conference was organized from July 18 20, 2013. Like the previous conference, the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program II (ESSP II) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) co-organized this conference. At the conference more than 70 papers were presented in five plenary and five breakout sessions. Partner institutions which presented their papers include IFPRI, EDRI, ECA, EEPFE, and UNDP. The conference was able to attract 570, 340, and 320 participants from different organizations both from within and outside Ethiopia during the three days of the conference, respectively.
- H.E Ato Mekonnen Manyazewal Minister, Ministry of Industry was the guest of honor who gave the official opening remarks. During the opening ceremony of the conference, EEA honored H.E Ato Newai Gebre-Ab Executive Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute in recognition of his long and dedicated service to EEA. Dr. Abdulhamid Bedri Kello was also recognized for his considerable contributions to the teaching of economics in Ethiopia. And the conference has got wide media coverage and it is believed that it 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. In addition, preparatory Activities for the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and the 19th Annual Conference of the African Regional Chapter of Econometric Society have been made.

- General Assembly of EEA: In addition an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) of EEA was held on November 23, 2013 at EEA Conference Hall. EGA discussed on the renewal of EEA License and the registration format. And finally members agreed to continue with the existing format. The minutes of the meeting have also been prepared and submitted to the Charities and Societies Agency.
- Development: The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) has opened chapters at Bahir Dar, Hawassa, Haramaya, Dire Dawa, Mekelle, Jimma and Jigjiga 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 problems/issues. In line with the above stated objectives, the Fifth Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on August 31, 2013 at the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall. The conference attracted about 130 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector and EEA members in the region. During the one day conference, seven papers were presented and discussed in parallel and plenary session. The conference was opened by H.E. Ato Gedu Andargachew, the Vice President of the Amhara National Regional State.
- The Fourth Annual Conference on the Southern Nation, Nationalities and people Regional State (SNNPRS) Economic Development: The conference organized on March 28, 2014 at the SNNPRS Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall. The Conference opened by Ato Demises, Deputy Head of SNNPR BoFED. The conference attracted about 130 participants including higher officials of the Regional Bureaus and expertise from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region. In the one day conference, about Six papers presented. During the closing session, the participants of the conference expressed their satisfaction on the organization of the conference and the content of the papers presented. They reflected that this year papers largely focused on local issue that can contribute to the development of the region. They also suggested that, in addition to the annual conference, EEA to start other discussion forums that can bring together relevant stakeholders to discuss on regional socio-economic issues. They also expressed their opinion that such kind of conference has improved relationship between the Association and SNNPRS and its various offices. The contribution of EEA in the region has been well recognized. They have the opinion that the conference has brought together the officials from difference bureaus and representative from civil society organizations, academia and the private sector in one fora to discuss on the region socio-economic situation. The papers that were presented at the conference was reviewed by exteranl reviewers and ready for publication.
- The Second Annual Regional Conference on the Economic Development of Eastern Ethiopia: The Second Annual conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development was co-organized by EEA and its Dire Dawa and Haramaya Chapters and Jigjiga University on November 30, 2013 at Haramaya Conference

Hall. The conference attracted about 150 participants drawn from Dire Dawa, Harari and Somalia Regional Bureaus, universities, NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region. Six papers were presented and discussed at the conference. The conference was officially opened by Dr. Girma Amantie, President of Haramaya University. The welcoming remarks were delivered by Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat.

Organizing the inaugural workshop for the establishment of EEA Chapter at *Jigjiga University:* In view of the provision of the constitution of the Association, EEA opened officially its seventh chapter at Jigjiga University on the 09th October 2013. To commemorate the opening of the EEA Jigjiga 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, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between EEA and Jigjiga University. Dr. Abdul Nasir, President of Jigjiga University and Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of the secretariat of the EEA signed the MoU. Then after a paper was presented entitled "Gender wise determinants of informal sector employment and signal linking game in Jigjiga" by Woubeshet Gezahegn. The event attracted more than 74 participants from the staff of Jigjiga University, representatives from various offices of Jigjiga city, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region.

3.2. PARTICIPATION OF EEA STAFFS IN WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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

- A staff of the Macroeconomic division attended and contribute to the discussion on the "GDP centralize Vs Networked economy/some reflections on Africa", 21 November 2013 in Cape town, South Africa
- A staff participated and presented a paper on infrastructure and Development in Ethiopia on Africa G-20 conference November 2013, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division attended AfrEA International Conference, Evaluation for Development: from Analysis to Impact, 3-7 March 2014 in Yaoundé, Cameroon
- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division attended "Innovations for Agriculture" workshop and EASST Annual Impact Evaluation Summit, from June

16 - 21, 2014 in Kigali, Rwanda.

- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division participated in BIO-WEB research conference in Ghana, Accra, Co-organized by FARA and Universities of Bonn and Hohenheim, Germany. October 2013.
- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division attended EASST Impact Evaluation Symposium, Oct 5-6, 2013 in Dares Salaam, Tanzania
- A staff of the Trade and industry division attended the workshop on Measuring of Inequality of Incomes & inequality of opportunities and outcomes for the Horn of Africa researchers January 14-16, 2014 at Khartoum, Sudan
- A staff from EEA secretariat attended the workshop on Africa Portal Content Partners meeting 11-12, November 2013 at Johannesburg, South Africa.

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:

- 6 Papers were presented on the 11th international Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- A senior researcher has been Presented two Papers on GDP centralize Vs Networked economy/some reflections on Africa and infrastructure and Development in Ethiopia at workshop in Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa
- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division reviewed a Conference paper and Presented Assessment report at a Conference Organized by, the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany. November 2013.
- A staff of the Poverty and Human Resources division presented paper entitled "Ethiopian Project on Interlinking Weather Index Insurance with Credit to Improve Agricultural productivity in Ethiopia (EPIICA)" at the IFPRI-2020 Resilience Conference May 15-17, Addis Ababa, 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.

