

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) is pleased to announce the convening of an international conference on the Ethiopian Economy 5-7 January 2003.

The EEA has been organizing annual conferences since its establishment in 1992. Over the last decade, the association has organized eleven thematic conferences on a wide variety of topics relevant to the Ethiopian Economy. The EEA has made three fundamental changes in the way it is organizing the conference to accommodate the interest of potential participants coming from abroad:

1. Instead of picking a theme for each conference, it has decided to have the conference accommodate any topic that has relevance to the Ethiopian economy.
2. It has changed the conference dates from late Fall (October-November) to a period that is deemed more convenient to potential participants from abroad.
3. The conference will be organized at both the plenary and concurrent sessions to accommodate as many papers as possible

The Executive Committee of the EEA believes that attracting Ethiopian and other economists working on Ethiopia living abroad have a number of benefits in enriching the debate on the Ethiopian economy and improving the quality of research. Among the foreseeable benefits are:

- It will create the opportunity for a systematic exchange of research between Ethiopian economists working within the country and those working on Ethiopia from abroad, possibly leading to generating joint research projects.
- Researchers working in Ethiopia will benefit from this exchange by getting information about cutting edge theories and methodologies developed in advanced countries
- Researchers living abroad will have an excellent opportunity to see the kind of research that is being done in the country and the nature of data available, not to mention getting a feel for the economic conditions of the country
- The synergy created through this interaction will encourage more research and cooperation and thereby contribute towards a better understanding of

the Ethiopian economy which would, hopefully, impact positively on intelligent and informed economic policies making in the country.

Accordingly, the EEA invites papers on the broad range of the Ethiopian economy to be presented at the 1st international conference (in lieu of the 12th annual conference) on the Ethiopian economy to be held in the first week of January 2003. The paper could be on any topic related to the Ethiopian economy. Some suggested topics include:

- Macroeconomic issues (economic growth, inflation, unemployment...etc.)
- Economic History
- Performance and problems of specific sectors such as agriculture, industry, the financial sector, the foreign trade sector...etc.
- Evaluation of economic policies such as macroeconomic policy, ADLI, land policy ...etc.
- The economics of education, health and other social sectors
- Political economy, good governance and development...etc.
- Bretton Woods institutions and the Ethiopian economy or, in general, the Ethiopian economy in the context of the current global economic order including debt and debt related issues
- Ethiopian culture and economic development
- Economic development and ICT related issues in Ethiopia...etc.
- Firm level issues including firm management, competitiveness and productivity related issues

These listing is illustrative and not exhaustive.

The EEA is eager to make the International Conference a dynamic and continuous event and believes that the event will provide the much-needed forum for a continuous and constructive engagement among Ethiopian academicians and practitioners concerned about our country's economy.

The EEA therefore encourage every one doing work on the Ethiopian economy to participate. If you are interested, please send us an email by 30 September 2002 at the latest, indicating:

- Your complete address (email and institutional affiliation)
- Your area of interest
- A short (no more than one paragraph) description of your topic and what you wish to investigate in the paper

After we inform you of the acceptance of your proposal, we expect an electronic version of the first draft of the paper to reach us by email by the end of September 2002 and the final draft of the paper by mid December for duplication. After incorporating comments and suggestions at the conference, we expect a final paper for inclusion in the proceedings of the conference by April 2003.

Given the limited resource, participants are expected to cover their own transportation cost to Addis Ababa. All other costs during the conference (accommodation, meals and local transport) will be covered by the Association.

For more information about the conference, please contact any of the persons listed below:

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HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ADDIS IN JANUARY 2003.