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INTRODUCTION

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia became a member and partner of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in 2012. Since then, collaboration between the Foundation and the government of Ethiopia has grown from strength to strength. Ethiopia has been a shareholder and member of the African Capacity Building Foundation for 11 years. The country is represented by its Minister of Finance in the ACBF Board of Governors.

ACBF'S INVESTMENTS IN ETHIOPIA

The Foundation's investment in Ethiopia, to date has reached about US\$ 20.37 million. ACBF is proud to have supported human and institutional development in the country. The Foundation has to date funded national programs in Ethiopia to the tune of US\$5.22 million. This support has gone to key institutions such as the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) and supported capacity projects like the Ethiopian Macroeconomic Policy Analysis Capacity Building Project (EMPAC) and Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA). The Foundation has also invested about US\$15.15 million to regional programs and projects implemented in Ethiopia, from which institutions like the Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI) and the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) benefited.

Table 1: ACBF-supported projects and programs in Ethiopia (US\$)

NATIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
Ethiopian Macroeconomic Policy Analysis Capacity (EMPAC)	Phase I	429,873
Ethiopian Development Research Institute EDRI I	SMTPI	1,499,479
EDRI II	SMTPII	1,101,882
EDRI II	SMTPIII	139,896
Ethiopian Economics Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute EEA/EEPRI I	SMTPI	1,029,999
EEA/EEPRI II	SMTPI	817,401
Mathiws WONDU-Ye-Ethiopia Cancer Society MWECS PHASE I	SMTPIII	173,437
MWECS PHASE II	ACBF Strategy 2017-2022	114,972
MWECS	ACBF Strategy 2017-2022	41,600
TOTAL NATIONAL PROJECTS		5,348,539
REGIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
OAU- PASU I	Phase I	2,885,310
OAU- PASU II	SMTPI	2,802,100
AU-CAP	SMTPI	4,243,796
OSSREA	SMTPI	
HESPI	SMTPIII	2,800,000
AU – CAP II (Bridging Fund)	SMTPIII	608,291
AU – CAP II	SMTPIII	1,713,741
Africa Unbound	ACBF Strategy 2017-2022	100,000
TOTAL REGIONAL PROJECTS		15,153,239
INVESTMENT TOTAL		20,372,853

With this support from the ACBF, the national and regional institutes have become more valuable and are playing significant roles in the country’s development agenda. The details nature of interventions carried in these institutions are detailed in Annex 1.

Table 2: Current ACBF-Supported projects in Ethiopia (2023)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DETAILS
Strengthening African Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program (SALCA)	The aim is to strengthen the institutional capacity of beneficiary organizations actively working in climate adaptation in Africa. Specifically, the project will enhance and transform the ability of the beneficiary organizations to deliver services to poor and vulnerable African communities impacted by climate change with more efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, and in a sustainable manner, with the overall aim of improving the continent’s ability to undertake the actions necessary to prepare for and adjust to current and future impacts of climate change.
African-Finnish Partnerships on Taxation Capacity in Africa	The aim is to strengthen the capacity of selected African governments and pan-African organizations to increase Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) through informed policy-making and effective tax administration
African Union Transformative Climate Finance program	The project aims to address the capacity gaps in climate change adaptation in Africa. Key activities include scoping and mapping of green growth landscape in Africa, conducting of a Capacity Needs Assessment and Development of a Capacity Development Program.

The Foundation has also conducted several research studies to inform policy formulation and implementation in Ethiopia. Knowledge products prepared for Ethiopia are detailed in Annex 3.

ETHIOPIA’S CONTRIBUTION TO ACBF

Since 2012, ACBF has benefitted greatly from the African and global political influence of the Government of Ethiopia and to date has made a total contribution of US500,000. With this support from the Government of Ethiopia, ACBF has been able to leverage resources from the international community to support capacity development across Africa and to achieve significant results in support of the continent’s development process. Notably, ACBF has been a catalyzing change in Africa by investing in capacity development initiatives in the public and private sectors, as well as in civil society organizations; providing technical assistance in implementation of capacity development interventions; generating, managing and sharing knowledge on best practices in capacity building and development management.