• The Principal Researcher of EEPRI is a member of the Academic Boards of the CPP of the AERC and Debre Berhan University

- The Principal Researcher of EEPRI served as member of the DAAD scholarship (Germany) committee.
- The Principal Researcher of EEPRI is a member of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences and members of the fund raising subcommittee.
- The head of the Macroeconomic division is a board member of the Board of Woldiya University.
- The Head of EEA Secretariat serving as a board member Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) and attended many meetings.
- The Head of EEA Secretariat serving as a chair person at CSOs 2012 AGOA Forum preparation that has been held from August 9-13, 2013 at AU Conference Center.

4. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

4.1. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

In the reporting period, the Association has published the following documents from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014:

- The 2013 Report on the Ethiopian Economy: the thematic focus is Private Sector Developments in Ethiopia with particular emphasis to the manufacturing sector.
- Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy (2 volumes).
- Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development.
- Proceedings of the 2nd Annual Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development
- Proceedings of the 1st Annual Conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development
- One issue of the EEA Newsletter published (Vol. 2. Issue 4 September 4, 2013).
- Three Working Papers were published (No2/2013, No.1/2014 and No. 2/2014) in September 2013, January and February 2014 respectively)
- Two issues of the Research Briefs published (Issue No. 3 September 2013 and Issue No. 4, May 2014).

4.2. Articles submitted for journal publication

Six articled have been published in peer reviewed journals.

- Abebaw, D. 2013. Infant and Child Health in Ethiopia: Reflections on Regional Patterns and Changes. Journal of International Development, 25, 536-548.
- Abebaw, D. and Haile, M.G. 2013. The Impact of Cooperatives on Agricultural Technology Adoption: Empirical Evidence from Ethiopia. Food Policy, 38, 82-91.
- Abebaw, D. Forthcoming. Socioeconomic Determinants of Child Immunization in Rural Ethiopia. Journal of International Development.
- Zewdie, T. and Abebaw, D. 2013. Determinants of Child Malnutrition: Empirical

- Evidence from Kombolcha District of Eastern Hararghe Zone, Ethiopia. Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture, 52(4), 357-372.
- Yilma, Z., Mebratie, A., Sparrow, R., Abebaw, D., Dekker, M., Alemu, G., and Bedi, A. Forthcoming. Coping with Shocks in Rural Ethiopia. Forthcoming. Journal of Development Studies, 50(7), 1009-1024.
- Limenih, M., Kassa, H., Kassie, G.T., Abebaw, D. and Teka, W. Resettlement and Woodland Management Problems and Options: A Case Study from a Resettlement District in North-western Ethiopia. Land Degradation and Development, 25(4), 305-318.
- Andinet Delelegn, Degenet Abebaw and Assefa Admassie (2014) Evaluating Endogenous Program Interventions with heterogeneous treatment Intensity using Bayesian Potential Outcomes Approach. Working paper. Available at SSRN: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2462571
- Dawit Garoma, Assefa Admassie, Gezahegn Ayele and Fekadu Beyene. (2014).
 Analysis of the Impact of Fishery Cooperatives on Fishing Activity of Rural Households around Lake Ziway and Langano in Ethiopia. Middle-East Journal of Scientific Research 19 (2): 144-162
- Dawit Garoma, Assefa Admassie, Gezahegn Ayele and Fekadu Beyene (2013), Analysis of the Significance of Fishing on Food Security Status of Rural Households Around Lake Ziway and Langano in Ethiopia, Journal of Economics and Sustainable Development, Vol.4, No.18, 1-10
- Dawit Garoma, Assefa Admassie, Gezahegn Ayele and Fekadu Beyene (2013), Analysis of determinants of gross margin income generated through fishing activity to rural households around Lake Ziway and Langano in Ethiopia, Agricultural Sciences, Vol.4, No.11, 595-607

4.3. 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 1170 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests.

5. EEA STAFF MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- The Trade and Industry Division head gave an interview to ETV and Radio regarding the Manufacturing sector performance in Ethiopia.
- EEA Secretariat Head gave an interview to SHEGER 102.1 Radio about the Eleventh International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.
- One staff gave an interview to Debub Radio and TV about the fourth Annual Regional Conference on SNNPRS Economic Development on March 28, 2014.

6. EEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Since EEA is a membership organization, increasing the number of members and providing various types of services is important. Accordingly, 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 with members through email to update its database and to invite and engage members in the different activities of the Association.

- **Membership Recruitment**: A total of 300 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. As a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2014 has reached 4300.
- **Active members:** The number of active members as defined by those settling their membership fees is still very low. The number of active members is about 37% of the total registered members. The details by membership type are shown in Table 1.

W 1 1' C	Members by Category				
Membership Status	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
1. Registered Members	2924	632	696	48	4300
2. Active Members	1020	250	300	10	1580
Active membership as % of the total	34.9%	39.6%	43.1%	20.8%	36.7%

Table 1: Membership Status as of June 30, 2014

- *Opening up Regional chapters of EEA*: In the reporting period one regional chapter opened at Jigjiga University increasing the number of EEA chapters to seven. The chapter was formally launched in Jigjiga in collaboration with the Jigjiga University on 9th October 2013.
- Membership Services: The Ethiopian Economic Association has provided various services to its members that includes trainings; 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 other 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, 7 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers; about 3507 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 3010 members of whom 257 are issued in the reporting period. Orientation has been given to about 242 new members.
- **EEA Website Services**: The EEA website is functional in the area of online membership registration and annual fee collection and event registration. List of publication and news have been uploaded. In the reporting period, the website was visited by about 34,798 visitors. In addition, about 1000 members had registered online for 19th Annual Conference of the African Region Chapter of Econometric Society and the 12th

International conference. In addition, EEA open new account on the social network of Face book, Twitter and disseminate up-to-date information.

