The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) is a regional research network organization established in Ethiopia in 1980 by social scientists from Eastern Africa. It has presently extended its membership to Southern Africa so as to serve both sub-regions. Although its membership is currently drawn from only 13 countries, its constitution mandates it to open membership to social scientists in 21 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa.
OSSREA held its Sixth Congress in April 2000 at White Sands Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. At the same occasion, the Organization celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The coincidence of the two landmark events, i.e., the Sixth Congress and the 20th Anniversary, had provided OSSREA members with an opportunity for reflecting on the pace made during the last twenty years of the Organization's existence and to map out its future direction in the pursuit of its mission.

The Sixth Congress, among others, discussed the issue of the responsibilities of the OSSREA National Chapters and mandated the Executive Committee to draft the bylaws governing the activities of the Chapters. The Executive Committee, in its meeting of 18-20 September 2000, had endorsed the draft bylaws. Therefore, in the years to come OSSREA's major effort would focus on the strengthening of its Chapters in the various member countries and on expanding its membership to countries that have not been reached so far.

This report intends to throw some light on the activities undertaken in the year 2000 that attests to the fact that OSSREA has continued to work towards achieving its mission.

2. Activities

2.1 OSSREA Research Competitions

Gender Issues and Social Science Research Competitions for young scholars, which are part of OSSREA's research support grant program, have been progressing smoothly. In November 2000, small grants were awarded to winners of the Twelfth Gender Issues and the Fourteenth Social Science Research Competitions.

OSSREA's Liaison Officers and Executive Committee members working in the various universities of member countries were instrumental in ensuring wider publicity to the research competitions. The announcements for the Fourteenth Social Science and the Twelfth Gender Issues Competitions were made through brochures and posters distributed to various universities and research institutions in Eastern and Southern Africa.
As in the past, applicants were given about three months to identify their research topics and submit their proposals. The deadline for submitting applications for these competitions was set at 15th August 2000.

Forty-six applications were received for the Fourteenth Social Science Research Competition (SSRC). Out of the total 46 applicants, 39 were males and seven females. As in previous competitions, there were applications from almost every branch of the social sciences. Some of the areas of specialization represented were Economics, Education, Literature, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration and Development Studies.

Forty-eight applications were received for the Twelfth Gender Issues Research Competition (GIRC). Out of the total of 48 applicants, 25 were males, 22 females while the remaining one did not state his/her gender.

The country breakdown of the applicants for the two research competitions (SSRC and GIRC) is provided in table 1.

Table 1. Country breakdown of applicants of the 12th GIRC and 14th SSRC

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The jury for the Twelfth Gender Issues and the Fourteenth Social Science Research Competitions, which met in Addis Ababa on 23-25 September 2000, selected 13 winners out of the 48 applicants for the Gender Issues award and 13 winners out of the 46 applicants for the Social Science award. The country distribution of the winners of the two competitions (GIRC and SSRC) is provided in table 2.

The jury for the Twelfth Gender Issues Competition comprised Prof. Agnes Musyoki, from University of Venda; Prof. Bahru Zewde, Resident Vice-President of OSSREA, from Addis Ababa University; Assoc. Prof. Almaz Eshete, former Resident Vice-President of OSSREA; and Prof. Rudo Barbara Gaidzanwa, from University of Zimbabwe. The jury for the Fourteenth Social Science Competition comprised Dr. Evelyn Sandra Pangeti, President of OSSREA, from University of Zimbabwe; Prof. John O. Shiundu, from Maseno University College; and Prof. Ahmed Hassan El Jack, from Khartoum University.

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The award winners of the Twelfth Gender Issues and Fourteenth Social Science Research Competitions and their respective topics were the following.

**Winners of the 12th Gender Issues Research Competition (GIRC):**


Mr. Teshome Emana. *Gender Differences in Mathematics Achievements in the Primary Schools of Addis Ababa.* Ethiopia.