The Foundation has strengthened public policy across Africa, produced highly skilled public sector economists and managers, strengthened institutions of financial accountability and enhanced the effectiveness of non-state actors. ACBF has also supported the creation of platforms for dialogue on, and coordination in capacity development, supported improvements in trade and regional integration, empowered women and strengthened parliaments.

Table 3: Federal Republic of Ethiopia’s contributions to ACBF since 2012(US\$)

FINANCING PHASE	PLEDGE	PAYMENTS
SMTP III (2012-2016)	250,000	250,000
ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2022	250,000	250,000
TOTAL	500,000	500,000

ANNEX 1: ACBF SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA- PROJECT DETAILS

Name of Project	Key objectives/Focus
Ethiopian Economics Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEA/EEPRI)	To strengthen research capacity of EEA/EEPRI in order for it to conduct policy relevant high-quality applied economics research and carry out rigorous policy analysis. To provide intellectual backstopping for economic policy dialogue and formulation and improve the policy environment through informed debate. To generate national capacity through the provision of short-term training to policy makers and the general public and to do related activities to build the capacity of EEA/EEPRI and establish the foundation for its sustainability.
Ethiopian Economics Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEA/EEPRI)	To further build the capacity of the EEA by enhancing and improving its database and institutional sustainability, analytical depth, training capacity, accountability and its publishing capacities on issues related to policy analysis and evaluation for sustained economic growth and poverty reduction.
The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI)	To foster Economic Cooperation and integration among the IGAD member countries and contributing to the building of financial integrity institutions as well as strengthening of the Financial sector in post-conflict countries of the Horn of Africa sub-region, Somalia and South Sudan in particular
Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDR)	To build its institutional capacity of EDRI. To help EDRI conduct policy research and analysis. To support EDRI to convene seminars, conferences and workshops for Government, private sector, civil society groups and other stakeholders. To assist EDRI to establish networks and linkages with other national, regional and international development policy institutes. To help EDRI in disseminating and publishing results of policy analysis and research.
Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDR)	To enhance the capacity of EDRI to fulfill its mandate of providing policy advice to the Government of Ethiopia and other stakeholders, and thereby contributing to the achievement of the country's GDP.
AU-CAP-I	To support the AUC institutional transformation and implementation of the AUC Strategic Plan, thus enabling the AUC to effectively promote peace, security and governance; promote regional integration; and build and strengthen a shared vision among Africans.

Name of Project	Key objectives/Focus
AU-CAP-Bridging Fund	To match the AUC internal process to ACBF funding approval cycle to avoid disruption in the implementation of activities during the interim period spanned over the closing of the current AU CAP project.
AU-CAP-II	To contribute to the effective implementation of the AU Commission Third Strategic Plan (2014 – 2017).
Mathiwos Wondu-YeEthiopia Cancer Society (MWECS) (2016 -2019)	A project on, “Advocacy and capacity building project for effective implementation of tobacco control policies in Ethiopia.” Its main focus is to support activities towards Tobacco Control (TC) in Ethiopia with particular focus on Article 12-smoke free environments of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Ethiopia (MoLF)	The focus of the project is Investing in Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MoLF) to improve livestock extension service delivery. The MoLF is responsible for developing and implementing national livestock and fisheries development strategies and policies. The principal aim of the investment is to support the government’s strategy for livestock growth and transformation as articulated in the Livestock Master Plan (LMP). The investment will complement the efforts of the MoLF to implement the LMP to achieve the following critical goal: increase the productivity and competitiveness of the livestock sector.

ANNEX 2: SUCCESS STORIES

1. 'Without ACBF, most African Think Tanks would not exist today' -

Full transcript of Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute Dr. Ali ABDI's recent interview with a journalist in Kigali, Rwanda.

Most of the work we [The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute -HESPI, Ethiopia] are doing focuses on regional integration issues, institution building, advocating better performance of economic management, policy formulation but not at a specific level. Most of the people think that the African Capacity Building Foundation [ACBF] only supports country specific programs like you have the [Institute of Policy Analysis and Research] - IPAR, ZIPAR, but there are a couple of regional institutes including our own - that is the focus. We will tell a little bit more of what we do and how the African Capacity Building Foundation has been able to help us.