Table 2: Number of Visits of EEA Website from July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

	Visits/Sessions	% New Sessions	Pages /Visit	Avg. Visit Duration
Ethiopia	22,089	69.61%	3.59	0:04:19
United States	2,170	82.76%	3.00	0:01:59
United Kingdom	729	83.68%	2.97	0:01:35
India	610	85.57%	2.51	0:01:45
Indonesia	589	81.83%	2.24	0:02:30
Germany	527	64.71%	4.08	0:03:01
Netherlands	396	69.19%	4.91	0:03:45
Kenya	327	83.18%	3.37	0:03:36
South Africa	327	77.68%	10.22	0:04:49
Others	2,541	76.58%	2.30	0:02:33
Country/ Territory	34,798	73.41%	3.39	0:03:38

7. EEA DOCUMENTATION CENTRE SERVICES

The Ethiopian Economic Association Documentation Center has been providing different services, like Internet, reading 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:

- Collect and maintain all publication (around 213 Documents collected, Catalogued, classified and encode to the database.)
- The EEA Publications were updated at EEA website. And updated manual Bibliography for the Library Material
- During the reporting period, about 3500 users have visited the library and get the
 services efficiently (1500 of the users were weekend users). Mostly users access
 different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database, access free journals & online data
 base from the Internet and Other available documents. They also find information on a
 topic, perform comprehensive literature searches in support of research projects,
 search library catalogs, article databases and the Internet, and locate facts and
 statistics.
- Administered media monitoring system (e.g. daily news clipping service)
- More than 50 new members of EEA have been privileged to have library pocket.
- E-books collected and make available to users on server
- wireless internet services is providing to users at the Library including Saturday and Sunday
- Provide current awareness service of the library was provided via E-mail to staffs

8. 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.

- Staff Turnover: The number of permanent staff members in the reporting period is 28. Out of which 18 are male and 10 are female. The number of new staff member joined EEA is 1 male. The job classification of the new staff members is one Security Guard. The number of staff members left EEA is 9 (4 male and 5 female) and their job classifications were Senior Research Fellow (1), Junior Research Fellow (5), Accountant (1), Secretary (1) and Security Guard (1). The two Junior Research Fellows left EEA in order to attend further education at overseas. The Security Guard who left EEA is for good. And the remaining left the organization for better position and salary to secure their jobs. The new staff members have been hired in a transparent way based on the employment procedure of the Human Resource Manual of the EEA.
- *Improving the incentive structure for researchers*: A staff evaluation was undertaken during this period.
- *Furnishing Training Rooms with Training Facilities:* As per the plan for launching EEA Training Institute with short-term trainings, activities to equip the training rooms with the necessary facilities of office furniture and equipments (desks and chairs, and desktop computers) were procured and distributed to different class rooms.
- Project Administration: EEA administers different projects as per the requests of members and development partners. The main function of EEA in such an act is providing with services of administering of cash and other administrative supports. In the reporting period, EEA has given support of project administration for 2 projects.
- *Hiring of survey workers:* EEA has undertaken several field level surveys on households and firms in different parts of the country. This requires the use of several field workers such as survey coordinators, field supervisors, enumerators, data encoders and editors etc. Accordingly, Over 342 supervisors and enumerators have been engaged to facilitate the field work survey. In addition to these survey workers over 71 Data Editors and Data Entry Clerks have been recruited to process raw data and to make them ready for final report preparation.
- **Progress towards financial sustainability:** EEA has been supported by several local bilateral agencies and external development partners. Since most of the local bilateral donors have been faced with serious financial challenges at their home countries, they had significantly reduced their funding support to civil society organizations. However, during the current reporting period, EEA was not able to secure funding from other donors except from the TTI and ACBF, since they had long term commitment with EEA. But the agreement with these two partners has also been terminated.

9. SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND LESSONS

9.1. Success

The discussions in the previous sections clearly show that EEA has undertaken several policy research and short term training activities during the reporting period. It had also organized different forums and conferences. It has been able to produce several publications which have been widely distributed to policy makers, academia, private sector operators, the civil society organizations, and other stakeholders. These activities were designed primarily to achieve the key objectives of generating high quality analytical outputs for utilization in policy debates, formulation, and the implementation process. EEA has been able to bring together a critical mass of highly skilled professionals, develop an effective organizational structure and governance system, and had made major contributions to the policy research and formulation in the country. EEA has now emerged as a widely recognized and credible institution both locally and internationally and is making observable impact on policy discourse. It has become, therefore, a reference point not only as a source of independent and professional views on development issues but also as an exemplary civic organization that is well functioning and making positive impacts.

9.2. Major challenges

In spite of the achievements made, there have been serious formidable challenges that have affected the performance of EEA during the reporting period. The following are the major ones:

- The Renewal Process of the EEA License: As it is clearly known to all, the operation license of EEA has expired in December 2012. Although EEA has submitted its request for the renewal of its license according to the proclamation governing civil societies, the Charities and the Societies Agency has so far refused to renew the license in its current form. This situation has serious consequences on the performance of EEA over the last one and half years. EEA has now become a very precarious and weak organization as opposed to the dynamic and visionary organization that we all know in the past. Several research and administrative staffs have left the organization due to the uncertainty created by the license renewal issue and it has lost millions of financial resources as it was not able to sign contracts and engage in research activities with its collaborators. The motivation and enthusiasm of the staffs of EEA has also been deeply eroded and damaged. In the current circumstances EEA will not be able to stay much longer in operation.
- Lack of Policy Consistency and Difficult Directives from the Regulatory Agency: There is also lack of clarity on the law, and directives and categorization of program and administrative activities. High staff turnover of Charities and Societies Agency (CSA) also another problem to get services form the agency.
- **Reduced Financial Support:** one of the challenges is the reduced financial support from local bilateral donors due to their own internal difficulties as well as due the licensing issue. This situation has created serious financial challenges and uncertainties.
- *Inadequate Human Resource Base within EEA:* The size of EEA research staff has never been sufficient relative to the demand for its services. This problem has been compounded by the high staff turnover during this reporting period again primarily

related to the licensing issue. In addition, the labour market is not able to provide the best expertise commensurate with the existing remuneration package that EEA can offer.

