



Knowledge Sharing and Research to Policy Platform 2016

1. Election Processes, Management and Election-based Violence in E&S Africa
2. Green Transition and Climate compatible Development Change
3. Inclusive Growth and Development
4. Innovations in Food Security
5. MDGs Implementation: Progress and Challenges
6. Urban youth Unemployment
7. The Gender-Energy Nexus

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1. INTRODUCTION

OSSREA is celebrating 35 years of capacity building, research and dissemination in various areas of social sciences. It has developed a comparative advantage in publishing books and journals that have evidence to influence policy and action in diverse areas. Further to the wealth of knowledge it generated since its founding in 1980, in the last 12 months, with

the support by DANIDA enabled OSSREA to conduct a number of important activities including the harvest and publication of 4 more books, 1 book-turned Ph.D. monograph, and as well as supporting policy workshops in 8 of OSSREA's Chapter Countries.

- ✚ Inclusive Growth and Sustainable development
- ✚ Green economy and sustainable development
- ✚ Innovations in Food security
- ✚ Election violence

Previous financial support from Sida and NORAD, OSSREA published four peer-reviewed books on current hot themes:

- ✚ MDGs Implementation: Progress and Challenges
- ✚ Urban youth unemployment: Features, Challenges, Consequences and cutback Strategies
- ✚ The Gender- Energy Nexus and
- ✚ Civil Society in Conflict and Post conflict Situations
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This Symposium is organised with multiple purposes:

- ✚ to share with you the knowledge harvested on those core themes of the day and publicly launch the books;
- ✚ to highlight the key recommendations that warrant/influence/seek policy attention—spanning formulation or revision or implementation and follow up; and chart ways of optimizing their use in policy, implementation and planning of new projects
- ✚ to serve as a furnace where new follow up projects can be initiated in collaboration and partnership with interested parties to pursue further some of the actionable recommendations; and
- ✚ to prove not only the worth and relevance of OSSREA as a widely recognized regional think tank focusing on social science areas, but also the glaring outcomes of the financial support DANIDA, SIDA and Norad extended to OSSREA.

It's our view that the Platform will be useful to academics, researchers, development operators and policy makers. In the next section we explain further the process involved in the production of the last knowledge harvest.

2. PROCESS

After DANIDA approved the proposal to carry out a Knowledge Harvest in emerging research areas calls were sent out in the 21 country chapters of OSSREA to researchers who have completed or are carrying out research in the areas who would be willing to participate in the process. About 80 abstracts for each were received and sorted out by panels for relevance, region, gender and originality. For each of the 4 areas 20 abstracts were selected and the researchers invited to draft full chapter articles. A panel of editors was competitively select but including members of the secretariat to blind peer review chapters. This took several weeks and several rounds and ultimately fewer chapters qualified to form the collections. Some were more other less than 10. After publishing these as books we would like not only to make them known to the public and those who have a stake in the areas but also to see how valuable evidence available can be useful to policy or to further research. It will not be possible for each author to present his or her chapter but each has been encouraged to produce a policy brief. Instead Editors will highlight the nature of the harvest and diversity after which discussants, practitioners and policy actors can offer their inputs on what may be useful to them or further action that may be evolved.

3. PROGRAMME

The Platform will be a one day activity. It will be in Addis Ababa and the venue will be communicated at a future date.

4. PARTICIPATION

- ✚ OSSREA secretariat, Editors, Authors, OSSREA Ethiopian Chapter members, Donors based in Addis who supported the Knowledge Harvest
- ✚ UN organizations based in Addis
- ✚ AU departments with interest
- ✚ Think Tanks based in Addis Ababa
- ✚ NGOs and NGOs based in Addis
- ✚ Academics and practitioners

5. PARTNERSHIP

OSSREA has worked with many organizations and people in the last 35 years. These will be invited to partner. Particularly if there is an organizations that has specific interest in any of the areas

6. RVP

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