Mr. Yared Getachew. *Women's Participation in the Civil Service Distance Education and Short-Term Training Programs of the Ethiopian Government: The Case of Afar, Benishangul, Somali, and Gambella Regions.* Ethiopia.

Mr. Befekadu Zeleke. *Determinants of Gumuz Girls' Primary School Participation in Mandura District.* Ethiopia.


**Winners of the 14th Social Science Research Competition (SSRC):**

Mr. Hussein Jemma. *Competition over Resources and Ethnic Conflict in Federal Ethiopia: The Case of Recent Guji-Gedeo Conflict.* Ethiopia.


Mr. Sheshangai Chambi Kaniki. Towards Policy Coordination of Stock Markets in the SADC Region: Examining the Potential. Tanzania.


Mr. Krasposy Kujinga. The Impact of the Economic Reform Program (ERP) on Local Level Rural Institutions in Zimbabwe: Case Studies of Nyanga and Gwanda Districts. Zimbabwe.

2.2 Research Workshop

A joint workshop for winners of the Fourteenth Social Science and the Twelfth Gender Issues Research Competitions was held from 31st October to 3rd November 2000 at the Conference Hall of the OSSREA Secretariat in Addis Ababa. As in the case of the previous winner workshops, the researchers benefited substantially from the exchange of views especially with reference to methodological issues. The award winners presented their revised proposals, on which they received comments and suggestions from the jury as well as from their fellow winners.
Two of the winners (Dr. Dolphine Odero-Wanga, from Kenya, and Mrs. Tehlile Thandi Dlamini, from Swaziland) could not attend the winners' workshop because of a justifiable reason. Therefore, the OSSREA Secretariat together with Executive Committee members in these countries has made a special arrangement in which these winners would do their research. In the arrangement, a well-qualified person would be assigned to advise the two grantees to make sure that all the comments of the jury would be incorporated in their revised proposals.

The primary objective of the workshop was to help the award winners to fine-tune and further develop their research proposals by making use of the comments and suggestions made by the jurors and fellow researchers.

2.3 National Workshops

2.3.1 First National Workshop of the Ethiopia Chapter

The Ethiopia Chapter of OSSREA held its first national workshop on 4th March 2000 at the Graduate School Hall of Addis Ababa University. The theme of the workshop was "Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Ethiopia". The workshop was attended by some 70 academics, researchers, graduate students, interested individuals from various educational and research institutions, government agencies, and NGOs. Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, Executive Secretary of OSSREA, made an opening statement while Dr. Kinfe Abraham, President of Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development, made a keynote address. A welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Dejene Aredo, Liaison Officer of the Ethiopia Chapter and coordinator of the workshop.

2.3.2 Second National Workshop of the Rwanda Chapter

The Rwanda Chapter of OSSREA held its second national workshop from 18-20 December 2000. The event was organized in collaboration with the National University of Rwanda (NUR) and with the financial assistance from some banks, the Office of the Poverty Reduction National Program (PRNP). Participants 78 academics, researchers, and graduate students. The theme of the workshop was "Poverty Alleviation and Elimination in Rwanda: A New Vision". The workshop was officially opened by the Honorable Dr. Donald Kaberuka, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the government of Rwanda while Dr. Emile Rwamasirabo, Rector of the National University of Rwanda, delivered a welcome address to the participants.

2.4 Regional Meetings and Workshops

2.4.1 Formation of LANDNET Africa Facilitated by OSSREA

A workshop on "Land tenure networking in Sub-Saharan Africa", sponsored by the Department of International Development (DFID) and organized by the Natural Resources Institute, Greenwich University, UK, with the assistance, backstopping and hosting of OSSREA, was held at the Imperial Hotel in Addis Ababa from 24-26 January 2000. The workshop was attended by specialists on land tenure issues, consultants, Government and NGO representatives, donor representatives, NRI and OSSREA representatives. The participants were drawn from 13 African
countries and regional, bilateral and multilateral institutions such as Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), DFID, FAO, GTZ, IFAD, IIED, IUCN, NRI, OXFAM, SIDA, UNECA, and the World Bank.

