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I 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 serving the Association as president, I



**Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum
President**

have witnessed the remarkable progress the Association has achieved. Over the last two decades, it has expanded from a few founding members with just few staff at the Secretariat to over 4438 members; with more than 35 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.

This year we have witnessed another milestone in the evolution of the EEA. The Association has complemented its research wing with a new training arm in the area of economics and business, Economics and Business Training Institute (EBTI). I believe that EBTI will produce a pool of economists with state-of-the-art skills and the capacity to make a difference in economic research, policy formulation, and development practice in Ethiopia. In addition, EBTI will reinforce the training efforts of the various higher learning institutions through horizontal cooperation and setting standards in the field.

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 2014/15, ongoing and planned activities for the year 2015/16 and the external audit report of the

year 2014/15.

In the year 2014/15 EEA has been working on about 22 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 2015 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy with a thematic topic “Prospects and Challenges of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia”; Investing in Capabilities and the Perspective of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia, Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia, The Role of Domestic Policies on Food Security: Cases from Ethiopia and Burkina Faso, Integrating the Voice of CSOs in Regional Integration Process- Eastern and Southern Africa and Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing 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 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 Twelfth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and 19th Annual African Econometrics Society Conference, the four regional conferences held at Bahir Dar, Mekelle, Hawassa, and Eastern Ethiopia (Haramaya, Dire Dawa and Jijjiga) 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 noteworthy. In this regard, the Association has organized about five training events at Addis Ababa and at different parts of the country 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.

In the year, about 139 new members have also joined the Association which increased the total number of registered members of the Association to about 4439 as of June 30, 2015.

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 four focal areas for future action with a view to enhancing and improving the EEA's operations and source of income. These are strengthening cordial relationship with the regulatory agency; strengthening the newly established EEA Training Institute, expansion of our membership base and insuring the financial sustainability of the Association.

In view of the challenges that come from the regulatory agency, Charity and Society Agency, the Executive Committee has conducted and will continue to do doubt clearing exercises with various government officials including CHSA officials to explain its mandate. We need to assure all concerned that EEA is a professional association whose ultimate objective is to provide a platform for its members to contribute, using their specialized knowledge, to improve the overall development of the country. We need also to assure EEA's professional standing by maintaining the high quality of its research activities, publications, policy dialogue and debate on critical economic issues in the country in a non-partisan manner.

As per the diction of the General Assembly of the Association, EEA training institute, (EEA-EBTI) has been officially inaugurated in July 2015 with the aim of organizing short term training programs initially. In the coming years, there is a need to strengthen the training institute (EEA-EBTI) in terms of manpower and additional facilities.

Expanding membership base and increase the participation of members in the association's activities 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 previous license renewal issue had disruptive effect on 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. The financial sustainability of EEA has been significantly challenged and compromised during licensing crises. During the last license renewal crises, EEA has not been able to actively engage in collaborative research projects (almost for about two years) as it could not present a valid renewed license. This has significantly eroded the financial position of the Association and has become a serious challenge.

Finally, I would like to underscore the fact that the remarkable achievements of EEA, even under the very stressful and agonizing environment during the license renewal crisis, were the result of the active participation of its 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 Regional 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, especially for their support during the last shocking time of licensing crisis. 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 SUMMARY

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 24 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 to regain its position, which was eroded during the license renewal crises period, 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 2014/15 EEA has been working on about 22 research projects focusing on economic and social challenges facing the Ethiopian Economy, through its research wing, EEPRI. Out of the 22 research projects 8 have been completed, 10 are still ongoing and the rest 4 research projects are postponed to the next plan period. In addition, 9 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 2015 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy with the thematic topic of “Prospects and Challenges of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia”, Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia, Demographic dividend: an opportunity for Ethiopia’s Transformation, Food Security, PSNP and Aid Actors in Ethiopia: Findings from Review and Opinion Survey of Aid-Actors, and Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing 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 5 rounds of short-term trainings to different stakeholders including its members (116 persons benefited from the trainings) at different locations during the year. In addition, content development for short-term training program was completed and published in the form of a brochure. And the acquisition of teaching facilities and the organization of the training rooms were finalized

The Association has also organized various forums (one international conference on the Ethiopian Economy jointly with the African Econometrics Society, 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 membership size, during the period about 139 new members joined the Association increasing the total membership size of EEA to about 4439. Efforts have also been made to improve membership services.

EEA has been able to publish about 12 different types of publications during the year. It has distributed about 2058 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 challenges associated with the license renewal.

III INTRODUCTION

The Ethiopian Economics Association is a non-profit, nonpartisan 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 fora for 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 24 years, and most particularly since the establishment of its research wing the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in the second half of 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 2014/15 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2015/16 (from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). 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.



PART ONE

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015)

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, 8 research projects have been completed while another 10 research projects have been ongoing. In addition, 9 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, 2014 to June 30, 2015 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 2015 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 2015 Economic Report has been produced in which an overall assessment of the macroeconomic and sectoral developments over the year has been included. The Report is flagship publication of the Ethiopian Economics Association.
- ***Prospects and Challenges of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia:*** This research project was identified as the thematic focus area of the Annual Economic report and had provided good insights about the process of Structural Transformation in the country along with country experiences. It highlights in detail the structure, development process of the sectors including institutions and its major contributions to the Ethiopian economy.
- ***Social Protection of Older Person in Ethiopia:*** With attention from their children running thin, older people's need for social protection from the public is expected to increase in the near future. The number of older people is increasing as the country's life expectancy increases. Hence, the main objective of this research was to draw the attention of policy makers, development partners and researchers towards the issue

of social protection for elders so that more knowledge will be generated and appropriate actions will be taken

- ***Demographic dividend: an opportunity for Ethiopia's Transformation:*** Its Collaborative research project with Population Reference Bureau and Future Group International. The objective of the project is to examine Ethiopia's recent achievements with regard to demographic dividend and reflect on areas warranting further actions and investments. During the reporting period, the final report was prepared and submitted to the client.
- ***Investing in Capabilities and the Perspective of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia:*** The objective of the project is to assess the necessary interventions needed to enhance the structural transformation process in Ethiopia. The research paper has been completed and the finding was presented at the Africa Emergence Conference in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The research paper will be published on the EEA working paper series
- ***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, draft research paper was prepared and updated following detail comments. The revised paper was submitted to the client. 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.
- ***The Role of Domestic Policies on Food Security: Cases from Ethiopia and Burkina Faso:*** It is collaborative research project under the FOODSECURE program and is being undertaken in collaboration with CIRAD a French research institute. 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 opinion survey among key aid actors was conducted. And the research paper was written and submitted. The project is a part of the bigger FOODSECURE program. FOODSECURE program is a collaborative five years project with 19 partners which is started in 2013. The FOODSECURE aims to assess the role of domestic policy in Food and Nutrition Security.
- ***Open Business Plan for Realizing Agricultural Technology and Innovation Opportunities Basoliben Woreda, Amhara Region and Halaba Special Woreda, SNNPR:*** The project aimed at improving the farmers' access to agricultural technology innovations in the target areas. The project has been a collaborative project with the center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn, Germany and the final report has been prepared and shared with the partner.