The African Capacity Building Foundation, as some of your listeners probably already know, has created several policy institutes on this continent. HESPI is one of the more recent institutes that have been working with the African Capacity Building Foundation.

First and foremost, had it not been for the ACBF, I don't believe that many of the institutes on this continent would exist now. What they do is to take an idea or the formation of an institute from the ground, up. They nurture those institutes; they incubate those institutes and provide a significant amount of technical assistance in the formation process.

One of the other advantages of working with the African Capacity Building Foundation; at least true in our case, is that more than the technical side, they have provided financial support - primarily to do two things: (1) to help us achieve the programs and implement the objectives that we have set out through the sub region that we are working on, but more importantly; what they have provided is institution building [2]. It's only through the support of ACBF that we have been able to build up our research capacity. We may find a lot of other institutions who are willing to support specific objectives, specific programs but very few are willing to invest in institution building.

Finally, I think the Foundation (ACBF) has been very supportive in holding the hand of the new institute in terms of systems, procedures; whether it's how to procure in a systematic manner which is cost effective, whether it's a matter of giving financial records, etc. So I might say that out of the 30 – 40 [top] institutes that exist in the continent of Africa, most of them would not exist and if they exist, would not be as effective as they are now without the support and nurturing that they receive or have received from the African Capacity Building Foundation.

2. Ethiopian research institute pioneers new market concepts

ACBF-supported research centre, the Ethiopian Development Research Institute's research and recommendations were instrumental in enabling the Government in that east African country to establish the Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX). The first initiative of its kind in Africa, the ECX is an organized marketplace, where buyers and sellers come together to trade; assured of quality, quantity, payment and delivery. It opened in April 2008 with the vision of revolutionizing Ethiopia's traditional agricultural sector into a more vibrant sector.

ECX was established as a new marketplace "eco-system" to serve the entire value chain in the agricultural sector; from farmers to traders, processors, exporters to consumers - while simultaneously providing support to linked industries such as transport and logistics, and the banking and financial services sectors.

As a national multi-commodity exchange, ECX guarantees low-cost, secure marketplace services to benefit all agricultural market stakeholders and its members to participate in fair trading. As of November 2010, the trading floor in Addis Ababa handled 200 spot contracts in such commodities as coffee, sesame, navy beans, maize and wheat. In 2011, it had membership of over 200 clients who trade through members; mainly farmer Cooperatives who represented 2.4 million smallholder farmers.

EDRI was established in 1999 by the Ethiopian Government with support from the ACBF, aimed at institutional and human capacity building, research programs, information dissemination and networking activities.

Through its research work, Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) has conducted policy analysis that has demystified economic processes in the country. In several instances, EDRI has also positively responded to government needs and requests on policy and strategic matters. The research work undertaken by EDRI was largely focused on agriculture and rural development, macro-economic issues, economic policies poverty and sectoral development. The following results are mentioned as success stories to show how successful EDRI was with the support of the ACBF.

- Based on the research findings and recommendations, the Government of Ethiopia established a business organization known as 'Ale-Bejemla' which means in English 'we sale in whole'. This organization supplies imported consumption goods to consumers through retailers to stabilize the market. This organization is led by 'Trade Competition and Consumers Authority.'
- Based on the research result of Social Accounting Matrix Study, the Government of Ethiopia made some economic policy revisions.
- The key findings of a study conducted on the limitations of Micro-Finance Institutions (MFI) in Ethiopia became a significant input for the amendment of MFI proclamation in Ethiopia.

3. Positively impacting policy making process in Ethiopia

ACBF's support to the Ethiopian Economic Association

The 2013 Global Go to Think Tank Report ranked 15 think tanks supported by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) among the top 50 in sub-Saharan Africa. According to the Report, 8.97 percent of global Think Tanks are located within the sub-Saharan region. This compares to 1984 in North America and 1818 in Europe. Out of 6826 Think Tanks recorded, 612 are in sub-Saharan Africa. ACBF has been supporting the creation and the capacity needs for Think Tanks since 1991 when it was established. It has helped to create 35 and still supports 19 to date. A recent evaluation conducted in 2013 by the Foundation states that Think Tanks in Africa remain a catalyzing element in the development of sound economic policy and economic development in Africa. This is true of Ethiopia.