The purpose of the workshop was to develop a practical framework for a program of African-driven network activities on land tenure and land policy for continued learning, information exchange, collaborative research and capacity building for policy debate and practical implementation, involving government and civil society. The workshop discussed findings of land-networking studies prepared for the sub-regions and other related presentations from resource persons.

The participants were also grouped by sub-region to discuss and draft their own network. The discussion comprised the mission, priority themes and activities, structure and work plan of the network. The sub-regions included East Africa, Horn of Africa, Southern Africa and West Africa. The groups’ presentations were discussed in plenary sessions. OSSREA was unanimously selected to assume the responsibility of coordinating the sub-regional networks in the interim period of one to two years. OSSREA was also selected to act as a lead institution to undertake a regional networking study for the horn of Africa.

2.4.2 Social Science Research Methodology Training Workshop

From 28 August to 8 September 2000, OSSREA held a training workshop on research methodology for 20 participants drawn from 12 countries, namely, Burundi, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Palestine, Senegal, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Yemen. Dr. Eva Rathegeber (Director, RARO-IDRC) and Dr. Eglal Rached (Director, MERO-IDRC) also took part in the workshop.

Four experienced trainers were involved in conducting the workshop. Among the issues addressed during the workshop are:

- Applied and Theoretical Social Science Research
- Gender Issues in Social Science Research
- Participatory and Action Research Methods

The training was organized under the project titled, "Capacity Building Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Analysis in Natural Resource Management". This project was part of the OSSREA-IDRC collaboration on "People, Land and Water (PlaW) Program in Africa and the Middle East".

2.4.3 Workshop on African Dryland Research Project
A workshop on African Dryland Research Project was held from 8th - 10th March 2000, at OSSREA Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. About 20 participants from Ethiopia, Norway, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda attended this workshop. The workshop discusses the activities undertaken since the start of the project and proposals for future studies. The proceedings of the research reports presented at the Addis Ababa and Jinja (Uganda) workshops have recently been published. Preliminary proposals for further inquiry were presented for discussion at the workshop.

3. Research Reports Submitted

During the year 2000, 13 Social Science and 17 Gender Issues research reports were submitted by winners of the SSRC and GIRC Competitions who have completed their research work. These reports are listed as follows:

Reports submitted winners of the SSRC:

Helen Omondi Mondoh. The Impact of Pay as You Eat (P.A.Y.E) on University Education in Kenya: A Case Study of Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya.

Stephen L. B. Lwasa. The Economic Consequences of Water Pollution: The Case of Typhoid and Its Effect on the Agricultural Sector of Mpiigi District in Uganda.

Tsega Endalew. Conflict Resolution through Cultural Tolerance: An Analysis of the MICHU Institution in Metekel Region, Ethiopia.

David Mwesigwa. Environmental Management in Low Income Urban Settlements with Specific Reference to Kanewokya Parish, Kampala, Uganda.

Rehab Omer Karar Mohamed. The Socioeconomic Impact of Environmental Degradation on the Local Population of Central Kordofan, Sudan.


Degefa Tolossa. Environmental and Socioeconomic Causes to Household Seasonal Food Insecurity in the Oromiya Zone of Amhara Region.


Ahmed Hassan Omer. Protracted Inter-Ethnic Conflicts and a Quest for Their Resolution: Case Study of Karraqori and Its Environs, 1941-1991.