1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- ***Early Labor Market Transitions of Women in Low Income African Countries-Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania:*** Its Collaborative research with University of Sussex. During the reporting period, preliminary work still on progress. The background work on the Ethiopian case has been presented at a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. The objective of the research project is to provide a much more solid and complete empirical foundation to discussions of the nature of progress through adolescent years for girls than currently exists, and its consequences for later years and shall continue until 31 October 2017.
- ***PSNP and Aid Actors in Ethiopia: Findings from Review and Opinion Survey of Aid-Actors:*** This research is part of the FOODSECURE program which is a collaborative five years project until 2017. This research 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, background research paper was written, literatures have been reviewed and Opinion survey among key aid actors in Ethiopia was conducted. Then the Collected data/information was analyzed and report writing completed.
- ***Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing in Ethiopia:*** its collaborative project with USAID until 2017. It aims to develop the capacity of EEA and its members to be an independent and sustainable institutional mechanism for HCFR evaluation and research. And generate and disseminate evaluations and studies results to support the implementation of the HCFR and the health system. The project was not started as per the initial plan due to various reasons related with EEA license renewal. But in the reporting period, research assistant was recruited; office furniture and equipment were procured. In addition, three concept notes were developed and workshop organized to collect feedbacks form relevant stakeholders. Following the updating and finalizing the concept notes, quantitative data collection were made from 1,600 households and deployed researchers to conduct Key informant interview (KII).
- ***Fair Trade, Labor Markets and Women's Economic Empowerment:*** its collaborative project with University of Carleton (Canada) and Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP-Kenya). It aims to identify key constraints to women's labour market participation. And measure impact of targeted interventions to increase women's participation in employment and economic empowerment. The project has a life time of December 2017. During the reporting period, concluded background study in two regions (SNNP and Oromiya),prepared questionnaires, recruited and trained field staff, conducted data collection for the baseline study covering close to 2,000 households.
- ***Community-based health insurance:*** it's a collaborative project with USAID. During the reporting period, conducted the necessary preparation for the 4th round survey (background study, desk research, questionnaire preparation, recruiting and training

field staff (supervisors and enumerators)), household survey and field supervision were carried out. Data collection covered 1600 households.

- ***Integrating the Voice of CSOs in Regional Integration Process- Eastern and Southern Africa (IVORI-ESA):*** it's a collaborative project with CUTS-Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS-CITEE) and Oxfam Nairobi. The project duration is from July 2015 - 31st December, 2015. It aims to strengthen the ability of CSOs and NSAs to meaningfully participate and influence the Tripartite Free Trade Agreements (TFTA) implementation process for better results on the ground. During the reporting period, contract agreement signed and conducted literature review.
- ***Assessing the employment impact of Chinese firms in sub-Saharan Africa – SOAS*** it's a collaborative project with SOAS and Renmin University. It is a three year project until 2018. The project was financed under the DFID-ESRC China in Africa. It aims to conduct a combination of firm-level and worker-focused surveys in two sectors, construction and manufacturing, in Ethiopia. During the reporting period, proposal developed and contract agreement signed.
- ***Economic Linkages between Pastoralists and Farmers in Ethiopia: Evidence from Afar and Borena Areas and Adjacent Highland Areas:*** In the reporting period, the draft research report is under preparation. Apart from its research objective, this study has also capacity building aspect as it has been conducted with five young academicians from two collaborating Universities (University of Bole Hora and Debre Brehan).
- ***A Food Supply Value Chain Analysis of Price Volatility: the case of Wheat Market in Ethiopia:*** it's a collaborative project with University of Bonn/ZEF under the bigger FOODSECURE project. During the reporting period, concept note was written and revised, and the research was launched. Conducting Focus Group Discussion (FGDs) with various wheat supply chain actors is undergoing.
- ***Integrated assessment of the determinants of the Maize yield Gap in Sub-Saharan Africa: towards farm innovation and Enabling policies (IMAGINE)- Ghana and Ethiopia:*** The main objective of the project is to Identify the main bio-physical, management and socio-economic factors that explain the observed yield gap in maize production in selected regions in Ghana and Ethiopia; Provide decision makers, farmers and other stakeholders with action and policy recommendations on how to close the yield gap taking into account the complex environment in which farmers in Ghana and Ethiopia operate; and deepen and apply a generic framework that combines agronomic and economic approaches to the assessment of yield gaps and agricultural productivity. It's a collaborative project with Wageningen University. The project agreement has been signed.
- ***Postponed Projects for the next Period:*** Though it was planned to carry the research projects listed below, they are not implemented as expected due to shortage of research staffs. These projects which are postponed for the next plan period are:
 - Quarterly Report on the Ethiopian Economy:
 - Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model:
 - Updating of Social and Economic Database:
 - Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation:

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. Some of which have already been accepted while others are waiting for response from funders. The major proposals are:

- A Food Supply Value Chain Analysis of Price Volatility: the case of Wheat Market in Ethiopia-
- Impact of school-infrastructure support program on schooling of children
- Impact Evaluation of School Improvement Intervention in North Shoa, Ethiopia
- The EU Policies' Coherence towards Supporting Global Development – ECODEV – EU with – five years project with 18 partners from all over the world.
- Migration, Remittances and Forest Dependence in Ethiopia: Implications for Food Security, Gender and Forest Conservation- CIFOR – IDRC
- Market-Based Solutions for the Extreme Poor Metrics and Maps for Accelerating Impact – with 7 partners from India, Kenya and South Africa - Rockefeller Foundation
- Cell-Phones, Non-farm Employment, and Organic Fertilizer Adoption in Rural Ethiopia – With University of Bonn - United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)
- The effect of women Self Help Groups- CoSAP need to evaluate the project impact in Ethiopia
- National Level Implications of Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in collaboration with Sothern Voices.

2. TRAINING ACTIVITIES

2.1. PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A TRAINING INSTITUTE

With the aim to launch the training institute, EEA has made preparatory activities in the reporting period. Such as developed course content for short term training, and furnished the training institute class rooms and the computer laboratory. EEA has now formally inaugurated its Training Institute called Economics and Business Training Institute (EBTI) at the presence of higher officials, invited guests and EEA Members during the opening time of the 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy held from July 23 – 25, 2015.

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 and about 116 trainees were trained. In the reporting period, the following trainings were organized:

- ***Time Series Econometric Techniques:*** The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with Bahir Dar chapter offered five-days training on Time Series Econometric Techniques for Economists from October 21 – 25, 2014 to

academia and public servants at Bahir Dar University training Hall, Amhara. During the five-days training a total of 27 (25 male and 2 female) trainees who came from academia and governmental organizations i.e. Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar Regional State BoFed staff, Debre Markos University, Samara University, Wollo University and Debre Tabor University attended the training. Dr. Seid Nuru gave the training.

- ***Applied Econometrics with STATA:*** EEA in collaboration with the Jigjiga Chapter provided five days trainings on “Tool for Policy Analysis: Applied Econometrics with STATA” from November 3 - 7, 2014 at Jigjiga Hamda Hotel. About 24 trainees who came from Jigjiga, Dire Dawa and Haramaya Universities attended the training. Dr. Seid Nuru and Ato Fitsum Zewdu gave the training.
- ***Advanced Applied Micro-Econometrics with Application of STATA Software:*** training at Mekelle University: EEA provided five days trainings on “Advanced Econometrics with STATA Software Applications” at Mekelle University during September 1-5, 2014, to the staff of the Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum Universities, and staff of relevant Bureaus of the regions such as BoFED attained the training. A total of 35 participants attended the training. Dr. Seid Nuru gave the training.
- ***Applied Econometric:*** EEA in collaboration with the Woldia University provided five days trainings on “Applied Econometrics with STATA” from April 13-17, 2015 at Woldia University. About 24 trainees who came from Woldia and Wollo Universities attended the training.
- ***STATA Software Application:*** two rounds of short term training on the software application were organized for 6 summer interns at EEA training Hall
- ***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 ten staff attended USAID project training at LCD office.

2.3. *Proposal Preparations for Short Term Training*

During the reporting period, three short term training proposals were prepared: – for Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, Ethio-Telecom and Oromiya Bureau of Finance and Economic Development – on macroeconomic theory, estimation of regional accounts and SPSS training.

