



ECRC

Environment and Climate
Research Center

The Environment and Climate Research Center aims to support green and climate-resilient development. The center is based at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI). The other two partner organizations behind the center are the Environment for Development Initiative (EFD) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

ECRC's core functions include undertaking policy-oriented research on the economics of climate and environment in Ethiopia, conducting real-time impact evaluation of the Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) implementation process, and serving as an

interaction hub for research and policy.

The center's functions are delivered through four main pillars: Policy Research and Impact Evaluation; Policy Interaction and Communication; Data Management and Knowledge Repository; and Capacity Building.

The center's main research themes are energy, forestry, water, agriculture, industry and urbanization.





Why Environment and Climate Research Center?

Ethiopia has outlined a strategy for a Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE). The overall vision of the CRGE strategy is to sustain fast economic growth while increasing resilience and keeping emissions low. The strategy is an important step in framing the direction of Ethiopia's development and can potentially make Ethiopia a leader in green growth. The implementation of the CRGE strategy needs to be supported by policy-oriented research and knowledge management processes. This necessitates a sustained and dynamic partnership between the domestic and international research community, as well as the involvement of government and non-government stakeholders in the design and implementation of the CRGE. EDRI is the public institution mandated with supporting Ethiopia's development policies and strategies through research. As such, EDRI is stepping up its efforts to develop an institutionalized and sustainable mechanism that responds to the knowledge demands of Ethiopia's goal of becoming a green middle-income economy within a decade.



Vision

The vision of ECRC is to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development in Ethiopia, by being a leading policy research center on the economics of climate and environment and a focal point for interactions among researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and civil society.

34 wind turbines produce 51 Mega
Watts (MW), Adama, Ethiopia.
Photo by Ollivier Girard for Center for
International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

Mission

- Conduct and disseminate rigorous research on the inter-linkages between climate change and environment on the one hand and different sectors of the economy on the other. The focus is on identifying strategies that enable sustained economic development while addressing climate change and environmental issues.
- Support evidence-based policymaking and implementation in Ethiopia by undertaking impact evaluation studies of climate-related interventions and policies, with a focus on the implementation of the CRGE strategy.
- Develop a databank on Ethiopia's green growth experience, and share information with stakeholders.
- Develop domestic capacity on the economics of climate change and environment, thus improving Ethiopia's longer-term capability to deliver on its CRGE goals.

Organization

The center is based in EDRI, Ethiopia's leading development policy research hub. A Steering Committee composed of the Executive Director of EDRI, the Director of EfD and the Knowledge Services Director of GGGI oversees the center. The center will also be supported by a National Advisory Committee with representatives from key government and non- government stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of the CRGE strategy.

Partners

Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)

EDRI was established in 1999 with the mandate of conducting and disseminating policy-oriented research on the Ethiopian economy. Over the past decade, EDRI has rapidly risen to become Ethiopia's key economic policy think tank. In addition to undertaking an ambitious in-house capacity building scheme that is already bearing fruit, EDRI has forged partnerships with a number of domestic and international stakeholders engaged in economic development research and policy. In the areas of climate change and environment, EDRI has been working closely with EfD over the past decade, and is currently participating in the New Climate Economy project. EDRI has actively participated in the development of the CRGE strategy.

www.edri.org.et

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD)

EfD is a capacity building program in environmental economics focusing on research, policy advice, and teaching. Initiated and managed by the University of Gothenburg in Sweden since 2007, EfD's mission is to contribute to poverty alleviation and sustainable development through increased use of environmental economics capacity. EfD currently has centers hosted by academic and research institutions in nine countries, including Ethiopia. Core financial support is provided by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

www.efdinitiative.org

Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

GGGI is a multi-country initiative dedicated to pioneering and diffusing a new model of economic growth in developing and emerging countries, known as "green growth," that simultaneously targets key aspects of economic performance, such as poverty reduction, job creation and social inclusion, and those of environmental sustainability, such as mitigation of climate change and biodiversity loss and security of access to clean energy and water. GGGI works to advance the practice and theory of green growth by supporting the development, implementation, and diffusion of green growth strategies, and promotes a critical mass of successful demonstration initiatives in developing and emerging countries. GGGI has been supporting the Government of Ethiopia in both the Green Economy and Climate Resilient components of the CRGE strategy.

www.gggi.org

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