France Maphosa. *Organizational Responses to Environmental Problems by Zimbabwean Business Corporation, Zimbabwe.*

Kibaba Makokha. *Integration of Socio-Cultural Values in Environmental Conservation and Development: A Case Study of Kaya Villages, Coast Province of Kenya.*

Reports submitted by winners of the GIRC:


June Ernstzen. *Identity and Citizenship of Colored Women in the Western Cape Province of South Africa.*


Oanda Ibrahim Ogachi. *The Role of Informal Associations in the Economic and Social Empowerment of Women in Rural Kenya.*


Henry Manyire, *Gender and Housing Development in the Low Income Suburbs of Jinja Municipality, Uganda.*

Bigabwa Kasaija Herbert. *Students Private Accommodation and Girls' Education: A Case of Private Hostels in the Suburbs of Kampala City, Uganda.*

Rekopantswe Mate. *"New Christian" Women's Movements: Revisiting the Notion of 'Domesticity' in Pentecostal Definitions of Womanhood, Family and Marriage, Zimbabwe.*


### 4. Publication And Documentation

#### 4.1 Published Works

Apart from the regular issues of the journal (EASSRR, vol. 16, nos. 1 & 2) and the *OSSREA Newsletter* (vol. 18, nos. 1-3), OSSREA produced the following publications in the year 2000 (January - December inclusive):

**4.1.1 Books**

- Leif Manger and Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, eds. *Pastoralists and environment: Experiences from the Greater Horn of Africa.*


**4.1.2 Official Reports**

- Annual Report December 1999;

- Executive Secretary's Report to the Sixth Congress;

- Report on the Sixth Congress.

**4.1.3 Research Reports Series**


### 4.1.4 Other Publications


★ Abstracts of OSSREA Publications

★ OSSREA Publications Catalogue 2000

★ OSSREA and EASSRR brochures.

### 4.2 Publications under Preparation

#### 4.2.1 Register of Social Scientists in Eastern and Southern Africa
The preparation of the Register has been delayed because of inadequate response from both social scientists and liaison officers. However, all the information on the revised biodata forms has now been put on the computer and the draft copy is being edited for publication. So far, some 45 scientists have revised and resubmitted their biodata.

4.2.2 OSSREA Publications on CD-ROM

OSSREA has finalized its preparations for publishing on CD-ROM several of its publications produced between 1980 and 1999 and available in soft copies. The work of editing the Master Copy has now been completed, and an agreement has been made with Janus Musiek of South Africa for the production of 1500 CD copies. The production work is expected to be completed in April 2001 and copies will be distributed to universities, research centres, and interested researchers at a reasonable price. This CD-ROM publication titled "OSSREA on CD" is hoped to serve as a useful reference source for individual researchers and libraries of academic and research institutions.

4.2.3 Proceedings of 6th Congress

The proceedings will have two volumes, i.e., Vol. I: Economics & Politics; Vol. II: Environment, Education, Culture & Gender. About 75% of the work of editing the papers has already been done while the editorial work for the remaining papers is expected to be completed before the end of the year 2001. The editorial work was delayed because authors were slow in sending the soft copies of their papers and/or in revising their papers as per the editors' suggestions.

4.3 Promotion and Marketing of Publications

4.3.1 ZIBF 2000

OSSREA took part in the ZIBF 2000 held in Harare from 29th July to 5th August 2000. OSSREA's bookstand was visited by over 350 visitors, a number of whom showed a positive appreciation for its publications, bought several publications and expressed an interest in exchanging publications. One major outcome of OSSREA's participation in ZIBF 2000 is the establishment of contacts with some notable organizations such as:

- African Publishers Network (APNET), to which application for Affiliate Membership has already been forwarded;

- Council for Social Science Development in Africa (CODESRIA), with which the previous arrangement for exchange of publications has now been renewed;

- Bellagio Publishing Network, from which donations of important publications have been secured for the OSSREA Documentation Centre;
4.3.2 OSSREA Book Day

The first ever OSSREA Book Day was held from 9-12 October 2000 at the headquarters of the OSSREA Secretariat in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the week-long event, copies of all OSSREA publications produced since the 1980s were displayed in an attractive format. The main aims of the objective were: promoting OSSREA's publications among the academic and research community, development practitioners, and policy makers so as to enhance the use of these publications; Giving greater visibility to OSSREA's research-related activities and thereby attracting new members and research partners; and to enhance the sale of the publications. Over a hundred visitors from various locally-based higher education institutions, national and international research organisations and NGOs, multilateral and regional organisations, government agencies as well as the general public came to see the book display. The feedback received from the visitors was positive and encouraging. Therefore, OSSREA intends to hold such a Book Day every year and possibly replicate it in other member countries where OSSREA's Liaison Officers are based.

