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The Ethiopian Statistical Association, founded on April 8, 1990, has the objective of popularizing statistics and promoting modern statistical practices, research and training. Its membership includes government and non-government organizations engaged in agriculture, health, industry, trade, financial and other activities. ESA has two publications - the JESA and Newsletter.

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ESA NEWSLETTER

ESA Newsletter is published by the editorial committee of ESA three times a year. Its objectives are to make announcements of call for papers, conferences, etc., and publish information that enhances the statistical knowledge of the society, and to exchange scientific information.

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

It is with pleasure that we present the 26th volume of our Newsletter. The news have been contributed by the concerned executive committee members and statistics departments in the country.

We appreciate any contributions to our outstanding publication. In order to maintain the newsletter as a very

professional publication, it requires commitment and contributions from a broad range of the ESA membership. Your contribution can be on any issue that you think other members of ESA would like to hear about.

As always, your feedback is very important and we look forward to your comments and/or suggestions.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Renewal of Membership

The executive committee of ESA would like to thank every one of you for having made our Association so successful and visible. You have all made valuable contributions to ESA and we request your continued support. If your membership has not been updated, we urge you to renew at this time. Remember that the strength of an association lies in its membership! We would also appreciate your help in encouraging your colleagues, students and friends to be members of ESA. The executive committee also requests the cooperation of representatives of its

members in various ministries, universities and offices to collect outstanding fees. Please handover collected membership and/or registration (for new members) fees to:

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Thank you for your continued support!

2.2 Call for Papers for JESA

The next issue of the Journal of the Ethiopian Statistical Association (JESA) is planned to come out in prints in October 2018. Those who are interested

to get their work published on JESA are kindly requested to submit their manuscripts to the Editor-in-chief as early as possible via e-mail address ethstat@gmail.com

2.3 Call for Strengthening ESA

Today, statistical concepts and methods are central to the identification and definition of problems in various fields of study. Indeed, it can be said that there is hardly any field of human endeavor which cannot benefit from the application of statistics.

ESA has the objective of popularizing statistics and promoting modern statistical practices, research and training.

It is obvious that ESA's efforts to popularize statistics can be fruitful only

through the contribution of its members. Thus, the Association calls for active participation and timely action of its individual and institutional members to mobilize their collective efforts for the dissemination of sound statistical concepts in the society.

All members of ESA are kindly requested to promote the Association in relevant occasions and facilitate the membership process for those interested to be active member of the ESA.

3. NEWS

3.1. 26th Annual Conference of the Ethiopian Statistical Association Held at Intercontinental Hotel

The 26th annual conference of the association was held at Intercontinental hotel in Addis Ababa during 24 - 25 March 2017 with theme of "**Role of Population and Housing Census in Measuring SDGs Progress**". It was dedicated to play critical role for

advocacy of the 2017 Ethiopian Population and Housing Census.

The historical event was officially opened by His Excellency Mr. Getachew Adem, Deputy Commissioner of the National Planning Commission.

3.2. Key Indicators Formulation and Development Project

The Ethiopian Statistical Association (ESA), in collaboration with Addis Ababa Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs (BoLSA) and Central Statistical Agency (CSA), is working on a research project entitled with "Key Indicators Formulation and Development (KIFaD) on Labor Market in Addis Ababa. The first phase of the project, "Key Indicators Formulation and Development (KIFaD-፩) on Labor Market in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which was developed last year was presented to the higher officials of the federal government and the city administration in March 2018.

The second phase of the project, KIFaD-፪, is in progress. The main objective of this project is to conduct detail analysis

on the labor market with emphasis on employment, unemployment and poverty situation of the city, within the framework of the KIFaD-፩ objectives. This in-depth analysis will serve as a basis for policy making and intervention against problems associated with the rapid growth in the labor force amidst deep economic and social problems that have adverse impact on employment opportunities. Besides this, the project is to produce timely, quality and comprehensive employment indicators database. Moreover, KIFaD-፪ Project addresses the following issues:

- To review, check for consistency, code, consolidate process, analyze, and formulate most important employment indicators.

- To describe the employment, unemployment and poverty indicators in terms of socio-demographic factors.
- To update and strengthen key labour market indicators system.
- To see the association between labour market indicators with socio-demographic factors.
- To identify the main determinants of labour market indicators in relation to some socio-demographic and economic factors
- To facilitate close monitoring and evaluation of GTP II.
- To enhance decision making based on evidence.

- To present and host for policy recommendations.

Inception workshop was conducted by first week of October, 2017 at Friendship International Hotel in Addis Ababa. During the workshop different stakeholders, professionals and experts have participated and comments and suggestions obtained from the workshop were used to amend the project proposal. Several other meetings of the EC and the research advisory board have been conducted.

The draft reports for all the three sub-projects (employment, unemployment and poverty) are by now ready

3.3. Statistics Exhibition

Statistics Exhibition was conducted from 12 – 15 October 2017 in Addis Ababa exhibition center. The Expo was organized by event organizers for all the professional associations among which many participated.