9.3. Lessons Learned

In spite of the constraints mentioned above, there are some important lessons learnt from the challenges encountered for future interventions. As pointed out earlier, the demand for EEA's services is growing faster than the existing capacity calling for the expansion and strengthening of EEA. If the challenges regarding the renewing of the "Certificate of Registration and License" is resolved amicably as sought by EEA, it may be able to continue to be engaged in credible and independent analysis of economic policies and organize discussion forums on relevant and timely policy issues. Of course much time has been lost and reviving the previous spirit will never be easy. EEA strongly believes that Ethiopia's development partners and policy makers and the general public still require credible and independent policy opinion on timely and critical economic issues.

The Fifth Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development





The Third Annual Regional Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development





PART TWO

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015)

The Ethiopian Economics Association will continue to play an active role during the next planning period capitalizing on its achievements, improving its weaknesses, and fostering new ideas. However, this is contingent upon the outcome of the license renewal process. If the license renewal request is positively resolved and if it is renewed in its current form then EEA plans to continue its activities in the area of research, training and organizing various public dialogue forums and will put more effort to improve the quality of its 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. The Association plans to accomplish the following major activities during the next plan period (the details of each planned project are shown in the Table).

1. PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

EEA plans to expand its research activities into new areas and become involved in collaborative research activities aggressively. It will try to develop some research proposals in response to calls for proposals by different national and international organizations. It is also hoped that if fund is available for some of the proposals submitted to sponsoring organizations in the last reporting period, research activities in the proposed areas will be started in the plan period. 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 planned and ongoing research activities that will be undertaken during the plan period.

- The 2015 Report on the Economic Economy: with the aim of providing an independent and professional overview of the Ethiopian economy, the next annual report on the Ethiopian Economy with the new thematic issue will be prepared. In addition, at least three major sectoral issues will be discussed in the next report. Moreover, the 2014 Economic Report, which has the thematic issues of "Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia: Policies, Performance, Constraints and Prospects" will be also published and disseminated in the first quarter of the plan period.
- Quarterly Report on the Ethiopian Economy: 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. The report provides professional opinion on the selected and contemporary one or two thematic topics and upon the availability of timely data from the relevant authorities, major developments in other aspects of the macro economy of the country will be reported. In the plan period, four issues of the report will be prepared and disseminated.
- **Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model**: Updating the macro-econometric model has been one of the major activities of the association. In the plan period, the data

- updating and re-estimating of the model, calibration and model validity, and documentation & publication will be carried out.
- **Updating of Social and Economic Database:** In the plan period, national macro and sectoral date will be collected, systematizing the database and it will be published in the CD-ROM and distributed to researchers, policy makers, students and other stakeholders.
- Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation: The lack of quarterly GDP has been a
 problem in undertaking detailed studies on the Ethiopian economy. EEA has planned to
 generate a quarterly GDP data series for the country. This database will be used to
 undertake various studies by researchers, academicians and students. In the plan period,
 prepare survey data in a format needed for the use in GDP disaggregation, make
 estimations and writing a report will be carried out.
- Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture (Phase II): It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF). This second phase project entitled "Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities for Large Segments of the Rural Poor (RATIOS)" and is hoped that it will be approved and work will start.
- The Food and Nutrition Security Project (FOODSECURE): This is a collaborative
 project with several partners in Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America and is
 five year project. It has several components and EEA is engaged in some of the work
 packages. It is expected that EEA will contribute at least to four work packages some of
 which have already been started while some are yet o be started.
- **Economics** *of Land Degradation Project:* The study has two interrelated objectives: (i) to help the country revisit existing shortcomings (in existing strategies, projects and programs) that hamper sustainable land management and development, and (ii) to identify gaps and opportunities in existing (technical) knowledge as well as in policy and institutional factors that hamper or facilitate the implementation of technical remedies. During the reporting period, review and background paper was produced; which later developed into full research paper. The paper is a joint work with Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, and now at its final stage to be published as book chapter.
- Leveraging Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WATSAN) Nexus: Synergies, Thresholds, and Trade-offs for a Better Nutrition and Health Outcome in Ethiopia: The overarching objective of the AG-WATSAN-Nexus project is to investigate the complex interaction between and among irrigation agriculture and drainage system, domestic water supply, sanitation and hygiene practices, and their impact on human health and nutritional outcomes. It is collaborative research project with University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF). EEA engagement was largely to provide technical assistance and logistical support to PhD student we hosted.
- Other Research Projects: In the last reporting period, several research proposals have been prepared and submitted to different organizations on different topics in partnership with several external firms and organizations for funding. If the proposals are accepted by funding organization, some of the following research proposals will be undertaken in the plan period.

- Impact of Nutritional support and de-warming on productivity of manual laborers.
- Developing Research Proposals: As before EEA staffs will continue to develop research proposals on various economic issues either in response to calls for proposals or as part of the core research program activities.

2. PLANNED SHORT TERM TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- **Progress for Establishing a Regular Training Institute**: In the plan period, as per the content developed for the short term program, the training program will be inaugurated with regular short-term program, if the license of EEA renewed.
- Provide Capacity Building Training to Regional Universities: To enhance the capacity of regional university staffs in the teaching of economics and research activities, the Ethiopian Economics Association planned to provide six rounds of training for at least 200 university staffs, graduate students and experts in the regions by clustering universities around EEA Chapters. For instance Mekelle University serves as focal point to Aksum University and Adigrat University. Bahir Dar University serves as focal point for Debre Marko University, Debre Tabor and Gondar Universities. Dire Dawa University serves as focal point for Jigjiga University and Haramaya University. Hawassa University also serves as focal point to Arba Minch University, Dilla, Meda Wolabu, and Bula Hora and Wolaita Sodo University etc.
- **Training to EEA Members**: though it is difficult to meet the huge demand of members for training, it is planned to provide at least three trainings in the plan period.
- Training to other Stakeholders: trainings will be organized in the planned period, if request come from EEA's stakeholders and if EEA is able to renew its license in its current form.

3. PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO POLICY MAKERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF EEA

EEA staffs provide various kinds of professional services to policy makers, private sector actors, civil society organizations, international organizations, etc. They participate in various conferences and workshops and provide professional opinions and comments on economic issues. They provide media interviews. They comment on economic papers. In addition, the demand for support in the teaching and research exercises of universities is growing and expanding. While it may not be possible to accommodate all requests, EEA will continue to support university level teaching by advising post graduate students, teaching of courses, serving as thesis examiners and providing of teaching materials.

4. PLANNED WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

• The 19th Annual Conference of the African Region Chapter of Econometric Society(AES) and 12th International Conferences on the Ethiopian Economy: As a continuation of the previous international conferences, the 19th AES and 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized from July 16 –

- 19, 2014. The preparatory activities of the 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will also be started in the plan period to be held in the month of July 2015.
- Organization of Regional Conferences: The Sixth Annual Regional Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development, the Fourth Annual Regional Conference on Tigray Regional State Economic Development, the Fifth Annual Regional Conference on SNNP Regional State Economic Development, the third Annual Regional Conference for Eastern Ethiopia at Jigjiga University, the first Annual Regional Conference on Oromia at Jimma University will be organized in the plan period.
- Organizing in house seminar: About four in house seminars will be organized in the plan period. Completed and ongoing research activities will be presented and discussed. Participants of the in house seminar are EEA staffs and members, academia, researchers from other institutions etc.

5. EEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- **Strengthening EEA Memberships Services:** EEA has provided various types of services to its members. In the plan period, the following services will be strengthened and new services started:
 - **Short-term Training**: to build the capacity of its member, EEA will organize different types of trainings to its members and other stakeholders.
 - Library Services: the Documentation Center of the Association has provided wireless free Internet, reading, photocopy and book borrowing services all seven days in a week for members to EEA staff, university/College students and individual researchers (including foreigners who came to Ethiopia for different research work). The services will be strengthened with new reference materials, equipments and other facilities in the plan period.
 - o **Provide information and other services:** Through email and Website, the Association will inform members the various activities of EEA. In addition, to new members, orientation will be given about EEA, its constitution, governance, activities and plan. Membership ID card will be also issued.

6. EEA DOCUMENTATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

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

- Upgrade the Documentation service both in quality and quantity
- Equipping the library with photocopy machines for photocopy services.
- Uploading information on the EEA website.
- 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

7. PRODUCTION OF PUBLICATIONS

In its effort to disseminate the research findings, EEA uses different product lines one of which is publication. In this regard, the following publications will be produced during the plan period.

- EEA will publish the Proceeding of the International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and Regional Conferences. Accordingly about 7 volumes of proceedings will be published in the plan period.
- Five issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- One Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published
- Four issues of the Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Six issues of Working Papers will be produced during the year.
- Several Research Reports will be also produced at the culmination of the different research projects.

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 various channels. Hence, more than 3000 copies of the EEA publications will be distributed. In addition, EEA will strengthen its relationship with universities as one of its publication distribution channels.

9. ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Without an active and efficient administration, 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 the plan period the following major tasks will be implemented

- Revision of financial and procurement manuals of the Association,
- Revision of Salary Scale and Job Grading,
- Hiring Senior Research Fellow and Junior Research Fellow, and accountant
- Hiring support staffs
- Procurement of Motor Cycle and other fixed assets, etc.

Applied Econometrics with Software
Applications at Wolaita Sodo University



Training on Time Series Data Analysis and its Application at Adigrat University



Training on STATA and EVIEWS software Applications at Jimma University



10. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014)

- The 19th Annual Conference of the Africa Region Chapter of the Econometric Society and the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy were held concurrently at the EEA Conference Center from July 16 to 19, 2014. The conferences were opened by H.E Dr. Abraham Tekeste, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development at the presence of higher dignitaries and invited guests. This Conference has enhanced EEA's efforts to expand its global networking effectively and synergized the efforts of like-minded individuals, institutions/organizations.
- At the conference more than 110 presentations were made in four plenary and

seven parallel sessions, and four keynote speeches and lectures with the attendance of about 1450 persons over the four days. The conference attracted about 523, 362, 291 and 276 participants during the first, second, third and fourth days of the conference, respectively. Out of the 110 presentations, about 65 came from different countries across Africa, Europe, China, USA and Canada. In addition, keynote speeches and lectures were delivered by prominent economists that include Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Honorary Dean of National School of Development of Peking University; Prof. Manuel Arellano, President of the Econometric Society; Prof. Christopher Udry, professor of Economics at Yale University; and Professor Shiferaw Gurmu, Professor of Economics, Georgia State University.

- Many international organizations had also made presentation in the four days conference. These include the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the African Development Bank (ADB), the United Nation Development Program (UNDP), the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), the Africa Center For Economic Transformation (ACET), the International Growth Centre (IGC), the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI-ESSP), the United Nation Economic Commotion for Africa (UNECA), the Forum for Social Studies (FSS), the Feed for the Future of USAID, the Abt. Associate, the Econometric Society African Region Chapter, etc.
- Advanced Applied Micro-Econometrics with Application of STATA
 Software at Mekelle University: EEA provided five days trainings on
 "Advanced Applied Micro-Econometrics with Application of STATA Software"
 at Mekelle University during September 1-5, 2014, to the staff of Mekelle,
 Adigrat and Axum Universities attained the training. A total of 45
 participants attended the training.

