



Brief Profile and Capabilities of the Ethiopian Economics Association

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1. The Ethiopian Economics Association in Brief

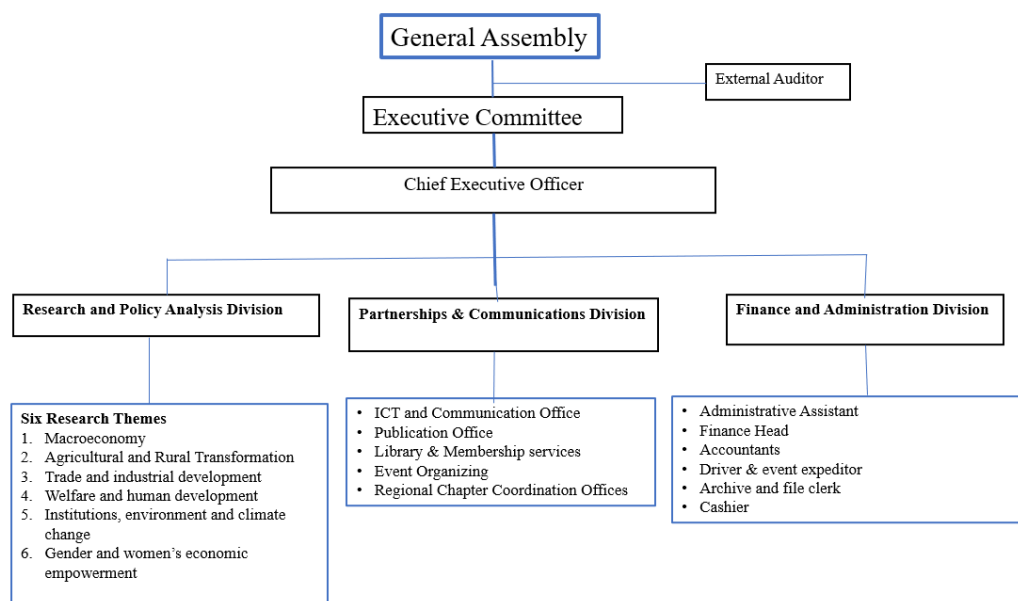
1.1. Establishment, Vision, and Objectives

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) was established as a non-profit, non-partisan and non-religious Professional Association in 1991. It has also been re-registered and accorded legal personality as a local organization in accordance with the Civil Society Organizations Proclamation (No. 1113/2019) of Ethiopia. The EEA has a vision of becoming the premier economics association in Africa by 2030. Its objectives are undertaking evidence-based analysis (research) on evolving socioeconomic realities, organizing forums and creating chances for discussing economic issues, building capacities of its members and other stakeholders, disseminating outputs through various channels, rendering membership services; and promoting the study of economics in the country's educational institutions and beyond.

1.2. Organizational Structure

EEA has transparent and accountable governance structure. The General Assembly (GA) of EEA, the highest decision-making entity, is responsible for providing the overall strategic guidance. It determines the policy direction of the Association; deliberates upon and approves the annual performance report including audited annual financial report, the annual plan and its program of action, and annual budget of the association. The Association holds the GA meeting once in a year. The GA also gives strategic guidance to the Executive Committee (EC) of EEA, which are elected volunteers serving a maximum of two terms (six years). The EC by the bylaw is an oversight organ of the General Assembly, it offers policy direction, and approve strategic issues. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed by the EC and accountable to the EC. The CEO is responsible for the day to day, strategic, and coherent functioning of the EEA activities. The CEO leads four functional units: Research and Policy Analysis, Partnership and Communications, Administration and Finance, and Income Generating Activity (IGA).

In addition, EEA has seven Regional Chapters in different Regional States of the country aiming to provide coordinated region-specific technical services to policy makers, practitioners, its members, and other stakeholders. The Association in collaboration with the Regional Chapters and Regional Universities organizes annual regional conferences to create a venue for region-specific presentations and discussions of research findings.