Some executive members have successfully prepared and explained several displays to visitors and

disseminated information concerning the Statistics field of study and services. Over 110 visitors visited the displays of Stat Expo. The participants include many young school students, ICT expert, innovators, professionals, investors. Possibility of trainings and research collaboration with the association was promoted.

3.4. Training

1) Training for individuals and organizations

ESA has continued offering short term trainings in collaboration with Addis Ababa University department of Statistics. As a result it has delivered statistical software trainings on SPSS, CSPro and STATA.

Moreover, we have provided trainings on advanced survey methodology for

Dashen Bank Experts and research methodology for Commercial Bank of Ethiopia employees using STATA. Besides, the association has delivered statistical software training for Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia, Statistics for the result project (CSA, SFR project).

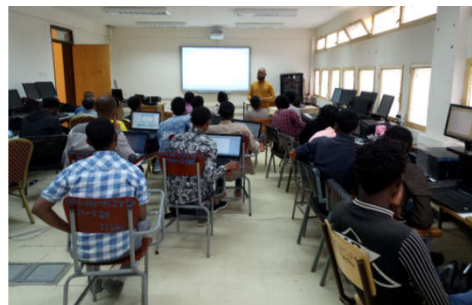
3.5. Training at Chapter Offices

In order to improve skill of statistician various statistical software trainings training on different statistical methods and software packages were delivered at chapter offices with the sponsorship of Ethiopian statistical Association such as Hawasa University and University of Gondar.

The training was held in collaboration with their Universities and this was done in order to improve the knowledge and skill of statisticians.



Training at Hawassa University



Training at University of Gondar

3.6. Registration of New Members

Where ever we can, we tried to make awareness about Ethiopian statistical Association and convince them to be the

member of our Association. As a result more than 80 individuals become the member of ESA.

3.7. Elected Executive Members of ESA

The General Assembly of the Ethiopian Statistical Association reelected executive committee members during the 26th Annual Convention held from March 24 to 25, 2017 at Intercontinental hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Consequently,

1. Dr. Ayele Taye, Associate Professor at the Department of Statistics of the Hawassa University has been elected as President of the Association.
2. Dr. Essey Kebede, Associate Professor at the Department of Statistics of Bahir Dar University has been elected as Vice President of the Association.
3. Dr. Zeytu Gashaw Assistant Professor at the Department of Statistics of Hawassa University has

been elected as Training Coordinator of the Association.

4. Dr. Dejen Tesaw, Assistant Professor at the Department of Statistics of Addis Ababa University has been elected as Projects and Research Coordinator of the Association.
5. Dr. Tsega Kahsaay Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics of Kotebe Metropolitan University has been elected as Members and Chapter Offices Coordinator of the Association.
6. W/ro Tiruzer Tenagne of CSA has been elected as the Auditor of the Association.

The editorial committee welcomes the re-elected officers.

3.8. Upcoming Events and Conference Program

The 27th annual conference of the association will be held at Elilly International Hotel, Addis Ababa, during 24-25 March 2018 with theme **"Statistical In-depth Analysis for Optimal Use of Data"**. The annual conference would focus on the in-depth statistical analysis of available data sets and Statistical innovations with the purpose of motivating Statisticians and

practitioners. The objectives of the conference are mainly to:

- enhance and promote statistical in-depth analysis of large data sets availed by the country and usage of statistical results for decision makings at various levels,
- advocate for the implementation of the 2010EC Population and Housing Census and promote the importance of

- census to understand population dynamics in Ethiopia,
 - enhance the capability of statistics professionals and young statisticians to actively and strongly participate in the advocacy of Population and Housing Census and usage,
 - bring awareness on the role of census in defining, measuring and evaluating the SDGs,
 - advocate the role of statistics in labour market indicators, migration, health and environment issues,
 - disseminate recent statistical findings obtained by researchers, graduate students and recent PhD graduates,
 - promote innovations in statistical sciences among the young statisticians,
- foster discussion on recent statistical advances through keynote lectures by nationally and internationally renowned professors,
 - provide opportunities for dialogues among statisticians and producers of official statistics,
 - encourage statistics education and researches in Ethiopia,
 - create discussion forum on opportunities and challenges of Statistics education and research in Ethiopia,
 - provide capacity building training on: statistical in-depth analysis of large data sets, statistical innovations, advanced statistics.

3.9. PhD Graduates in Statistics

The Hawassa University has graduated four PhD students in Statistics in June 2017 for the first time in the country. The Ethiopian Statistical Association congratulated the Hawassa University and the Candidates as well for their success! We believe that the graduates Dr. Negusse Yohannes,

Dr. Denekew Belay, Dr. Markos Abiso, Dr. Dechassa Obsi. They shall contribute to the development of Statistics in the country in terms of teaching and research. Five more PhDs shall graduate in the coming June 2018 from Hawassa and Addis Ababa Universities. We wish them all the best for the graduates!