2.4. *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, reviewed the curriculum of post graduate program of Axum University, Three post graduate

courses have been given at Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa Universities; 6 post graduate and three PhD students were supervised and assisted in preparing their Thesis/dissertation. Several post graduate students were examined at different universities. This service is highly appreciated by universities and students.

2.5. *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.

2.6. *Provide small research grant for young professionals*

The International Growth Centre (IGC) and the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) launched the second round of Small Commutative Research Grant for junior researchers working or studying at public universities, private institutes, research institutions or research departments of government institutions to encourage them on research activities.

In the reporting period, a total of 32 applications were received out of which five were selected through a very rigorous evaluation process. The winners of research grant have submitted their draft papers which are sent to external reviewers for the publication of pre-reviewed journal.

In addition, with the support of financial support from Markets, Trade and Institutions Divisions (MTID) of the International Food Policy Research Institute, a small research grant scheme was launched on major aspects of price dynamics in Ethiopia.

On this Competitive Research Grant about 30 applicants submitted their proposal out of which nine were selected through a very rigorous screening process. Though some winners of the research grant have submitted their papers, others are still working on their papers.

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 Twelfth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and 19th Annual African Econometrics Society Conference:*

- 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, EEA co-organized the 19th Annual Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES) on Economic Analysis and Policy Challenges in Africa concurrent with the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy. This Conference has found very important to understand the complex challenges that Africa has faced in this fast moving Global environment and as part of EEA's endeavor it has enhanced effective global networking and synergized the efforts of like-minded individuals, institutions/organizations. The two conferences were held concurrently at EEA Conference Center from July 16 to 19, 2014. Like the previous conferences, the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program (ESSP) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) co-organized this conference. Others like Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, USAID, International Association for Applied Econometrics, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), UNDP Ethiopian, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany, UNECA, African Development Bank (ADB), African Economic Research Consortium, African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), International Growth Center (IGC), and Abt Associate Inc co-organized and sponsor this conference.
- At the conference more than 120 papers were presented in four plenary and seven breakout sessions. From the total presentations, about 65 came from different countries across Africa, Europe, China, USA and Canada. Partner institutions which presented their papers include ACBF, ADB, IFPRI-ESSP, EDRI, AERC, UNDP, UNECA, IGC, FSS, Feed for the Future of USAID, USAID Abt. Associate, Econometric Society African Region Chapter, and Africa Center for Economic Transformation (ACET). The four days conference was able to attract 523, 362, 291 and 276 participants during the consecutive days of the conference from different organizations both from within and outside Ethiopia.
- 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 Econometric Society; Prof. Christopher Udry, professor of Economics at Yale University; and Professor Shiferaw Gurmu, Professor of Economics at Georgia State University.
- H.E Dr. Abraham Tekeste Minister, Ministry of Industry was the guest of honor who gave the official opening remarks. 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 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy have been made.
- **21st General Assembly of EEA:** In addition the 21st General Assembly (GA) of EEA was held on December 6, 2014 at EEA Conference Hall. The GA discussed and endorsed External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2013/14) and the plan for the year 2014/15. The GA elected W/o Fanaye Tadesse as the Treasure. Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum and Dr. Amdissa Teshome were also elected for the second term for the president and as member of EC respectively. The minutes of the meeting have also been prepared and submitted to the Charities and Societies Agency.
- **The Sixth Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic 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 sixth Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on September 20, 2014 at the Homeland Hotel Conference Hall. The conference attracted about 150 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector and EEA members in the region. During the one day conference, twelve papers were presented and discussed in parallel and plenary session. The conference was opened by H.E. Ato Gedu Andargachew, the President of the Amhara National Regional State.
- **The Fifth Annual Conference on the Southern Nation, Nationalities and people Regional State (SNNPRS) Economic Development:** The conference organized on March 27, 2015 at the Central Hotel conference Hall at Hawassa. The conference attracted about 210 participants including higher officials of the Regional Bureaus and expertise from Regional Bureaus, Universities of Hawassa, Wolaita Sodo, Arba Minch and Dilla, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region. In the one day conference, about 12 papers presented.
- **The Third Annual Regional Conference on the Economic Development of Eastern Ethiopia: The Third Annual conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development** was co-organized by EEA and its Dire Dawa, Haramaya and Jigjiga Chapters on November 22, 2014 at Hamedra Hotel Conference Hall in Jigjiga. The conference attracted about 113 participants drawn from Dire Dawa, Harari and Somalia Regional Bureaus, universities, NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the eastern part of the country. Eight papers were presented and discussed at the conference. The Conference officially opened by Sultan Abdi Ali Shaga, Social and Economic adviser to the President of Somalia Regional state. Ato Demiraw Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat and Ato Seid Mohammed Ali V/President of Jigjiga University made welcoming address.

- ***The Fourth Annual Regional Conference on Tigray Regional state Economic Development:*** The fourth Annual Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Mekelle chapter on June 27, 2015 at Plant Hotel Conference Hall. The conference attracted about 85 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities of Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum, NGOs, private sector and EEA members in the region. During the one day conference, five papers were presented and discussed. The conference was officially opened by Ato Daniel Assefa, Head of Tigray BoPaF after welcome note was made by Dr. Abdelkader Kedir, V/President of Mekelle University and Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat.

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 Poverty and Human Resources division attended three national and two international workshops/conferences
- A staff of the Trade and industry division attended more than four national workshops in the reporting period
- Two staff of EEA attended a global event on the issue of “Think Tank Initiative Exchange 2015: Research Quality, Outreach and Impact” in Istanbul, Turkey from February 18 - 20, 2015. The event was attended by the representatives of 43 Think Tanks.

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:

- Background work on the Ethiopian case has been presented at a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya presented by Macro Division Head.
- A paper on “Investing in Capabilities and Perspective of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia” has been presented at the Africa Emergence Conference in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire presented by Macro Division Head.
- Presented a paper on the performance of the Ethiopian economy at the regional

annual conference at Jigjiga University presented by Macro Division Head.

- Presented a paper on the performance of the Ethiopian economy at the regional annual conference at Bahir Dar University presented by Macro Division Head.
- Presented a paper on “International Migration and the Prospect of Human Capital Formation in Ethiopia” at the regional annual conference at Bahir Dar University presented by Macro Division Head.
- Delivered a speech by Macro Division head on the status of Ethiopian emergence at the Emergence Conference, Abidjan, a session chaired by former president of South Africa, H.E. Thabo Mbeki.
- Paper on the performance of GTP I and lessons for GTP II presented at DAG (donor group) by Macro Division Head
- Paper presented at the FOODSECURE Consortium Workshop which was held from 24-27 March 2015 in Bratislava by Agriculture and Natural Resource Division researcher

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 Brehan University
- The Principal Researcher of EEPRI served as member of the DAAD scholarship (Germany) committee.
- The Principal Researcher of EEPRI is a fellow of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences and members of the Social Science working group.

4. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

4.1. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

In the reporting period, the Association has published the following documents from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015:

- The 2014 Report on the Ethiopian Economy: the thematic focus is Small and Micro Enterprises Development in Ethiopia.
- Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy (2 volumes).
- Proceedings of the 19th Annual Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES) (1 volume).
- Proceedings of the 4th Annual Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development.

- Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development
- Proceedings of the 2nd Annual Conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development
- One issue of the EEA Newsletter published (Vol. 1. Issue 5 February 2015).
- One issue of the Research Briefs published (Issue No. 5 February 2015).
- Two issues of Ethiopian Journal of Economics (Volume 22 (1) November 2014 and Volume 22 (2) April 2015)

4.2. Articles submitted for journal publication

Two articles have been published in peer reviewed journals.