4.3.3 Book Display at Workshops and Conferences

OSSREA has also used the forums of workshops and conferences for displaying and selling its publications. In the year 2000, these included 13 workshops and conferences organised by OSSREA either independently or jointly and conducted within its premise as well as in major hotels in Addis Ababa. OSSREA also took the opportunity to display and sell its publications at the 14th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies held in Addis Ababa from 6-11 November 2000, and at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association held in Nashville, Tennessee (USA) from 16-19 November 2000. In view of the regional and international composition of their participants, these forums not only served OSSREA as important market outlets but also provided it with the golden opportunity to enhance the international visibility of its publications among the research community.

4.3.4 EASSRR on AJOL
Since August 2000, OSSREA's journal, *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review* (EASSRR), has become one of the fifty African scientific journals whose table of contents and abstracts are made available on the African Journals Online (AJOL) web site, which is maintained by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). INASP launched the AJOL Project in 1998 with the aim of promoting African scholarly journals to the international academic community. It provides photocopy and document delivery services and strives to raise the subscription of the journals.

The formation of a new editorial board by merging the two editorial committees and bringing in new members, which took place during the Sixth Congress of OSSREA in April 2000, is also expected to enhance the promotion of the journal internationally.

### 4.3.5 New Distribution Outlets

The distribution of OSSREA's publications received a new boost with the conclusion of marketing agreements with two additional distributors, namely, African Books Collective (ABC) and Universal Stationary and Bookshop, in December and October 2000, respectively. The ABC is a non-profit organization based in Oxford, England. It has diverse resources and facilities for the promotion and sale of African publications in the North. Universal Stationary and Bookshop is a small, very dynamic, private enterprise that is located on a busy high street in Addis Ababa. Both distributors have already received several publications of OSSREA for distribution in their respective domains.

Apart from these distributors, OSSREA's publications are also marketed by Book World (which has a chain of stands in major hotels in Addis Ababa) and the Addis Ababa University Book Centre.

### 4.4 OSSREA Documentation Centre (ODC)

- The computerised database of library collections has been completed and already made available for users of the ODC.
- Forms have been prepared to collect data on users’ profiles as well as their comments and suggestions on the ODC's services and collections, and also to keep complete records of new acquisitions.
- Papers of the 6th Congress have been bound and made available to users; other conference and workshop papers have also been made available to users.
- Addis Ababa University teachers, post-graduate students, and other researchers within the university community are regularly informed of the new acquisitions of the ODC.
- Through an exchange arrangement effected in the year 2000 and/or donations, the ODC has expanded its collections with publications
5. Networking and Collaboration

OSSREA's collaboration with institutions that are working to promote research and training in the social sciences in the region is on good track. The collaborating institutions are CDS (Bergen), CMI (Bergen), EPOS (Sweden), IDRC, ISS (The Netherlands), Ford Foundation and College of Social Sciences (Addis Ababa University). The area of collaboration includes the following.

5.1 Cross-Border Trade and Food Security in the Horn of Africa

During the year 2000, activities undertaken by the Cross-Border Trade and Food Security Project include the following.

- Publication of the OSSREA Development Research Report Series, no.1: The series comprised the final report of the study on "Cross-Border Livestock Trade and Food Security in Eastern and Southeastern Ethiopia Borderlands" by Tegegne Teka, Alemayehu Azeze and Ayele Gebremariam.

- Surveys in Eastern Ethiopia: Surveys were carried out to collect data for the study of Eastern Ethiopia under the Cross-Border Trade and Food Security Project. Survey areas covered borderlands of Afar and Somali Regions as well as adjacent market centers in Hararghe, Wollo and Tigray.