The country, with about 45 percent of its population said to be living in absolute poverty, is one of the poorest countries in the world. On the United Nations Human Development Index, it ranks 170 out of 177 nations. But it can boast one of the more successful Think Tanks on the continent. Credit goes to the Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) which in 2000 established a research and training wing known as the [Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute \(EEPRI\)](#). Through the Institute, EEA has been able to make invaluable contributions to the development of the Ethiopian economy, particularly in the area of developing capacity for public policy making.

For instance, EEPRI as the Institute is known, was involved in the preparation of the first Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) by the Ethiopian Government. Some of its published research reports are a very popular source of information for policy makers, donors and the general public and also as references for researchers and

university students. Its study on the evaluation of land policy in the country has made a lasting impact. Its findings helped to resolve some of the contentious issues on land policy and it was well received in Government circles.

The Government of Ethiopia embarked on a new development trajectory guided by the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP), 2010- 2015 to attain a middle-income status with an average growth of 11 percent by 2015. Accordingly, Ethiopia required about 1184.8 billion Birr (USD 72 billion), to finance the various projects outlined in the plan. Over 68 percent of this revenue was expected to come from domestic sources, primarily from domestic tax revenue. The regional government of Southern Nations Nationalities and People's (SNNP) Regional State in Ethiopia reached out to EEA, to provide them with research-based policy options and hands-on technical support to improve their capabilities in mobilizing adequate tax revenue to finance their projects and program. The research and technical support provided by EEA enabled SNNP to identify the revenue potential of the region, revise the region's tax policies, develop and operationalize effective tax collection strategies. The hands-on technical support also improved the skills and competencies of the staff of the Bureau of Revenue of SNNP to manage and provide technical oversight for revenue planning, implementation monitoring and evaluation in the region. The Bureau of Revenue of SNNP has adopted and implemented most of the recommendations provided by the study, for example:

- The Bureau used the findings of the study when preparing the 2011–12 regional annual work plans. It used the findings to set annual revenue targets for each woreda (district) and municipal town.
- The results of the study have been used by the Bureau to support its M&E functions. The biannual M&E process compares the amount of revenue collected during each period against annual agreed-upon targets and estimated revenue potential.
- The Bureau of Finance and Economic Development has used the revenue potential estimates to set the regional annual revenue target, which is declared as part of the annual regional government budget.
- The Bureau of Revenue also started using the results of the study for its Tax-Payers Awareness Creation activities.
- The Bureau has undertaken administrative reforms aimed at reorganizing its human resources based on the recommendation of the study.
- Skills and competencies of staff of the Bureau were enhanced through tailor-made training. The Regional Bureau indicated that it would like to publish the study's findings and distribute to a wider audience, both within and outside the Region.

The impact of the study has resonated and stimulated interest from the Federal Government and other Regional Governments who have expressed the desire to undertake assessment. For example, the Amhara National Regional State, the Afar Regional State and the Gambella Regional State have all shown keen interest in the research and replicating in their own districts. Several media reports have also quoted the results of the study. The study has also engendered new relationship between EEA and senior government officials. For instance, the Federal Revenue and Custom Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EEA for future collaboration in research, training and advisory services.

In 2000, ACBF gave the EEA a grant of US\$1,030,000 to support EEPRI research activities in line with its mandate. The main objective of the grant was to address the need for research and policy analysis capacity since the capacity of the public sector and the universities to design and analyse public policy has been inadequate. The Institute did not disappoint.

The EEPRI also successfully trained officials of some regional governments in the country on how to estimate regional income accounts, putting them in a better position to access grants from the Federal Government in Addis Ababa. Further research equally enabled the Institute to train government officials on the method to be used to determine the revenue potentials of the region. This made it possible for the state to raise the amount of collectable revenue from local taxes.

To consolidate on the success of phase one, in 2005, ACBF approved a grant worth \$800,000 as its contribution to another project whose total cost was estimated to cost US\$2,953,419. The objective of this phase of the project was to consolidate the achievements during the first phase with the aim of improving the policy making process

in Ethiopia, for sustained economic growth and poverty reduction. It produced three annual reports on the Ethiopian economy, each providing detailed analytical report on the state of the economy.