- Philipp, B., von Braun, J., Abebaw, D. and Mueller, M. Forthcoming. Impact of Large-Scale Land Investments on Income, Prices, and Employment: Empirical Analyses in Ethiopia. *World Development*, Vol. 72, PP. 175-190.
- Yilma, Z., Mebratie, A., Sparrow, R., Abebaw, D., Dekker, M., Alemu, G., and Bedi, A. 2014. Coping with Shocks in Rural Ethiopia. *Journal of Development Studies*, 50(7), 1009-1024.
- Assefa Admassie 2015. Political Economy of Food Price Policy; the Case of Ethiopia. Published as book chapter.
- Bekele Hundie and Assefa Admassie (forthcoming) Potential Impacts of Yield-increasing Crop Technologies on Poverty Reduction in two Districts of Ethiopia, Book Chapter.
- One draft manuscripts have been prepared. Under preparation for submission to peer-reviewed journals

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 2058 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests.

5. EEA STAFF MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- The agricultural and Natural Resource Division researcher gave an interview with journalist from Addis Business Magazine on agriculture sector in Ethiopia
- Macroeconomic Division head gave an interview to Addis Business Magazine
- Poverty and Human Resource Division researcher gave an interview to SHEGER 102.1 Radio about the migration impact and commodity pricing.
- The Trade and Industry Division head gave an interview to Radio regarding the Industry sector performance in Ethiopia.

- EEA Secretariat Head gave an interview to SHEGER 102.1 Radio about the status of Economics and Business Training Institute and the twelfth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy.
- EEA Secretariat Head gave an interview regarding the regional conference objectives for Debub FM and Tigray mass media.
- The Principal Research Fellow has given a long interview on current economic issues to Addis TV.

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 139 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. As a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2015 has reached 4439.
- **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 20.0% of the total registered members. The details by membership type are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Membership Status as of June 30, 2015

Membership Status	Members by Category				
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
1. Registered Members	3013	658	717	51	4439
2. Active Members	646	167	67	9	889
Active membership as % of the total	21.4	25.4	9.3	17.6	20.0

- **Opening up Regional chapters of EEA:** In the reporting period one regional chapter planned to open but due to different reasons the activity postponed to the next plan period.
- **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 by calling to 803 members in which there email bounces back and maintain contacts. In the reporting period, 7 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers; about 3425 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 3209 members of whom 139 are issued in the reporting period. Orientation has been given to about 139 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 39,770 visitors increased by 13% of last year visitors. In addition, about 714 members had registered online for 13th International conference. In addition, EEA has social 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, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Country	Sessions	% New Sessions	New Users	Pages/Visit	Avg. Visit Duration
Ethiopia	24,208	72.02%	17,435.00	3.15	224.45
Indonesia	3,590	76.30%	2,739.00	2.18	128.26
United States	2,532	84.68%	2,144.00	2.76	102.86
India	934	80.73%	754.00	2.45	122.36
United Kingdom	737	80.73%	595.00	2.73	100.39
Germany	580	74.48%	432.00	3.28	126.67
Netherlands	506	81.62%	413.00	2.97	140.27
Kenya	456	80.48%	367.00	2.74	131.74
Brazil	315	98.73%	311.00	1.13	7.29
(not set)	1,579	82.27%	1,299.00	2.17	114.62
Country/ Territory	39,770	75.53%	30,037.00	2.93	183.32

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 200 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 3000 users have visited the library and get the services efficiently (1000 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 90 new members of EEA have been privileged to have library pocket.

- E-books collected and made 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 35. Out of which 22 are male and 13 are female. The number of new staff member joined EEA is 3 male. The job classification of the new staff members are two USAID project staff and one Junior Researcher. The number of staff members left EEA is 3 (1 male and 2 female) and their job classifications were Junior Research Fellow (2) and Secretary (1). The Junior Research Fellows left EEA in order to attend further education at overseas. 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.
- **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 equipment (white boards and electrical dividers) were procured and distributed to different class rooms. Electrical installations were also done to make the room ready for training.
- **Revised EEA internal Manuals and Develop new one:** internal manuals were updated to facilitate the Association works. And new manuals also developed like EEA succession plan, Service Delivery Standard, and the Gender, Culture and Disability inclusiveness policy.
- **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 154 supervisors and enumerators have been engaged to facilitate the field work survey. In addition to these survey workers over 35 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 ACBF will terminate in September 2015.

9. **SUCSESSES, CHALLENGES AND LESSONS**

9.1. **Success**

The discussions in the previous sections clearly show that EEA has undertaken some policy research 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. All these have been undertaken during a time when the existence of the Association in its current format has been seriously challenged and when its capacity has been significantly eroded. Had this challenge was not there EEA would have been able to perform even much better than this.

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 been the main challenges and threatened the existence of EEA. Due to the previous problem of license renewal, EEA has got weakened financial position, loose its key research staffs and damaged its networks. The motivation and enthusiasm of the staffs of EEA has also been deeply eroded and damaged. In view of the challenges that come from the regulatory agency, Charity and Society Agency, EEA will continue to conduct the following mitigating measures:
 - Conduct doubt clearing exercises with various government officials including CHSA officials to explain its mandate. The EEA needs to assure all concerned that it is indeed a professional association whose ultimate objective is to provide a platform for its members to contribute, using their specialized knowledge to improve the overall development of the country.
 - Enhance EEA's professional standing by maintaining the high quality of its research, publications, policy dialogue and debate on critical economic issues in the country in a

non-partisan manner.

- Promote the professionalism of its members through trainings and the teaching of economics in the country and especially at the new universities.
- **Reduced Financial Capabilities::** one of the major current challenges is the reduced financial capacity due to the problems caused by the license renewal process. EEA was unable to raise funds during the two years when its license was not renewed. As a result it has been able to survive simply by consuming what it had saved during the previous years. This has significantly reduced its current financial capacity, whose implications are still being felt. 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 the last EEA’s license renewal time. 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.

H.E. Ato Gedu Andargachew President of Amhara National Regional State addressing the 6th Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development





Ato Daniel Assefa Head of BoPaF of Tigray National Regional State addressing the Fourth Annual Regional Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development



PART TWO

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016)

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. 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 2016 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 2015 Economic Report, which has the thematic issues of “Prospects and Challenges of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia” will be also published and disseminated in the first quarter of the plan period.
- **Occasional economic reports on contemporary issues:** 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, depending on the availability of data at least three contemporary issues will be expected to cover and prepared research output for dissemination.
- **Integrating the Voice of CSOs in Regional Integration Process- Eastern and Southern Africa (IVORI-ESA):** its collaborative project with CUTS-Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS-CITEE) and Oxfam NOVIB. The project duration is from July 2015 - 31st December, 2015. It aims to strengthen the ability

of CSOs and NSAs to meaningfully participate and influence the TFTA implementation process for better results on the ground. In the next planning period, plan to conduct literature review, gather information and produce the report. And organize inception and validation workshop, and policy round table discussion. And creating the networks for those CSOs working on trade and development issues