- Preparation of the draft research report on Cross-Border Trade and Food Security in Eastern Ethiopia

- Presentation of Research Results: The results of the Cross-Border Trade and Food Security study were presented at national and international
5.2 Regional Workshop on Land Tenure Networking in Sub-Saharan Africa

A regional workshop on Land Tenure Networking in Sub-Saharan Africa was organized and hosted by OSSREA in Addis Ababa from 24-26 January 2000. It was attended by participants from eighteen African countries, namely, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Participants from donor and international support organizations included DFID, GTZ, French Cooperation, SIDA, UN-FAO, IUCN, World Bank, the IFAD Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty, NRI, OXFAM, UN-ECA, CILSS and IIED. The workshop was sponsored by DFID.

The workshop assessed the networking needs; identified its mission and objectives; pointed out the necessary thematic approach and activities; and identified the structure, membership and management of the network; and suggested the immediate next steps. The corporate name LANDNET AFRICA was also adopted by this workshop. It was suggested to refer to each sub-regional component by its geographic position such as LANDNET AFRICA-East (or Southern, North, West, Horn, etc.). OSSREA was selected as an interim facilitator of the network at the regional level.

5.3 LANDNET East Africa Planning Workshop

The workshop was organized by the Resources Conflict Institute (RECONCILE) based in Nakuru, Kenya. It was held at the Kenya College of Communications Technology, Nairobi, from 15-18 August 2000.

The workshop was officially opened by Prof. Shem Migot Adholla, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Kenya. Prof. H. W. O. Okoth-Ogendo, Prof. of Public Law, University of Nairobi, made the keynote address, which focused on Networking on Land Policy Development.

The following thematic papers were presented and discussed at the workshop.

· Ms. Elizabeth Akinyi-Nzioki. *Networking on Women’s Land Rights in Eastern Africa*

· Dr. Patricia Kameri-Mbote. *Common Property Networking at the Global Level: International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP)*
The workshop participants were also presented with the following progress reports.

- Secretariat of LANDNET Africa and the Horn of Africa Sub-Region, by Mr. Alemayehu Azeze

- West Africa, by Prof. Kasim Kassanga

- Southern Africa, by Mrs. Sue Mbaya

- East Africa, by Mr. Michel Ochieng Odhiambo.

H. E. Paul Harvey, Deputy British High Commissioner to Kenya, officially closed the workshop. Representatives of DFID, OSSREA, KENYA, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda also made closing remarks.

5.4 Good Governance and Wider Civil Society Participation in Eastern and Southern Africa

OSSREA organised a regional conference on "Promoting good governance and wider civil society participation in Eastern and Southern Africa". It was held from 6-8 November 2000 in Addis Ababa. The conference was preceded by national workshops held in the six case study countries, namely, Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe. OSSREA sponsored four papers in each of the six countries. The papers examined the role of academia, civil service, civil society, culture, economic management, gender, institutions and media in promoting good governance and civil society participation. Financial support was obtained from the Ford Foundation.

The 24 papers presented at the regional conference are the following.

**Botswana**


**Ethiopia**
Kassahun Berhanu. *Decentralization and Good Governance: The Ethiopian Experience.*


Asnake Kefale and Dejene Aredo. *Civil Society and Good Governance in Ethiopia.*

Dejene Aredo and Yigremew Adal. *Indigenous Institutions and Good Governance in Ethiopia.*

**Lesotho**

Gwendoline M. Malahleh. *State of the Art in Social Science at National University of Lesotho in Promoting Good Governance and Wider Civil Society Participation.*

Matora Ntimo-Makara. *The National University of Lesotho Staff Contribution to the Promotion of Good Governance and Civil Society through Community Service.*

Itumeleng Kimane. *Conceptualisation and Perceptions of the Teaching and Research Staff at the National University of Lesotho about Their Role in Promoting Good Governance and Wider Civil Society Participation.*