The EEA/EEPRI also produced 10 thematic annual reports on the economy, which offer insight in the working of the economy with recommendations on how to enhance its performance. Other publications are 16 Conference proceedings, 19 issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics, 11 Research Reports and Working papers. Each of these publications has become a credible source of information for all stakeholders. The database was officially launched in 2003 and is now available on CD and is updated regularly.

In recognition of its professional contribution in the area of economic analysis, [EEA/EEPRI](#) has become very visible in government established committees, providing technical inputs such as in the National Development and Trade Policy Forum, Committee for Developing Urban Development Indicators, Taskforce for Preparing National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, Health Sector Development Review, and National Committee for Establishing Farmers Competence Consortium.

4.ACBF proving to be a valuable partner to Australia's AACES program

The African Capacity Building Foundation's (ACBF) support as the Resource Facility to the Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES) has been pointed as central to the success of the [AACES program](#).

A recent performance assessment by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of the 2014 ACBF's support to AACES in the management of its programmes in 11 countries across Africa pointed out the excellent capacity of the Foundation in steering the program towards achieving its successes.

The ACBF's role as the Resource Facility has been to provide timely, efficient, and effective logistical, administrative and technical support to AACES. In this respect, the Resource Facility has supported the communication, coordination and management of AACES.

Since 2012 when the AACES program began, 1,287,888 people have benefitted. From this figure, more than 248,650 people accessed maternal and child health services. More than 337,900 have experienced improved agricultural productivity while 638,210 now have access to water, sanitation and hygiene services.

The program focuses on marginalised communities, with particular attention to women, children, people with disability and people vulnerable to disaster. It is being implemented in the following countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The ACBF has helped develop mutual trust with AACES partners enabling effective communication and collaboration among the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under this program. The culture of collaboration, now entrenched in AACES, is a key element of an effective program delivering real results.

ACBF also conducted two Partnership Surveys that recognized partnership as being an essential component of AACES. The surveys identified areas where partners wanted to see improvements. For example, the 2013 Partnership Survey results indicated that African NGOs wanted greater support for leadership and strategy development. Following this, staff from NGOs were encouraged and supported to take on leadership roles in the AACES Program Steering Committee and other forums.

The Resource Facility has also managed and supported the diverse relationships within the AACES partnership, resulting in improvements in communication between AACES NGOs and in the overall strengthening of the AACES partnership model. As an illustration, the development and management of Yammer - a shared online communication platform - has facilitated open and regular communication amongst partners.

The ACBF also improved visibility of the AACES work in the past years. The Resource Facility has to date produced three high quality AACES Annual Reports, which have been successful in informing and communicating with stakeholders the achievements of the program. The ACBF has also supported the launch and dissemination of the annual report through promotion of targeted media releases, linkage of the report on DFAT, ACBF and NGOs websites. Targeted support has also been provided to AACES NGOs to launch the report in their respective countries. The use of the innovative online press release publication on the ACBF website to share media releases to target audience worldwide using several Internet Protocols and Technologies, has resulted in increased media coverage and visibility of AACES.

The ACBF has also actively promoted visibility of the Australian Government-funded development projects through media coverage of AACES events such as field visits by the Australian High Commissioner and DFAT officials. It has also been instrumental in building the communication capacity of AACES partners through training in photography, writing techniques and documentation.

In other areas, the ACBF has provided technical input in thematic workshops on AACES priority themes such as disability, sustainability, gender, value for money and monitoring and evaluation. These workshops have provided AACES NGOs with opportunities to learn and share approaches to improve their work. Learning and sharing has also been improved through the common communication platform – Yammer – that supports online communication, sharing of experiences and resource dissemination among AACES partners, and is particularly valued by African partners.

To increase knowledge sharing, the ACBF also opened up its Virtual Library to AACES partners. Through the library, AACES partners are now able to access online knowledge resources on capacity development and other development topics.

The ACBF was contracted in January 2012 by the Australian Government as the Resource Facility for the [AACES program](#). AACES is a partnership of the Australian Government, ten Australian NGOs and their Africa-based partners. The 90 million Australian dollar program is funded by the Australian Government through DFAT.