- ***Assessing the employment impact of Chinese firms in sub-Saharan Africa – SOAS*** its collaborative project with SOAS and Renmin University until 2018. The project was financed Under the DFID-ESRC China in Africa. It aims to conduct a combination of firm-level and worker-focused surveys in two sectors, construction and manufacturing, in Ethiopia. In the planning period, develop survey instrument, train data collectors and supervisors, conduct firm-level and worker-focused surveys in two sectors i.e. construction and manufacturing, in Ethiopia. Data processing, management and analysis then prepare final report and organize validation workshop to present the report.
- ***Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing in Ethiopia:*** its collaborative project with USAID until 2017. It aims to develop the capacity of EEA and its members to be an independent and sustainable institutional mechanism for HCFR evaluation and research. And generate and disseminate evaluations and studies results to support the implementation of the HCFR and the health system. In the next planning period, data editing, clearing and entry will be carried out for 1600 household survey. And Key informant interview will be conducted. The final report on community-based health insurance will be produced and presented. Two research papers are expected i.e. Implementation of CBHI and Understanding Public Private Partnership (PPP) in health sector. In addition, evaluation will be carried out on Health facility's revenue retention, Assessment of the development of private wing on public health facilities, and he challenges of outsourcing non-clinical services in health facilities.
- ***Fair Trade, Labor Markets and Women's Economic Empowerment:*** its collaborative project with University of Carleton (Canada) and Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP-Kenya). It aims to identify key constraints to women's labour market participation. And measure impact of targeted interventions to increase women's participation in employment and economic empowerment. In the planning period, data processing and management will be carried out for the baseline study covering close to 2,000 households. The data analysis and report will be produced.
- ***A Food Supply Value Chain Analysis of Price Volatility: the case of Wheat Market in Ethiopia:*** the project aims to analyze producer's exposure to volatility and predict policy impacts on volatility and price transmission, and investigate the extent to which wheat prices transmit along the value chain. Its collaborative project with University of Bonn/ZEF. The project has a life time of December 2017. In the planning period, data processing and analysis will be carried out. The data verification and compilation of monthly time series data which will be jointly analyzed by EEA and University of Bonn/ZEF researchers. Then the final report will be produced and presented
- ***Economic Linkages between Pastoralists and Farmers in Ethiopia: Evidence from Afar and Borena Areas and Adjacent Highland Areas:*** In the planning period, the draft and final research report will be submitted to the client. Apart from its research objective, this study has also capacity building aspect as it has been conducted with five

young academicians from two collaborating Universities (University of Bole Hora and Debre Brehan)

- **Updating of Social and Economic Database:** In a view to provide users with a complete set of data, EEA has been updating the database on CD-ROM and distributing to researchers, policy makers, students and other stakeholders. In the planning period, the database will be updated and synthesized. Then, the Data CD will be published and distributed to users.
- **The effect of women Self Help Groups in Ethiopia-** its demand based project with CoSAP Ethiopia. The project aims to evaluate the impact of the project on women Self Help Groups(SHG) in Ethiopia. In the planning period, signing of contract agreement, developing survey instrument, training of data collectors, data collection, supervision and data entry will be carried out. The data analysis, report writing and presentation will be done in the planning period.
- **Early Labor Market Transitions of Women in Low Income African Countries- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania:** Its Collaborative research with University of Sussex. In the planning period, draft and final report will be prepared.
- **Integrated assessment of the determinants of the Maize yield Gap in Sub-Saharan Africa: towards farm innovation and Enabling policies (IMAGINE)- Ghana and Ethiopia:** Its collaborative project with Wageningen university. The plan is to start implementing this project during the plan period and produce a report.
- **Migration, Remittances and Forest Dependence in Ethiopia: Implications for Food Security, Gender and Forest Conservation- CIFOR – IDRC:** The general objective of the proposed research project is to understand the nexus between migrations, gender and forest dependence in rural Ethiopia and it is a collaborative project with the Center for International Forestry Research Institute (CIFOR), Forests and Livelihoods Research, Ethiopia Office (CIFOR). This is a competitive grant by the IDRC Canada and will continue until 2018.
- **National Level Implications of Implementation of SDGs:** The general objectives of the research programme are to investigate the consequences the implementation of SDG at the national level; examine how global targets of the SDGS will be embedded in the national context; understand challenges in the areas of national planning process, sector based programmes, resource framework, monitoring, reporting, and accountability; and anticipate how intra-governmental coordination and multi-stakeholder participation will be ensured in this process
- **Cell-Phones, Non-farm Employment, and Organic Fertilizer Adoption in Rural Ethiopia:** This study aims at identifying and quantifying the impact of cell-phones on participation in and benefits from nonfarm employment and on adoption of organic fertilizer. It also examines whether and how impacts of mobile phones on labor market outcomes and agricultural input use are altered by pre-existing community, household and individual characteristics; and draws qualitative conclusions regarding contributions of nonfarm employment and use of organic fertilizer to green growth in rural Ethiopia and beyond.
- **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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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

- ♦ **Provide Regular Short Term Training:** In the plan period, as per the demand for short term training EEA plan to provide different type of trainings for stakeholders from government and non-government institute.
- ♦ **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 four 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 Bule 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 four trainings in the plan period. From the planned training, the USAID health sector capacity building training will account two trainings.

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 13th International Conferences on the Ethiopian Economy:** As a continuation of the previous international conferences, the 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized from July 23-25, 2015. The preparatory activities of the 14th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will also be started in the plan period to be held in the third week of July 2015.
- ♦ **Organization of Regional Conferences:** The Seventh Annual Regional Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development, the Fifth Annual Regional Conference on Tigray Regional State Economic Development, the Sixth Annual Regional Conference on SNNP Regional State Economic Development, the fourth Annual Regional Conference for Eastern Ethiopia at Dire Dawa University, the first Annual Regional Conference on Oromiya 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 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, equipment's and other facilities in the plan period.
 - **Provide information and other services:** Through social media, 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 and different host organization
- 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 six volumes of proceedings will be published in the plan period.
- Four issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- One Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published
- Three issues of the Occasional economic reports on contemporary issues 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 and updating 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 and upgrading the support staffs
- Hiring of enumerators, supervisors, data managers and data entry clerks on project base
- Maintenance of the office furniture and building
- Procurement of office furniture, computers, printers and other fixed assets, etc.

10. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT PERIOD (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015)

- ***The 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy*** was held at the EEA Conference Center from July 16 to 19, 2014. The conferences were opened by H.E Mekonnen Manyazewal, Commissioner, Planning Commission, at the presence of higher dignitaries and invited guests. During the opening time, the association opened its long awaited Training Institute called Economic and Business Training Institute (EBTI) which will complement its research wing. In addition, the Association honored two Ethiopian Economists that includes H.E. Ato Sufian Ahmed, in the category advancing the development of the Ethiopian Economics Association, and Ato Getachew Yosef, in the category of long years' service in the teaching of Mathematical Economics.
 - At the conference more than 90 presentations were made in four plenary and six parallel sessions, and two keynote speech and lectures with the attendance of more than 1000 persons in three days. Out of 95 presentations, 57 presentations were made by session organizers while 38 were made by individual researchers including key note speech and presidential address. The conference attracted about 475, 295, and 245 participants during the first, second and third days of the conference, respectively. In addition, keynote speeches and lectures were delivered by prominent economists that include H.E. Dr. Arkebe Oqubay, Advisor to Prime Minister, and Professor Andrew McKay, Professor of Development Economics, Head of the Department of Economics, University of Sussex.
 - Many international organizations also had presentation in the three days conference. These include the Ethiopian Strategic Support Program of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI-ESSP), International Growth Centre (IGC), United Nation Development Program (UNDP), United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), World Bank, Association of Ethiopian Micro Finance Institution, IDS and etc.
- ***The Seventh Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development:*** The sixth Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on September 20, 2014 at the Homeland Hotel 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, twelve 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 after welcome note of Ato Belaynew Asera, Dean of Business and Economics of Bahir Dar University and Ato Demirew Getachew, Head of EEA Secretariat.

