

## **DEIP Ethiopia Report**

The United Nations University- Maastricht Economic and Social Research and Training Center on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT), Maastricht and The Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) jointly organized training course on the Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policy (DEIP) was held between February 22 and 26 in Addis Ababa, at the Ghion Hotel. The training was also co-financed by both institutions.

This training was tailor-made to the context of developing countries and particularly Africa. Unlike previous courses, special emphasis was given to sectoral innovation systems in agriculture and services (particularly, tourism), and to policies promoting non-traditional exports, FDI, and micro and small enterprises.

The training was conducted by distinguished lecturers from UNU-MERIT, Maastricht and other experts from Ethiopia and Tanzania. The list of the speakers is;

- Prof. Dr. Lynn Mytelka (UNU-MERIT)
- Prof. Dr. Adam Szirmai (UNU-MERIT)
- Dr. Mulu Gebreeyesus (UNU-MERIT)
- Dr. Michiko Iizuka (UNU-MERIT)
- Prof. Dr. Pierre Mohnen (UNU-MERIT)
- Prof. Dr. Norbert Janz (UNU-MERIT)
- Prof. Dr. Samuel Wangwe (Tanzania)
- Dr. Bitrina Diyamett (Tanzania)
- Dr. Tadesse Kuma Worako (Ethiopian Development Research Institute – EDRI, Addis Ababa)
- Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin (International Livestock Research Institute – ILRI, Addis Ababa)

The workshop included four sessions where the participants gave presentations on selected areas of policy.

The number of participants was 53 and included higher and middle level officials and experts. They were drawn from various Federal and Regional public institutions (e.g. Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Capacity Building, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance and Development, Micro and Small Enterprises Agency, Engineering Capacity Building Program) and private sector representatives (e.g. Textile and Garment and Horticulture producers and exporters associations). The participants also included some members of parliament. The workshop was characterised by very intensive and fruitful discussions and exchanges of ideas between presenters and participants, but also between the participants themselves.