ANNEX 3: SELECTED ACBF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BENEFITING ETHIOPIA

Table A: Selected knowledge products to support African Union (AU) agenda, policy and development programs where Ethiopia was covered

Year	Type of Knowledge Product	Title/Theme	Coverage for Ethiopia
2019	Africa Capacity Report 2019	Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2018	Strategic Studies	African Financial Governance Outlook: Effective Public Financial Management for Sustainable Development	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2018	Compendium of case studies	Compendium of case studies on non-state actors in management for development results	Case study on Ethiopia
2018	Compendium of case studies	Compendium of case studies on governance and economic development	Case study on Ethiopia
2017	Africa Capacity Report 2017	Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa's Transformation	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2017	Occasional Papers	Policy and Institutional Dimensions of Africa's Political Economy in an Age of Globalization	Case study on Ethiopia
2016	Occasional Papers	The Challenge of African Youth Unemployment	Case study on Ethiopia
2015	Africa Capacity Report 2015	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2014	Africa Capacity Report 2014	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2013	Africa Capacity Report 2013	Capacity Development for Natural Resource Management	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2012	Africa Capacity Report 2012	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	Ethiopia country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics

Table B: Selected knowledge sharing events and networking to support AU agenda, policy and development programmes which Ethiopia has benefitted from

Year	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Ethiopia	Date and Venue
2019	2019 Africa Think Tank Summit	Tackling Implementation Challenges for Africa's Sustainable Development	1 participant from Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EDRI) and ,1 participant from the Horn Economic & Social Policy Institute (HESPI) sponsored to attend	24 - 26 April Nairobi Kenya
2018	2018 Africa Think Tank Summit	Tackling Africa's Youth Unemployment Challenge: Innovative Solutions from the Think Tanks	1 from The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI) and 1 participant from Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute sponsored to attend	5 - 7 April Accra Ghana
2018	Fourth Planning Meeting for the African Union Committee of 10 Heads of State Championing Education, Science and Technology in Africa (C10) Conference	Science, Technology and innovation (STI)	1 participant from IGAD Ethiopia sponsored to attend	26 - 27 March Lilongwe Malawi
2017	International IDEA-ACBF Continental Conference	The Issue of the Political and Socio-Economic Integration of the African Continent: The Role of the Pan-African Parliament	1 MP (through PAP) from Ethiopia sponsored to attend	22-26 August Yaoundé Cameroon
2017	Validation Workshop of the study on the "Capacity Imperatives for Achieving the SDGs in Africa.	<i>Capacity Imperatives for Achieving the SDGs in Africa</i>	1 participant from Capacity and Development Services (CAPDEV) sponsored to attend	29 June Harare Zimbabwe
2017	2019 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	<i>Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development</i>	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	29 May to 1 June Harare, Zimbabwe
2017	Natural Resources Management for Results Knowledge and Learning Workshop	<i>Natural Resources Management for Results</i>	1 participant from AMDC sponsored to attend	27 - 29 April Arusha Tanzania
2017	2017 Think Tank Summit	<i>African Think Tanks and Industrialization in Africa</i>	1 participant from HESPI and 1 participant from EDRI sponsored to attend.	6 - 8 April Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire

Year	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Ethiopia	Date and Venue
2016	African Governance Outlook (AGO) Validation Workshop of the Draft Workshop	<i>Validation workshop</i>	1 Team leader and 2 members (drafting team hired as consultants for Ethiopia) and attended validation workshop	3 – 4 November Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2016	2016 AfCoP Annual Forum	<i>Mobilizing Domestic Resources for Africa's Transformation</i>	1 participant from AfCoP Gender for Results Network	13 - 15 July Nairobi Kenya
2016	ACBF-AUC Stakeholder Engagement Agenda 2063 workshop	<i>Capacity Needs Assessment and Critical Technical Skills required for implementation of Agenda 2063</i>	1 participant from HESPI and 1 from EDRI participated	12 – 13 May Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2016	2016 Africa Think Tank Summit	<i>Creating a Sustainable Future for African Think Tanks in Support of SDGs and Agenda 2063</i>	3 participants sponsored by ACBF to attend, 1 from EDRI, 1 from HESPI and 1 from Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)	8 - 10 April Victoria Falls Zimbabwe
2015	2017 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa's Transformation	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	16 – 19 November Harare Zimbabwe
2015	5 th Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	<i>Knowledge and Experience Sharing for Effective Capacity Building in Africa</i>	1 participant each from EEA, HESPI and EDRI sponsored to attend	22-23 October Kigali, Rwanda
2015	Board of Governors' Meetings	<i>Domestic Resource Mobilization</i>	1 Participant from HESPI attended	2 – 4 September Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	Financing for Development Conference (UN DESA)	<i>Building Capacity for Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</i>	1 local participant from The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) attended	15 July Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	Inaugural Think Tank Task Force Meeting	<i>Toward the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd Africa Think Summit</i>	1 Participant from HESPI attended	1 – 4 June Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	2015 Africa Think Tank Summit	<i>The Rise of Africa's Think Tanks – Practical Solutions to Practical Problems</i>	3 participants, 1 from EDRI, 1 from HESPI and 1 from Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) attended	7 – 8 April Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	4th Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	<i>ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee and its Contribution to Policy Direction in Africa</i>	3 participants, 1 from EDRI, 1 from HESPI and 1 from Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) attended	9 April Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	M&E Information Management System Workshop	<i>Training on IMS system</i>	3 participants by ACBF to attend, 1 from EDRI, 1 from HESPI and 1	10 – 13 March ADDIS ABABA

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			from Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)	Ethiopia
2015	OAU-AU Digest and RECs Capacity Needs Workshop	<i>Digest of OAU-AU Treaties, Conventions and Agreements, Survey of the Capacity Needs of Africa's RECs</i>	3 participants from the African Union Commission sponsored to participate	26 - 27 February Harare, Zimbabwe
2014	3rd Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	<i>Toward Africa's Sustainable Development: Role of ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee</i>	1 participant from EDRI sponsored to attend	24 – 25 October Mbabane Swaziland
2014	2015 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	17 – 21 October Harare, Zimbabwe
2014	Validation Workshop of the Position Papers on the US-Africa Relations	<i>Validation of Draft position papers on U.S.-Africa relations</i>	1 participant each from EDRI, EEA and HESPI attended	18 – 19 July Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2014	2nd Policy Institutes Committee Forum	<i>ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee (PIC) - Rethinking Capacity Development Solutions in Africa</i>	1 participant each from EDRI, EEA and HESPI sponsored to attend	25 - 26 April Nouakchott Mauritania
2014	Inaugural Meeting of the ACBF Strategic Studies Group (SSG)	<i>Official launch of the SSG</i>	1 participant from EEA sponsored to attend	7-8 March Lusaka Zambia
2014	2014 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors training Workshop	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	12 – 15 February Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2013	2014 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	<i>Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management</i>	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	8 – 11 October Harare Zimbabwe
2013	Inaugural Meeting of the Policy Institutes Committee (PIC)	<i>Official Launch of the PIC</i>	1 participant each from EDRI, EEA and HESPI attended	13 – 14 June Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2012	2013 Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) Workshop	<i>Workshop</i>	1 participant from EEA sponsored to attend	28-30 June Yaoundé Cameroon
2011	Training Workshop on the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA)	Training	1 participant EDRI sponsored to attend	1-3 August Harare, Zimbabwe

Year	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Ethiopia	Date and Venue
2011	7th Annual Meeting of the ACBF Technical Advisory Panels & Networks (TAP-NETs)	Bilateral Aid, Governance and Africa's Development Agenda – Implications For BUSAN 2011	1 participant from Pan African Development Center (PADEC) sponsored to attend	21-22 November Yaounde, Cameroon
2011	2012 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	<i>Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security</i>	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	13 – 18 June Harare Zimbabwe
2010	2 nd Gender Budgeting Dissemination Workshop,	<i>Gender Budgeting</i>	2 participants from Ministry of Finance, 2 from Addis Ababa University, 1 from EDRI and 1 participant from Women's Affairs Department, Ministry of Federal Affairs	22-24 November Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2010	2011 Africa Capacity Report Data Collection Training Workshop	<i>Capacity building in Fragile states</i>	1 data expert hired and sponsored to attend training workshop	13 – 16 July Harare, Zimbabwe



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