Toeu Petlane. *Academia and the Promotion of Good Governance in Lesotho: The Role of Research at the National University of Lesotho, 1999-2000.*

**Sudan**

Atta El Battahni. *Crisis, Politics and Governance in the Sudan.*


Mustafa Babiker. *Governance and Rural Development in the Sudan.*


**Uganda**


Emansuseto F. Byarugaba. *Civil Culture and Transition to Democracy in Uganda.*

**Zimbabwe**


Eldred V. Masunungure. *Political Science and Policy Studies and Their Civic Responsibilities with Special Reference to Zimbabwe and Southern Africa.*


Amy S. Tsanga. *A Critical Analysis of the Role of Impact of the Legal Discipline in Promoting Civil Society Participation in Governance in Zimbabwe.*

**5.5 African Conflicts: Their Management, Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction**

An international conference on "African Conflicts: Their Management, Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction" was organized by OSSREA and Development Policy Management Forum (DPMF). It was held from 13th to 15th December 2000 in Addis Ababa at the United Nations Conference Center. About 90 participants attended the conference. Participants came from government agencies, diplomatic missions based in Addis Ababa, international and regional organizations, universities, and civil society organizations based in Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and USA.

The conference was financially supported by Ford Foundation, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the Norwegian Agency for Development and Cooperation (NORAD), and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The conference was opened by H. E. Dr. Petros Olango, Deputy Speaker of the House of Peoples' Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The Hon. Peter Anyang'Nyongo, Member of Parliament, Kenya, delivered the keynote address. The topic of his address was "Essential Building Blocks for Consolidating Peace and Development in Post-Conflict Countries".

The plenary session of the conference discussed the following three presentations:
African Conflicts: Their Management, Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction, by Prof. Severine Rugumamu, OAU.

The Role of the African Military in Peace-Keeping in African Conflicts, by Dr. Adeolu Akande, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

The Role of Civil Society in Conflict Management and Peace-Building in Africa, by Dr. Said Adejumobi, Lagos State University, Nigeria,

In addition to the above presentations, the following research reports were also distributed to the participants:


Women, Governance and Conflicts in Africa, by Maria Nzomo.


Critical Comparative Analysis of the Process of Resolving the Conflict in the Sudan, by Akolda M. Tier.


Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in Burundi, by Joseph Gahama.

A Critical Analysis of Demobilization Program in Uganda, by Nathan M. Byamukama.

Three group discussion sessions were held on the following themes.

Theme 1: Preventing and Managing Internal Conflicts

Theme 2: Strategies and Effective Policies for Resolving Internal Conflicts

The conference was officially closed by H.E. Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General of the OAU.

5.6 Planning Meeting for Senior Scholars Research Grant and Distinguished Visiting Scholars Programs

A planning meeting was held from 2nd - 4th August 2000 to identify and approve: (i) research themes for the Senior Scholars Program, (ii) the selection criteria and the board members for the two programs, and (iii) budget items for Senior Scholars program.

Participants of the planning meeting include the following:

· Prof. K. K. Prah, Director, CASAS
· Prof. Abdalla Bujra, Director, Development Policy Management Forum
· Prof. M.A. Mohammed Salih, Institute of Social Studies
· Prof. John J. Okumu, Moi University
· Prof. John O. Shiundu, Maseno University
· Prof. Ahmed Hassan El Jack, University of Khartoum
· Prof. Bahru Zewde, Resident Vice-President of OSSREA
· Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M Ahmed, Executive Secretary of OSSREA
· Dr. Tegegne Teka, DHP Regional Project Coordinator, OSSREA
· Mr. Enemanachew Yimamu, Program Officer, OSSREA, and
· Mr. Alemayehu Azeze, Program Officer, OSSREA.