1.3. Major Activities and Achievements

Under its research undertakings, the Association has six research thematic areas: macroeconomy; agricultural and rural transformation; trade and industrial development; welfare and human development; institutions, environment, and climate change; and gender and women economic empowerment. EEA has conducted several independent policy-oriented research activities as part of its core-research undertakings, collaborative research, and commissioned or demand-driven research activities (some of these are annexed at the end). Through its research outputs, it has managed to positively influence policy makings in Ethiopia and beyond. Research outputs of the association has been widely cited and circulated among policy makers, academia, and the media.

EEA has also been organizing different workshops, conferences, and dialogue forums for disseminating research outputs to policy makers, researchers, practitioners, and the wider public (list of some of such events undertaken in one year period is annexed, Annex 3, just as an example). It has also been organizing such events at regional and international levels. A case in point could be African Regional Meetings of the Econometric Society that the Association has successfully organized twice (in 2014 and 2022). These can be obtained from the website of the Econometric Society, a well-known global professional society (<https://www.econometricsociety.org/meetings/schedule/2022/06/01/2022-africa-meeting-virtual>), and that of its African Regional Chapter (<https://www.africaeconometricsociety.com/blank-4>).

It has also been supporting policy interventions at regional levels of the different regions in Ethiopia. In this regard, it has undertaken several studies in different regions of the country including Afar regional state, Amhara regional state, Oromia regional state, Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Regional State, and others. Furthermore, EEA has been offering various short-term training on many topics which have been offered to its members and its stakeholders including to staff of Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, staff of the World Food Program, experts from regional states, experts from different federal line ministries, and others.

It has also been publishing different publications including the Ethiopian Journal of Economics that it has been hosting since EEA's establishment (currently on its 31st volume), proceedings of different conferences, policy working papers, policy briefs, State of the Ethiopian Economy (its flagship publication being published once in two years), research reports, and others. Some of these publications of the Association can be obtained from the Association's website (<https://eea-et.org/course-list-2/>).

The Association has the capacity and experience of managing multi-year large grants of up to 1.5 million USD per grant (to mention just from the active projects), and overall annual budget of up to 3 million USD (from multiple sources). EEA has also the capacity and experience to subgrant projects. A case in point could be a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation project, a project being led by the EEA where there are three sub-grantees (Vassar College from the US, New York University Abu Dhabi, and Addis Ababa University from Ethiopia). Some of the projects that were active during the 2021/22 budget year and projects that have been successfully finalized are annexed (Annex Table 1 and Annex Table 2).

EEA is also a member of global associations and think-tanks like the International Economics Association (<https://www.iea-world.org/members/member-associations/>), the Southern Voice (<http://southernvoice.org/about-southern-voice/network-members/>), WeProsper Global Coalition for Women's Economic Empowerment (<https://www.icrw.org/weprosper/>), and others. EEA has standardized Policy Manual for Protecting Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) with standard operating procedures in place for submission and receipt of complaints, reporting, investigation and victim assistance with the aim of ensuring compliance with a zero-tolerance policy. Nationally, EEA is a member of the Civil Society Organization Council, Higher Education Relevance and Quality Council, Executive Committee Member of the Ethiopian Professional Association Alliance (EPAA), Steering Committee member of the Network for Ethiopian Policy Analysis and Research in Agriculture and Food System (NET-PARAF), among others.

Overall, EEA has strong record in its various activities (research, trainings, public dialogue and publications) and hence it has received wider recognition by the public, policy makers, and other stakeholders nationally and internationally.

During its existence as a Professional Association, EEA has enjoyed financial support from several bilateral and multilateral development partners for its core programs. Some of these include the Irish Aid, the Department for International Development (DFID) of UK, the Netherlands Development Cooperation, Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD), the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), IDRC, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA), and the European Union. EEA is very grateful for the generous support that it has been receiving from its partners as these are the cornerstones for EEA's success and recognition. The Association hopes and expects that it will receive continued support from some of these partners and other new partners.