19th Annual Conference of the African Region Chapter of Econometric Society and

The 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy



19th AES and 12th International Conference





PART THREE AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ANNEX I: SUMMARY OF PERFORMACE FROM JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
00	01	02	03	04	05
1.	RESEARCH ACTIVITIES				
1.1	2014 Economic Report on Ethiopia	 Thematic Issue selection Concept note development Literature Collection Follow-up outsourced part of the study Data Collection and organization Data Analysis Report writing 	 Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development in Ethiopia was selected as thematic issue Concept note developed Literature Collected and desk top review Outline for each chapter developed Secondary date collection carried out Report writing completed Formatting and editing completed and sent to printing house 	Almost completed. The report is under publication	 Policy makers and government officials could get well- analyzed information that would help them to revisit their policies Academia, researchers and students has taken the report as a reference for further study and analysis. Increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization. Improved the EEA staffs in research
1.2	EEA Quarterly on the Ethiopian Economy	• Produce and disseminate the four quarterly reports	The data analysis is under progress	• Ongoing	capacity in the various field. • Improved EEA's image
1.3	Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model	 Updating and entering data Re-estimating the equations and calibration Forecasting and Documentation 	• The project data is under analysis stage	• Ongoing	•
1.4	Database Updates and Systematizing	Collecting the required data for the databaseSystematizing the existing database	• Data updating was made every two years and under data collection stage and then systematization will be done in the next reporting period.	Ongoing	
1.5	Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia	 Conduct the 3rd round survey Data entry and cleaning Complete the database Data analysis Report writing 	 the 3rd round survey was completed and data processing is underway Data entry and cleaning is underway to share the database to the project partners 	• Ongoing	Draw useful policy implications for poverty reduction and health care improvement in Ethiopia

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
1.6	Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation	Conducting three rounds of survey data on the inflation project	• The preliminary estimation was completed. It has to be re-estimated based on the new GDP series of MoFED data	• Ongoing	
1.7	Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture:	collection • Post-field work (data encoding, data entry data analysis)	A draft report was submitted to ZEF	• Completed	Current livelihood assets, needs and aspirations of the rural poor will be assessed Strategic options for different strata of poor households will be identified (3) Proximate causes and underlying barriers for each segment of the poor to achieve the strategic options will be identified. Likely impacts of innovations for each segment of the poor will be assessed
1.8	Technology(ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture: Phase II	planning, survey instrument development, field staff recruitment and training)	The project Phase II will continue	• Ongoing	
1.9	The Role of Domestic Policies and Non- Governmental Actors (donors and NGOs) on Food Security in Ethiopia:	Analysis of the secondary data	 literatures reviewed and Review paper produced and submitted to the Food Secure Project which financed and collaborate with EEA. 	Ongoing	
1.10	Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia	Literature CollectionReview papers and produce back ground papers	review and background paper was produced;the full research paper was	• Ongoing	The project helps the country revisit existing shortcomings (in existing strategies, projects and programs) that

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
		• Finalize the report to submit to the client	 developed. The project is a joint work with ZEF, University of Bonn, and Currently, under its final stage to be published as book chapter. 		hamper sustainable land management and development, and to identify gaps and opportunities in existing (technical) knowledge as well as in policy and institutional factors that hampers or facilitates the implementation of technical remedies.
1.11	Leveraging Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WATSAN) Nexus: Synergies, Thresholds, and Trade-offs for a Better Nutrition and Health Outcome in Ethiopia	Provide technical and logistic support to PhD student from ZEF, University of Bonn	EEA provide technical assistance and logistical support to PhD student from ZEF, University of Bonn	Ongoing	
1.12	Business plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities:.	Develop Business Plan	The draft business plan have been prepared and sent to the counterpart in ZEF	Ongoing	This is a continuation of the TIGA project and aimed at improving the small holder farmers' access to agricultural technology innovations in the target research areas, namely Halaba special Woreda in SNNPR and Baso Liben Woreda in the Amhara National Region State.
2	TRAINING SERVICES				
2.1.	Preparations for Establishing a Regular Training Institute	3	 Draft curriculum developed for post graduate programs and content development for short-term training program was completed the acquisition of teaching facilities and the organization of the training rooms was completed awaited to the inauguration of the 		 EEA will be an important player in contributing to the pool of highly trained economists in the country. Improved the EEA staffs in research capacity in the various field. Improved EEA's image

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
			institute		
2.2	Organize Short-term Trainings for EEA stakeholders	8	benefited 338 trainees. The trainings		 The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis. Improved quality of research publications

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
2.3	Staff Participation in short term trainings	Whenever the opportunities available, staffs will participate in trainings			The Capacity of EEA's staff improved
2.4	Provide Internship Services	Training and mentoring interns	Six undergraduate students benefited for the program.		 The interns acquired basic knowledge of some statistical software Some of them managed to complete their proposals for their final paper Acquired a hands on experience on data management and the process of research activities
2.6	PROVIDING OF PROFES	SSIONAL SERVICES	,		
2.6.1	Assisted Graduating students in Preparing their Thesis/Senior Essay		7 post graduate and 3 PhD students were assisted in preparing their Thesis/dissertation	• ongoing	 The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. Improves the capacity of EEA
2.6.2	Gave Post graduate Courses	Ongoing	• Given 4 post graduate courses (Addis Ababa, Hawassa and Wollo Universities)	• ongoing	Members and stakeholders • Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research
2.6.3	Refereeing and Advisor ship	Ongoing activities	thesis examined for several M.Sc students from various universities.		 and analysis. Improved quality of research publications EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced. Collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened EEA's image improved

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
3	ORGANIZATION OF CO	NFERENCE AND WORKSHOP			
3.1	Organizing the 11 th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy	and organize the conference	was organized from July 18 – 20, 2013. • At the conference more than 70	• Completed	 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. EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.
3.2	Organizing the 19 th AES and 12 th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy	 Made Call for paper for the 19th AES and 12th International Conference Collect papers and make ready for the conference Review the abstract and draft papers for the conference Conduct preparatory activities for the organization of the Conference Develop proposal and raising fund for 19th AES Coordinate and invite keynote speakers, prominent economists, 	 Many abstracts were collected and reviewed More than 120 researchers draft papers were accepted for presentation In addition to IFPRI, the co-organizer 	The conference was held from 16-19, 2014 at EEA conference hall	•