- **Tool for Policy Analysis: Time-Series and Panel data Econometric Techniques:** EEA organized three days capacity building training for members and academicians from August 13 - 15, 2015, at EEA training Hall Addis Ababa. A total of 35 participants were attended the “Tools for Policy Analysis: Time-Series and Panel data Econometric Techniques” training. The participants were from Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, World Vision Ethiopia, from different universities of Addis Ababa, Adigrat, Wollo, Axum, Mekelle, Hawassa, Dilla, Meda Wolabu, Jimma, and Bule Hora and members of Ethiopian Economics Association.

The 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy



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PART THREE
AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ANNEX I: SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE FROM JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

S/N	List of projects	Planned Activity	Performed Activities	Status	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the activity
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1.	RESEARCH ACTIVITIES				
1.1	2015 Economic Report on Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic Issue selection • Concept note development • Literature Collection • TOR preparation • Follow-up the thematic issue • Data Collection and organization • Data Analysis • Report writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospects and Challenges of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia was selected as thematic issue • Concept note developed • Literature Collected and desk top review • Outline for each chapter developed • Relevant secondary data collection carried out • Report writing completed • Formatting and editing completed and sent to printing house 	Almost completed. The report was disseminated during the 13th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy held from July 23 – 25, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
1.2	EEA Quarterly on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize and disseminate the four quarterly reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet done 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved the EEA staffs in research capacity in the various field.
1.3	Early Labor Market Transitions of Women in Low Income African Countries- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write background paper on the Ethiopian case • Review literature • Collect data • Write a report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preliminary work still on progress • Background work on the Ethiopian case has been presented at a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya • Its Collaborative research with University of Sussex 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved EEA's image
1.4	Demographic dividend: an opportunity for Ethiopia's Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review literature • Collect data • Write a report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature reviewed • Data analyzed • Report has been written • Its Collaborative research with Population Reference Bureau and 	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informs policy

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			Future Group International on		
1.5	Investing in Capabilities and the Perspective of Structural Transformation in Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect data • Write a paper • Present the paper on a conference • Publish the paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research paper has been completed and • The finding was presented at the Africa Emergence Conference in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • To be published on the EEA working paper series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps policy makers to have a comprehensive look structural transformation in Ethiopia
1.6	Community-based health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct household survey • Survey Instruments Preparation • Train the supervisors and enumerators • Conducting the survey. • Data processing • Write Research Report • Incorporate comments and submit final report • Made presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared household survey instruments • Trained enumerators and supervisors • Carried out household survey • Under data processing stage • The report will be produced in the next reporting period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It improves EEA's relationship with the client and increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization.
1.7	Fair Trade, Labor Markets and Women's Economic Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct background study on fair trade coffee market in Ethiopia • Train the supervisors and enumerators • Conduct baseline household survey • Data processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained enumerators and supervisors • Carried out the household survey • Under data processing stage • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
1.8	Economics of Land Degradation in Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit draft research paper • Incorporate comment • Submit final paper • Publish the research report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft research paper was revised and upgraded following detail comments • The revised paper was submitted and 	Completed	Contribution to global knowledge on environment degradation and its mitigation.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expected to be published soon as book chapter • its collaborative project with IFPRI and ZEF/University of Bonn 		
1.9	Food Security, PSNP and Aid Actors in Ethiopia: Findings from Review and Opinion Survey of Aid-Actors Five year project until 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct background study • Literature review • Collect data • Produce report • Publish the paper • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background research paper was written • Detail review of literatures was conducted. • Opinion survey among key aid actors in Ethiopia was conducted. • Collected data/information were analyzed 	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its collaborative project with 19 consortium members
1.10	The Role of Domestic Policies on Food Security: Cases from Ethiopia and Burkina Faso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct background study • Literature review • Collect data • Produce report • Publish the paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail review of literatures was conducted. • Opinion survey among key aid actors was conducted. • Collected data/information were analyzed • The research paper was written; and submitted to our co-partner (CIRAD) and then to FOODSECURE central. • The paper is expected to be published soon as FOODSECURE working paper. • Its collaborative project with a researcher from CIRAD, a French research institute 	completed	Contribution to global knowledge on food security.

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1.11	Economic Linkages between Pastoralists and Farmers in Ethiopia: Evidence from Afar and Boreana Areas and Adjacent Highland Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct the research • Literature review • Provide capacity building training to five young academicians from University of Bole Hora and Debre Brehan 	<p>The research is at its advance stage the draft research report will be produced in the coming month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study has also capacity building aspect as it has been conducted with five young academicians from two collaborating Universities (University of Bole Hora and Debre Brehan). 	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The projects will inform policy makers, donors and other stakeholders regarding the project objectives in the country.
1.12	A Food Supply Value Chain Analysis of Price Volatility: the case of Wheat Market in Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop concept note • Develop check list to the survey • Data collection • Data processing • Data analysis • Produce research out put 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept note was written • The research was launched. • FGDs with various wheat supply chain actors is undergoing. • Under data verification and compilation of monthly time series data • Its collaborative project with University of Bonn/ZEF researchers. 	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It improves EEA's relationship with the University of Bonn/ZEF and increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization.
1.13	Integrating the Voice of CSOs in Regional Integration Process- Eastern and Southern Africa (IVORI-ESA) - Cuts Nairobi and Oxfam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop proposal • Negotiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contract signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	Influence the TFTA implementation process for better results on the ground.
1.14	Assessing the employment impact of Chinese firms in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

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	sub-Saharan Africa – SOAS				
1.15	Database Updates and Systematizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting the required data for the database Systematizing the existing database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet done during the reporting period due to shortage of manpower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	
1.16	Integrated assessment of the determinants of the Maize yield Gap in Sub-Saharan Africa: towards farm innovation and Enabling policies(IMAGINE)- Ghana and Ethiopia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Its collaborative project with Wageningen university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
2	TRAINING SERVICES				
2.1.	Establishing a Regular Training Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Curriculum and program Organize curriculum workshop Submit the program to MOE Launch the training institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> draft curriculum developed for post graduate programs and content development for short-term training program is under preparation the acquisition of teaching facilities and the organization of the training rooms are well underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
2.2	Organize Short-term Trainings for EEA stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize at least 8 rounds of trainings Undertake preparatory activities for the organization of trainings 	<p>10 rounds of trainings organized. The trainings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Econometrics with Software Application Research Methods for Economists Training on the Estimation of the 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders Improves competence of new

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			Regional Income Accounts for the Amhara Regional State (3 rounds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on ERHS using STATA • Career Development and Job Hunting • Training on Result Based Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) of Development Programs/Projects (2 rounds) • Applied Microeconometrics • STATA software application training for ATA staffs 		graduates in Economic research and analysis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality of research publications
2.3	Staff Participation in short term trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever the opportunities available, staffs will participate in trainings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight staffs of EEA benefited from training opportunities. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Capacity of EEA's staff improved
2.4	Develop commutative research grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide small research grant for young professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young professional small research grant developed in collaboration with the International Growth Centre (IGC). A total of 24 applications were received out of which five were selected through a very rigorous evaluation process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 	
2.5	Provide Internship Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and mentoring interns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 undergraduate students benefited for the program. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interns acquired basic knowledge of some statistical software • Some of them managed to complete their proposals for their final paper

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired a hands on experience on data management and the process of research activities
2.6	PROVIDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
2.6.1	Assisted Graduating students in Preparing their Thesis/Senior Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 post graduate students were assisted Advised a PhD candidate from the Haramaya University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders
2.6.2	Providing Professional Services to Universities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the curriculum of post graduate program of Axum University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.
2.6.3	Gave Post graduate Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given 2 post graduate courses at Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa University 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of research publications
2.6.4	Refereeing and Advisor ship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 post graduates and 1 PhD student (from Haramaya University) were assisted in preparing their Thesis/dissertation. Staffs participated in refereeing M.Sc thesis examination 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced. Collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened EEA's image improved
3	ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP				
3.1	Organizing the 19 th AES and 12 th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the preparatory activities and organize the conference Collect papers of the 12th conference and give to external 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Conference on the Ethiopian was organized from July 16 - 19, 2014. At the conference more than 120papers were presented. About 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference improves relationship between the Association and government and other stockholders; Improves the capacity of EEA