2. Capabilities in Brief

2.1. Health Related Projects Accomplished by the EEA

1. ***Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing in Ethiopia:*** This project was supported by the USAID and run from 2015- 2018. The following research activities were conducted under this project:
 - ***Outsourcing of non-clinical services in the Ethiopian public hospitals:*** It was aimed at examining the implementation status, effectiveness and the functioning of outsourcing of non-clinical services in public health facilities.
 - ***Assessment of exempted health service provision in public health facilities in Ethiopia:*** it was aimed at examining the implementation status, effectiveness and the functioning of health services in health facilities in Ethiopia.
 - ***Assessment of health facilities’ revenue retention and utilization (RRU) on improving quality of health service in public health facilities*** Part I and II: This was to review the implementation status, effectiveness, and the functioning of health facility’s revenue retention and utilization on improving quality of health services.
 - ***Assessment of the operation of private wings in public hospitals in Ethiopia***
 - ***Measuring efficiency of public tertiary hospitals in Ethiopia***
2. ***Community-based health insurance:*** This was also a collaborative project with USAID and undertaken from 2013-2015.
3. ***Fifth Round Household Survey of the Ethiopian National Health Accounts (NHA):*** it was aimed at conducting the fifth-round national health survey. The survey covered 10,000 households. The study was a collaborative project with USAID, Abt. International and Federal Ministry of Health. It was conducted from 2012-2013.
4. ***Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia:*** It is a collaborative 3 years project with OSSREA, ISS, University of Gottingen, Erasmus University of Leiden and EEA. It aimed to investigate the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies.
5. ***Leveraging Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WATSAN) Nexus: Synergies, Thresholds, and Trade-offs for a Better Nutrition and Health Outcome in Ethiopia.***

2.2. Projects supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

1. ***Global Foundational Analysis to close the Gender Profitability Gap.*** It is a 3.5 Years Project with a total budget of USD 1,689,641.00. It will be finalized by next August 2023.
 2. ***Economic Policy Enabling Environment.*** It was a three years project that recently ended. It had a total budget of USD 796,240.
- 2.3. ***Other projects handled in collaboration with diverse partners.*** EEA has been undertaking a number of activities with diverse partners for a number of years. Summary of the active ones (and just ending ones) are annexed (Annex Table 1) while those that are accomplished within the last five years are also annexed (Annex Table 2)

Annex Table 1. Project Activities which were active in 2021/22 budget year

No	Project title	Duration	Total budget	Source of fund
1	Economic Policy Enabling Environment (EPEE)	Dec. 2019 to December 2022	\$ 796,240	BMGF
2	Global Foundational Analysis to Close the Gender Profitability GAP (GPG)	Nov. 2020 to July 2023	\$1,689,641	BMGF
3	Informing Economic Policy Making through Research and Dialogue in Ethiopia-Phase II	May 2021 to Oct. 2022	\$100,000	Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA)
4	Augmenting Economic Governance in Ethiopia (AEGE)	Feb. 2021 to Feb. 2023	Euro 292,631	95% by the EU and 5% by EEA
5	Technical Assistance on Public Finance Analysis and Policy of Child-Focused Social Sectors	23 October 2021 to 22 March 2023	ETB 5,700,651	UNICEF
6	Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends	January- May 2022	£ 31,390	EMANI
7	Advancing Economic Diversity in Ethiopia: importer survey.	August,2021 to January 2022	\$ 58,636	Harvard Growth lab
8	Trade and Regional Integration for Peace-building in Ethiopia (TRIPE)	September, 2021 to March, 2022	\$ 27,375.67	CIPE
9	Assessment of Livelihood Diversification Alternatives in Selected Local Rights Program (LRP) of ActionAid Ethiopia	June-August 2022	\$ 50,000.00	ActionAid
10	Forum for dialogue on the State of the Ethiopian Economy	May – August 2022	\$ 51,910.00	USAID/OTI