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
		paper presenters and participants	 Keynote speakers invited Proposal developed to secure fund Preparatory activities nearly completed in the reporting period 		
3.3	The 4rd Annual Regional Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development	conference with the Economics Department of Hawassa University	Papers have been collected and reviewed		
3.4	Organizing the inaugural workshop for the establishment of EEA Chapter in Jigjiga	the workshop	 Inaugural workshop organized and the chapter opened on 9th October 2013. A half day workshop organized; MoU signed, one paper presented which is attended by about 74 participants; the chapter office and EEA publications visited. 		
3.5	The 3 rd Annual Regional Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development	conference with the Economics Department of Mekelle University	Call for papers was made		

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
		Organize the conference	June 28, 2014 and seven papers were presented. About 100participants including higher officials of the Regional Bureaus and expertise from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region attended the conference.		
3.6	The 5 th Annual Regional Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development	the conference and held the conference	 The conference organized on August 31, 2013 and seven papers were presented and discussed It attracted about 130 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region. 		
3.7	The 2 nd Annual Regional Conference on the Economic Development of Eastern Ethiopia at Haramaya:	 Agree on the various activities of the conference with the Economics Department of Dire Dawa, Haramaya and Jigjiga Universities Conduct preparatory activities for the conference and held the conference Collect the papers and submit to external reviewers 	 Papers have been collected and reviewed Preparatory activities carried out The conference was organized on November 30, 2013 at Haramaya University and six papers were 		

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
			Universities of Dire Dawa, Jigjiga and Haramaya), NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the Eastern Ethiopia attended the conference.		
3.8	Organize the Extraordinary General Assembly (EoGA) of EEA	 Announce and call members to the EOGA Prepare minutes of the GA and submit to Charities and Societies Agency Complete the preparatory activities and organize assembly 	 2013. The GA discussed on the license renewal issue and the registration format. Finally agreed to continue 		Increases members participation in the activities of the Association
3.9	In-house Seminars Forum	 Organizing 12 in-house Seminars (monthly) Invite and remind members and other stakeholders to attend the seminar 	organized		 Enhance the capacity of the researchers Collect comments from participants to improve the papers
4	PUBLICATIONS PROI	DUCED AND DISTRIBUTION			
4.1	Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy	Publish one	2013 Economic Report was published and 2014 Economic Report is in the printing house		Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information
4.2	Proceedings of the Conference	Published proceedings of International and Regional conferences	1 0		Academia, researchers and students could take EEA publication as reference for further study and analysis.

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
			Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development Published Proceedings of the 3 rd Annual Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development Proceedings of the 1 st Annual Conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development		 Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy. Improved the visibility of EEA EEA publication distributed widely. Increased EEA's influence or role in the economic policy making
4.3	Working Papers	Prepare 6 working papers throughout the year	• Three WP was Published in Sept, Jan and Feb 2014 (No. 2/ 2013, 1/2014 and 2/2014)		
4.4	Newsletter and research briefs	Publish four issues of the newsletter	Totally three issues were published i.e. one for the Newsletter and two issues for the research briefs		
4.5	Publication Distribution	Distribute EEA publications	About 1170 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests		
5	EEA MEMBERSHIP SI	ERVICES			
5.1	Strengthening EEA Memberships Services	Provide Membership services	 7 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers About 3507 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 3010 members of whom 257 are issued in the reporting period. 		 Improved members' participation and communication Improved EEA's publications distribution channel Increases membership base Build up the capacity of members Improved communication with members Increased EEA's image and visibility

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
			• Orientation has been given to about 242 new members.		
5.2	Register new members and brief them about EEA		 300 new members have joined the Association as a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2014 has reached about 4300. Active members has reached about 37% of the total registered members 		
5.3	Opening Chapter	Conduct preparatory activities to open one additional chapter	 Preparatory activities carried out, Inaugural workshop Organized Jigjiga Chapter opened on 9th Oct 2013 at Jigjiga University 		
5.4	Provide support to EEA Chapters	Provide technical support to EEA Chapters	 Three training organized at chapters, Five regional workshops organized and two others are under preparation stage. Communication has been made repeatedly 		
6	DOCUMENTATION CI	ENTER SERVICES	1		
6.1	Library services	Provide library services	 3500 users have visited the Documentation Center and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents. (1500 of the users were weekend users) 213 documents Collected and coded More than 50 new members of EEA have been privileged to have library 		

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
			 pocket. EEA publications were updated at EEA Website. In addition manual Bibliography for the Library Material was updated Provide orientation to new users. Documentation Center provided regular wireless internet services including Saturday and Sunday 		
7	OTHER SERVICES				
	Publicizing EEA Objectives, Program and Activities		 EEA staffs provide interview to mass media (ETV and Radio, Herald News paper, Sheger 102.1 FM Radio, and Debub FM 97.1 Radio) Received visitors and briefed them Invited media in EEA's conferences and workshops 		 Improve EEA image Able to reach the public

ANNEX II: ACTION PLAN FOR PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

	Project Name and				Action	ı Plan			ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No	Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
1	Research Activity										
1.1	The 2015 Economic Report	No	1					100	Own Resource	All divisions	
1.3	EEA Quarterly on the Ethiopian Economy:	No	1					65	Own Resource	Macro	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview of short term macroeconomic developments
1.4	Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation	No	1					100	Own Resource	Macro	·
	Prepare survey data in a format needed for the use in GDP disaggregation										
	Make Estimations, write report and editorial work Publish the report										
1.6	Technology (ex-ante) assessment and farm household segmentation for inclusive poverty reduction and sustainable growth in Agriculture Post-field work (data	No	1					600	University of Bonn Center for Development Research (ZEF)		(1)current livelihood assets, needs and aspirations of the rural poor will be assessed (2)strategic options for different strata of poor households will be identified (3) Proximate causes and underlying barriers for each segment of the poor to