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		reviewers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit, format and published the proceedings of 12th Int. conf • Review the abstract and draft papers for the conference • Develop proposal and raising fund for 19th AES • Coordinate and invite keynote speakers, prominent economists, paper presenters and participants 	75 papers presented from 12 th IC and the remaining from 19 th AES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formatting and editing papers completed and the proceedings in three volumes published. • H.E Dr. Abraham Tekeste, State Minister, MoFED officially opened • In addition to IFPRI, the co-organizer of the conference listed as follow ACBF, ACET, IGC, FSS, Feed for the future of USAID, USAID Abt, Associate, UNDP and UNECA, and Econometric society Africa region chapter co-organized sessions. • Keynote speakers invited • Proposal developed and secured fund to the conference 		members, academia and researchers; and improves the knowledge of participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.
3.2	Organizing the 13 th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made Call for paper for the 13th 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 • Coordinate and invite keynote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many abstracts were collected and reviewed • More than 90 researchers draft papers were accepted for presentation • H.E Mekonnen Manyazewal, Commissioner, Planning Commission officially opened • EEA honored H.E. Ato Sufian Ahmed 	The conference was held from July 23-25, 2015 at EEA conference hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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		speakers, prominent economists, paper presenters and participants	<p>in the category of advancing the development of EEA, and Ato Getachew Yosef, in the category of long years' service in the teaching of Mathematical Economics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference was co-organizer by ESSP-IFPRI, EDRI, ACBF, USAID, UNDP and UNECA. • Keynote speakers invited • Preparatory activities nearly completed in the reporting period 		
3.3	The 5 th Annual Regional Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on the various activities of the conference with the Economics Department of Hawassa University • Conduct preparatory activities and organize the conference • Organize the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for papers was made • Papers have been collected and reviewed • Preparatory activities carried out • The previous year proceeding was published • The conference was organized on March 27, 2015. 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 attended the conference. 		•

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference attract about 210 participants About 12 papers were presented 		
3.4	The 3 rd Annual Regional Conference on the Economic Development of Eastern Ethiopia at Jigjiga:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for papers was made Papers have been collected and reviewed Preparatory activities carried out The conference was organized on November 22, 2014 at Jigjiga and eight papers were presented and discussed. About 113 participants including members of Regional Parliament, higher officials and expertise from Dire Dawa City Administration, Somalie Regional State and Harrari Regional State, Universities of Dire Dawa, Jigjiga and Haramaya), NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the Eastern Ethiopia attended the conference. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.5	The 4 th Annual Regional Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree on the various activities of the conference with the Economics Department of Mekelle University Conduct preparatory activities and organize the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for papers was made Papers have been collected and reviewed Preparatory activities carried out The previous year proceeding was 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize the conference 	<p>published</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference was organized on June 27, 2015 and five papers were presented. About 85 participants 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 6 th Annual Regional Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct preparatory activities for the conference and held the conference Collect the papers and submit to external reviewers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference organized on September 20, 2014 and twelve papers were presented and discussed It attracted about 150 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region. 		
3.7	Organize the 21 st General Assembly (GA) of EEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce and call members to the GA Prepare minutes of the GA and submit to Charities and Societies Agency Complete the preparatory activities and organize assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA was held on December 6, 2014 The GA discussed and endorsed External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2013/14) and the plan for the year 2014/15. Endorsed the license renewal of 		Increases members participation in the activities of the Association

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			<p>EEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GA elected W/o Fanaye Tadesse as the Treasure. Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum and Dr. Amdissa Teshome were also elected for the second term for the presidential and as member of EC respectively. The minutes of GA have also been prepared and submitted to the Charities and Societies Agency 		
3.8	The 1 st Annual Regional Conference on the Oromiya Regional State Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct preparatory activities for the conference and held the conference Collect the papers and submit to external reviewers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparatory activity and many rounds of discussion was made with Oromiya bureau of finance and economic development officials The conference not yet conducted 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.9	In-house Seminars Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing 6 in-house Seminars (monthly) Invite and remind members and other stakeholders to attend the seminar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of the in-house seminars organized 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the capacity of the researchers Collect comments from participants to improve the papers
3.10	IVORI-ESA project launching and consultation workshop with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unplanned for the reporting period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half day stakeholders consultation workshop was done at Addis Ababa The project was introduced to participants 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.11	project launching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	workshop with stakeholders-health Care				
4	PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTION				
4.1	Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy	Publish one	Both 2014 and 2015 Economic Report were published		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information • Academia, researchers and students could take EEA publication as reference for further study and analysis. • Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy. • Improved the visibility of EEA • EEA publication distributed widely. • Increased EEA's influence or role in the economic policy making
4.2	Proceedings of the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published proceedings of International and Regional conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two volumes of proceedings the 12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy published. • One volume of the 19th African Econometrics Society was published • Proceeding of the 3rdannual Conference on the Tigray Regional State Economic Development Published • Proceeding of the 5thannual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development Published • Proceedings of the 4thAnnual Conference on the SNNP Regional State Economic Development • Proceedings of the 2ndAnnual Conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Economic Development 		
4.3	Publishing the Ethiopian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish two issues of the journal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two issues of EJE were published 		

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	Journal of Economics		Volume 22 (1) November 2014 and Volume 22 (2) April 2015		
4.4	Working Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare 6 working papers throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet done 		
4.5	Newsletter and research briefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish four issues of the newsletter 	Totally two issues were published i.e. one for each of the Newsletter and the research briefs		
4.6	Publication Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute EEA publications 	About 2058 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests		
5	EEA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES				
5.1	Strengthening EEA Memberships Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Membership services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers About 3425 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 3209 members of whom 260 are issued in the reporting period. Orientation has been given to about 242 new members. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
5.2	Register new members and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register new members and brief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 199 new members have joined the 		

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	brief them about EEA	them about EEA	<p>Association as a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2014 has reached about 4300.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active members has reached about 26.5% of the total registered members 		
5.3	Opening Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct preparatory activities to open one additional chapter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparatory activities carried out, Not yet done 		
5.4	Provide support to EEA Chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical support to EEA Chapters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five training were organized at chapters, i.e. Bahir Dar, Jigjiga, Mekelle, Addis Ababa and Woldia Four regional workshops organized and two others are under preparation stage. Communication has been made repeatedly 		
6	DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES				
6.1	Library services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide library services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3000 users have visited the Documentation Center and accessed different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database and Other available documents. (1000 of the users were weekend users) 200 documents Collected and coded More than 90 new members of EEA 		

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			have been privileged to have library pocket. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive visitors and brief them • Invite media at EEA conferences and workshop • Provide interview to media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEA staffs provide interview to mass media (EBC, Addis Business Magazine Sheger 102.1 FM Radio, and Tigray FM Radio) • Received visitors and briefed them • Invited media in EEA's conferences and workshops 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve EEA image • Able to reach the public