Annex Table 2. List of successfully completed research projects in the last five years

Duration	Project Title	Name of partner/ collaborator	Cost of the action	Sector
January – June 2022	Rebuilding, Restitution, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction (4R) of the Post-conflict Ethiopian Economy: Lessons and Policy Actions for Robust Recovery	BMGF	\$110,473	The whole economy of the conflict areas
January- May 2022	Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends	Emani	GBP 31,390	Trade
October 2021-May 2022	The Nexus among Globalization, Natural Resource Rent, and Energy Consumption for Environmental Sustainability in Ethiopia	BMGF	\$8072	Environment
June 2021- April 2022	Land Issues in Ethiopia: Trends, Constraints and Policy Options	EU	Euro 17,819.92	Agriculture
June 2021- April 2022	Green Legacy Initiative for Sustainable Economic Development in Ethiopia	EU	Euro 18,562.42	
June 2021- March 2022	Private Sector Development in Ethiopia: Trends, Challenges, and Policy Issues	EU	Euro 8,682.92	Private Sector
October 2021- June 2022	Liberalizing Financial Sector in Ethiopia: Constraints, Consequences and Policy Issues	EU	Euro 14,318.13	Financial Sector
September, 2021 to March, 2022	Trade and Regional Integration for Peace-building in Ethiopia (TRIPE)	CIPE	\$ 27,375.67	Trade
October 2021- June 2022	Agriculture-Industry Linkages for Employment and Economic Transformation in Ethiopia	EU	Euro 18,562.45	Agriculture and Industry
November 2021- June 2022	Agricultural Finance and Insurance in Ethiopia: Challenges and Policy Options		Euro 15,340.87	Agriculture and Financial Sectors
Nov. 2020 to July 2023	Global Foundational Analysis to Close Gender Profitability Gap	BMGF	\$1,689,641	Gender and the economy, WEE
August,2021 to January 2022	Advancing Economic Diversity in Ethiopia: importer survey.	Harvard Growth lab	\$ 58,636	Trade
June – December 2021	Urban Land Policy, Housing and Real Estate Markets in Urban Ethiopia	OSIEA	Birr 120,000	Urban Land Administration
June 2021-March 2022	Inflation in Ethiopia: Causes, Costs and Policy Options	OSIEA & BGMF	Funded by EEA itself	Macroeconomy
May-Dec. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economywide impact of the COVID-19 in Ethiopia: Policy and Recovery options Economic and Welfare Effects of COVID-19 and Responses in Ethiopia: Initial insights Assessment of COVID-19 Effects and Response Measures in Ethiopia: Livelihoods and Welfare Implications 	OSIEA & BGMF	US\$ 46,344	Economic and Social sector

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Dec. 2019- Dec. 2020	Socioeconomic Development in Afar Region: Achievements, Gaps and Priorities	Afar Regional State	US\$133,000	
May 2020 – January 2021	State of the Ethiopian Economy 2020-21: Economic Development, Population Dynamics and Welfare	OSIEA & BGMF	US\$60,605	Population, urbanization, welfare and macroeconomic
	Inflation Dynamics and Macro-Economic Stability in Ethiopia: Decomposition Approach	OSIEA & BGMF	US\$14,260-	Macroeconomy
October 2015 to November 2018	Migration, Remittances and Forest Dependence in Ethiopia: Implications for Food Security, Gender and Forest Conservation	IDRC	EURO 187,200	Agriculture
January 2015 to November 2017	Early Labor Market Transitions of Women in Low Income African Countries- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania:	University of Sussex	GBP 35,683	
October 2013 to December 2018	Enhancing the Role of Academia in Evidence Generation for Action in Health Care Financing Reform (HCFR) in Ethiopia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of exempted health service provision in public health facilities in Ethiopia: • Assessment of Health Facilities' Revenue Retention and Utilization • Measuring Efficiency of Public Tertiary Hospitals in Ethiopia • Outsourcing of Non-Clinical Services in the Ethiopian 	USAID	EURO 786,042	Health
May 2015 to April 2019	Fair Trade, Labor Markets and Women's Economic Empowerment:	University of Carleton (Canada) and Economic Policy (PEP-Kenya)	EURO 263,640	
2015 and 2017/18	Tax Revenue Potential Study and Gap Analysis of the Southern Nation and Nationality Peoples Region (SNNPR)	SNNPRS Revenue Authority	EURO 210,000	Public sector
April 2017 to July 2018	The Study of Revenue Potential in Afar National Regional Sate	Afar region Bureau of Finance and Economic	EURO 167,513	Public service