	Project Name and				Action	ı Plan			ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No	Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	encoding, data entry, data analysis, report writing, result dissemination)									Resources	achieve the strategic options will be identified. (4) likely impacts of innovations for each segment of the poor will be assessed
1.7	Exploring the Future of Food and Nutrition Security (FOODSECURE):	No.	1					860	European Commission	Agriculture and Natural	1. Determinants and different levels of causality of global and domestic food and nutrition security will be identified 2. Models and mechanisms will be designed to
	Assessing the role of domestic policy in Food and Nutrition Security (FNS)									Resources	
	Developing scenarios, future FNS visions and options, as well as key choices and consequences										improve the ability of decision
	Ground proofing of volatility effects on FNS										
	Developing typologies for linking FNS to price volatility										
1.8	Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model	No.	1					100		Macro Division	
	Updating the data Re-estimation of the Model Calibration and Model Validity										

	Project Name and				Action	Plan			ed Budget 10 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No	Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	Simulation Documentation and publication										
1.9	Updating of Social and Economic Database	No.	1					50		Macro Division	
	Division of Sectors Collecting of Data Systematizing database Output publish										Helps policy makers and researchers access economic data for analysis in one package
1.10	Business plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities:.	No.	1						ZEF		It will improve the small holder farmers' access to agricultural technology innovations in the target research areas of the Amhara National Region State.
2	Training Project										
2.1	Preparations for Establishing a Regular Training Institute Finalize curriculum Development • Submit to the Ministry of Education • Establish the Training Institute	No.	1					300		Executive Committee of EEA	EEA will be an important player in contributing to the pool of highly trained economists in the country. Improved the EEA staffs in research capacity in the various field.
2.2	Provide Capacity Building Training to Regional Universities									EEA Secretariat	
	Training on	No.	4					200		All Research	• The capacity of university

	Project Name and				Action	ı Plan			ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No	Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	Econometric Methods Using Software Packages									Division	staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. • Improves the capacity of EEA
	Training on Research Methodology	No.	2					60		All Research Division	Members and stakeholders Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.
2.3	Organize Training for EEA Members	No.	3					60		All Research Division	Improved quality of research publications
2.4	Training to other Stakeholders	No.								EEA Secretariat	
3	Support to university Level teaching and Research									All Research Division	The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.
	Offer post-graduate training courses to universities	No.	3								 Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders Improves competence of new graduates in Economic
	Offered internship services	No.	9					14			research and analysis. • Improved quality of research
	Advised M.Sc and PhD students	No.	6								publications EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced. Collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened EEA's image improved
	Served as a member of examining board for M.Sc and PhD Students	No.	5								
4	Conference Organization										
4.1	The 19 th AES and 12 th International Conference on the	No.	1					1200			• The conference improves relationship between the Association and government

	Project Name and Detailed Activity list		nit Quantity		Action	Plan			ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No		Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	Ethiopian Economy Complete the preparatory activities and organize the conference										and other stockholders; • Improves the capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers; and improves the knowledge of participants.
4.2	The 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy Edit, format and publish the proceedings of 19th AES and 12th International conference Made Call for paper for the 13th Conference Collect papers and finalize the preparation of the 13th conference							900			EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.
4.3	Regional Conference Fourth Tigray Regional State Conference Sixth Amhara Regional	No.	1					77			 Improved EEA's relationship with regional chapters. Improved the understandings of the socioeconomic issues of the Regions
	State Conference Third Eastern Ethiopian Conference	No.	1					90			Contributed to the growth of the culture of dialogue in the regions
	Fifth SNNPRS Conference	No.	1					72			 Improved Relationship with government and regional

	Project Name and				Action	ı Plan			ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No	Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	First Oromia Regional State Conference at Jimma	No.	1	•				60			offices and other stockholders • Capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers improved in the regions • Improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the Regional States. • Visibility of EEA improved
4.4	Organizing in-house seminar	No.	6							Macro Division	 Enhance the capacity of the researchers Collect comments from participants to improve the papers
4.5	The 21 st General Assembly of EEA	No.	1								Increases members participation in the activities of the Association
5	EEA Membership Services										
5.1	Strengthening EEA Memberships Services updating membership database										
	issue Membership ID Card										
	update e-mail addresses of members and maintain contacts/communicati on										
5.2	Register new members and brief them about EEA	No.	200								

	Project Name and Detailed Activity list				Action	ı Plan	_		ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No		Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
5.3	Improve EEA's website Server and update							20	Own Resource		
	improve the website capacity from the hosting company										
5.4	Provide support to EEA Chapters										
6	Documentation Center services										
	Provide library and internet services										
	Provide library pocket to members										
	Collect & procure new books and prepare catalogue										
7	Publications										
	Produced										
7.1	Working papers	No.	7								
7.2	Journal	No.	5								
7.3	Report (Annual Economic and quarterly)		5							All Research Division	
7.3.1	2014 Report on the Ethiopian Economy	No.	1					90	Own res		
									donors		

	Project Name and Detailed Activity list				Action	ı Plan		l l	ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No		Unit	Quantity	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
7.3.2	2015 Report on the Ethiopian Economy Selecting a Theme Collecting data and Information Preparing Write up, edition and publish	No.	1					100	Own res and donors	All Research Division	
7.3.3	Quarterly Report	No.	4					65	Own res		
7.10.10	Selecting a Theme Collecting data and Information Preparing Write up, edition and publish	110.							Ownres	Macro Division	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview of macroeconomic developments.
7.4	Proceedings										
	Proceedings of the 12 th International Conference	No.	2					91	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 5 th Annual Regional Conference on Amhara Regional State Economy Development	No.	1					54	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 4th annual Regional Conference on SNNPRS Economy Development	No.	1					40	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 2 nd Annual Conference on Eastern Ethiopia							30	Own res		

	Project Name and Detailed Activity list		Quantity	Action Plan					ed Budget 00 Birr)	Responsible	Possible impacts or Implication
No		Unit		1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source	Division for implementation	(significance) of the Research
	Economy										
	Collect papers of the 12 th conference and give to external reviewers							40	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 12 th International Conference	No.	2					92	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 3rd annual Regional Conference on Tigray Regional State Economy Development	No.	1					30	Own res		
7.5	Ethiopian Economics Journal and working papers		6					100	Own res	All Division	
8	Prepare quarterly Work plan and Activity Report	No	4							All Division	