ANNEX II: ACTION PLAN FOR PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

No	Project Name and Detailed Activity list	Unit	Quantity	Action Plan				Planned Budget ('000 Birr)		Responsible Division for implementation	Possible impacts or Implication (significance) of the Research
				1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	In Birr	Source		
1	Research Activity										
1.1	The 2016 Economic Report	No	1					100	Own Resource	All divisions	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview of the performance the Ethiopian Economy
1.2	Occasional economic reports on contemporary issues	No	3					65	Own Resource	Macro	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview of short term macroeconomic developments
1.3	Integrating the Voice of CSOs in Regional Integration Process- Eastern and Southern Africa (IVORI-ESA)	No	1					366	CUTS-CITEE) and Oxfam NOVIB	Trade and Industry	Influence the TFTA implementation process for better results on the ground.
	Sign contract and organize inception workshop										
	gather information and produce the report and validation workshop, and policy round table discussion										
1.4	Assessing the employment impact of Chinese firms in sub-Saharan Africa – SOAS	No	1					1072	SOAS and Renmin University	Trade and Industry	
1.5	Fair Trade, Labor Markets and Women's Economic Empowerment	No	1					3520	University of Carleton and PEP-Kenya	Poverty and human resource	By implementing innovative randomized controlled social experiment in training, technical assistance and information, this research project envisages to generate sound empirical evidence on how specific interventions or combinations of
	Data management										
	Make data analysis, write report and editorial work										

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											interventions, enhance farm productivity and labour market outcomes of women participating in coffee fair trade market in Ethiopia.
1.6	A Food Supply Value Chain Analysis of Price Volatility: the case of Wheat Market in Ethiopia	No	1							Agriculture and Natural resource	
	data processing and management										
	data verification and compilation of monthly time series data and report writing										
1.7	Economic Linkages between Pastoralists and Farmers in Ethiopia: Evidence from Afar and Boreana Areas and Adjacent Highland Areas	No	1							Agriculture and Natural resource	
1.8	The effect of women Self Help Groups in Ethiopia		1					370	CoSAP Ethiopia	Poverty and human resource	-Enhance EEA research capacity in new area
	Sign contract and literature review, develop survey instrument										-Helps the institute to get an independent overview and project evaluation result
	Conduct training to data collectors, data collection, entry and report writing										
1.9	Early Labor Market Transitions of Women in Low Income African Countries- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	No	1								
	Prepare draft and final report										
1.10	Integrated assessment of the determinants of the Maize yield Gap in Sub-	No	1								

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	Saharan Africa: towards farm innovation and Enabling policies(IMAGINE)- Ghana and Ethiopia										
1.11	Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing in Ethiopia	No	2					600	USAID	Poverty and human resource	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview and evidence on HCFR and overall health systems -Develop the capacity of EEA to be an independent and sustainable institutional mechanism for HCFR evaluation and research
	Post-field work (data encoding, data entry, data analysis, report writing, result dissemination)										
1.12	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
1.13	Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model	No.	1					50		Macro Division	
	Updating the data Re-estimation of the Model Calibration and Model Validity Simulation Documentation and publication								Own Resource		
1.14	Quarterly GDP Disaggregation and Generation	No.	1					100	Own Resource	Macro Division	
	Prepare survey data in a format needed for the use in GDP disaggregation										Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get current and independent overview of the performance the Ethiopian Economy on thematic areas
	Make Estimations, write report and editorial work										

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	Publish the report										
1.15	Migration, Remittances and Forest Dependence in Ethiopia: Implications for Food Security, Gender and Forest Conservation- CIFOR – IDRC:	No.	1					1547	IDRC Canada	Poverty and human resource	It contributes to raise awareness among national, sub-national and local level forest resource managers and planners as well as extension services, and development practitioners to consider in their plans the gendered impacts of migration patterns and their effects on forest use and management, and food security at the places of migrants' origin.
1.16	National Level Implications of Implementation of SDGS:	No.	1								
1.17	Cell-Phones, Non-farm Employment, and Organic Fertilizer Adoption in Rural Ethiopia:	No.	1								
2	Training Project										
2.1	Strengthen EEA-EBTI										
2.2	Provide short term training on demand based	No.	5					300		EEA secretariat	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.

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2.3	Provide Capacity Building Training to Regional Universities Training on Econometric Methods Using Software Packages	No.	4					200		EEA Secretariat All Research Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced. Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders
2.4	Organize Training for EEA Members	No.	4					120		All Research Division and USAID Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis. Improved quality of research publications
2.5	Provide small research grant for young professionals								IGC and IFPRI	EEA Secretariat	
3	Support to university Level teaching and Research									All Research Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.
	Offer post-graduate training courses to universities	No.	3								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves the capacity of EEA Members and stakeholders Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.
	Offered internship services	No.	8					14			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of research publications
	Advised M.Sc and PhD students	No.	5								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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								

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4	Conference Organization										
4.1	The 13 th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy	No.	1					1200			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
	Complete the preparatory activities and organize the conference										
4.2	The 14 th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy							900			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.
	Edit, format and publish the proceedings of the 13 th International conference										
	Made Call for paper for the 14 th Conference										
	Collect papers and finalize the preparation of the 13 th conference										
4.3	Regional Conference										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved EEA's relationship with regional chapters. Improved the understandings of the socio-economic issues of the Regions Contributed to the growth of the culture of dialogue in the regions Improved Relationship with government and regional 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
	Fifth Tigray Regional State Conference	No.	1					90	FES		
	Seventh Amhara Regional State Conference	No.	1					110	FES		
	Fourth Eastern Ethiopian Conference	No.	1					90	FES		
	Sixth SNNPRS Conference	No.	1					90	FES		
	First Oromiya Regional State Conference at Jimma	No.	1					75	FES		

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4.4	Organizing in-house seminar	No.	4							All Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the capacity of the researchers Collect comments from participants to improve the papers
4.5	The 22 nd General Assembly of EEA	No.	1					60	own	EEA Secretariat	Increases members participation in the activities of the Association
5	EEA Membership Services									EEA Secretariat	
5.1	Strengthening EEA Memberships Services										
	updating membership database	No.	200								
	issue Membership ID Card	No.	1000								
	update e-mail addresses of members and maintain contacts/communication										
5.2	Register new members and brief them about EEA	No.	200							EEA Secretariat	
5.3	Improve EEA's website Server and update							10	Own Resource	EEA Secretariat	
	improve the website capacity from the hosting company										
5.4	Provide support to EEA Chapters									EEA Secretariat	
6	Documentation Center services									EEA Documentation Center	
	Provide library and internet services										
	Provide library pocket to members	No.	200								
	Collect & procure new books and prepare										

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	catalogue										
7	Publications Produced										
7.1	Working papers	No.	6							All Research Division	
7.2	Journal	No.	4								
7.3	Report (Annual Economic and Occasional economic reports)										
7.3.1	2015 Report on the Ethiopian Economy	No.	1					85	Own and Donors Resources	All Research Division	Helps stakeholders and policy makers to get an independent overview of macroeconomic developments.
7.3.2	2016 Report on the Ethiopian Economy Selecting a Theme ○ Collecting data and Information ○ Preparing Write up, edition and publish	No.	1					100	Own and Donors Resources	All Research Division	
7.3.3	Occasional economic reports Selecting a Theme Collecting data and Information Preparing Write up, edition and publish	No.	3					65	Own and Donors Resources	Macro Division	
7.4	Proceedings										
	Proceedings of the 13 th International Conference	No.	2					91	Own res		

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	Proceedings of the 6 th Annual Regional Conference on Amhara Regional State Economy Development	No.	1					35	FES		
	Proceedings of the 5 th Annual Regional Conference on SNNPRS Economy Development	No.	1					40	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 3 rd Annual Conference on Eastern Ethiopia Economy							30	Own res		
	Collect papers of the 13 th conference and give to external reviewers							40	Own res		
	Proceedings of the 4 th annual Regional Conference on Tigray Regional State Economy Development	No.	1					35	Own res		
8	Prepare quarterly Work plan and Activity Report	No	4							All Division	