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		Development and revenue Authority		
May 2018 to April 2019	Study on Improving the Registration of the Formal Land Rights	DFID & DAI/HTSPE Ltd	EURO 85,707	Agriculture
Nov 2014 To Aug 2015	Prospects for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend in Ethiopian	Population Reference Bureau	EURO 15,120	
Sept 2015 To August 2017	Fostering Employment in Productive Sectors to Maximize Ethiopia's Potential to Reap a Demographic Dividend:	Population Reference Bureau	EURO 20,250	
2016/17 Ethiopia	Exploring the Future of Food and Nutrition Security:	European Commission	EURO 135,000	Agriculture
Sept 2014 to Feb 2016	Analysis and Implementation of measures to reduce price volatility in national and international markets for improved food security in developing countries:	University of Bonn/ZEF	EURO 70,000	Agriculture
	The Role of Productive Safety net Program in Reducing the Impact of Food Volatility on the Poor in Ethiopia:	University of Bonn/ZEF	EURO 70,000	Agriculture
2016/17	Social and Economic Database	ACBF	EURO 1500	

Annex 3: List of events organized in one year (2021/22 budget year) as an example

1. Press conference on 'The Ethiopian Economy: inflation, structural constraints, and policy options', held on 27th April 2022.
2. Regional workshop on 'Global Foundational Analysis to Close Gender Profitability Gap (GPG)' organized on 30th October 2021.
3. Workshop on Budget and Expenditure Analysis of Oromia Region on May 06/2022 at Adama, Ethiopia.
4. A policy dialogue forum on 'What Does Ethiopia Gain and Lose from African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)?' on January 23, 2022.
5. A policy dialogue forum on 'Export Performance and Structural Problems in Ethiopia' on 05 April 2022. A total of 45 participants attended the forum.
6. A policy dialogue forum on 'Private Sector Development' on 05 April 2022.
7. A policy dialogue forum on 'Land Policy, Housing and Real Estate Markets in Urban Ethiopia' on 29 December 2021.
8. The seventh annual conference on the Eastern Ethiopia Social and Economic Development on October 16, 2021 at Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.
9. The 1st Annual Oromia Regional Economic Development conference at Jimma, Ethiopia, on 18th June 2022, on a theme 'Agriculture, Industry and Service Sector for Sustainable Regional Development'.
10. The 10th regional conference on the Southern Ethiopia Economic Development at Hawassa, Ethiopia, on a theme 'Agriculture, Industry and Tourism for Sustainable Development'.
11. The 18th International Conference of the EEA, July 23-24, 2021.
12. The 2022 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society from 31st May to 4th June 2022 (Virtually hosted).
13. Inception workshop on EEA-EMANI collaboration research project at Gondar, Ethiopia.
14. The 28th General Assembly of the EEA on January 1, 2022.
15. A seminar on current economic models and structural changes in Ethiopian economy, in collaboration with the Unity University.
16. An experience sharing seminar on "Migrant Remittance and Consumption Expenditure under Rain-fed Agricultural Income in Ghana".
17. A workshop on Women Empowerment and Gender Data Generation on January 21, 2022, in collaboration with ActionAid.