5.7 Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program

it was initially expected that a jury would review the proposals of the applicants for this program. However, the jury suggested that this program needed a fundamental revision in the approach being followed. The jury further stressed that maximum care should be taken in the implementation of this program for the sake of the reputation of the Program and the integrity of the institution. The jury recommended that the board that would be established for the Senior Scholars Research Award Program should work out the details using the following criteria:

· An excellent track record of academic publications;
· Contribution to knowledge;
Long outstanding service in academia;

· Seniority; and

· Wider regional/ Pan-African experience.

5.8 The IDRC-Funded PlaW Project

OSSREA has been provided funding for a project titled "Capacity Building, Evaluation and Social Analysis in Natural Resources Management". The primary objective of the project is for OSSREA to assist in improving the quality of delivery of projects funded by IDRC through its "People, Land and Water (PlaW) Program". This is to be accomplished through the review of project proposals submitted to the IDRC, monitoring and evaluation of research projects and assisting in training of project staff in participatory research, socioeconomic approaches and gender issues as well as inter- and multi-disciplinary approaches to various problems. These activities are being undertaken through close collaboration with IDRC program officers and upon their request.

The activities were categorized into milestones, marking the project implementation process. There are five milestones in the process; last year's report covered milestone one, while the present report covers milestones two and three.

The activities carried out within the year are the following.

· The PlaW program Coordinator participated in an IDRC meeting which was held in Syria where all those involved in the PlaW program participated. The main purpose of the meeting was to review progress in the Program Initiative (PI) during the year and to plan the next three years' work based on accomplishments so far, recent PI evaluation, new directives and wider options for PlaW work. IDRC personnel from EARO, WARO, and MERO, as well as the head office (Ottawa), attended the meeting.

· The preparatory phases for the training workshops that were held at the headquarters of OSSREA on 28th August and 8th September 2000 were managed by the Coordinator.

· The Coordinator was given an assignment by IDRC (MERO) to assist the (Assessment of Water Users Associations in Egypt) project team in the analysis on the dynamics of collective action and social organization as well as on the gender aspects of water management in the rural areas and in the qualitative orientation of the methodology used.

· The Coordinator provided support in the monitoring and evaluation of a research project titled "Socioeconomic,
Agricultural and Environmental Implications of Qat Production/Consumption in Yemen. The project is being implemented by the Environmental Protection Council of Yemen. The assignment was carried out from 7th - 19th November 2000.

· OSSREA managed a social science research methodology training workshop on behalf of the IDRC-based agreement entered into between the two parties, IDRC-EARO and OSSREA, respectively. There were 19 trainees from 12 countries. The training was considered very successful by many, including trainees and partners.

· OSSREA is organizing a similar training workshop in Yemen, to be held in April 2001. However, all the trainees will come from within Yemen. The dates for the training have been fixed and a budget is made available also.

· The West African IDRC Office, WERO, has requested OSSREA to organize a similar training workshop for French-speaking West African IDRC partners. This initiative is in its preliminary phase of preparation.

· OSSREA has identified more than a dozen gender experts to facilitate EARO's gender related activities. It is also in the process of identifying social scientists that are required to carry out socioeconomic studies as they relate to the water hyacinth problem in countries that border Lake Victoria. OSSREA's liaison officers are expected assist in identifying social scientists for the purpose.

5.9 The Research Methodology Institute

OSSREA held a training workshop on Social Science Research Methodology from 23rd to 27th October 2000 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training workshop focused on sharpening and equipping African researchers with sufficient skills vital for the development of credible research.

The participants were selected on the bases of their application and curriculum vitae. OSSREA's selection committee reviewed the 156 applicants' qualification, experience, competence and age, and selected twenty eight participants from various countries.

The themes for the training were drawn from the Manual for Social Science Research Methodology developed by OSSREA's Research Methodology Institute. The themes covered in the training were the following:

· Applied and theoretical social science research
· Preparation of research proposal

· Gender issues in social science research

· Application of social science research methods in the field of gender planning

· Participatory action research methods.

5.10 Dryland Husbandry Project

DHP activities undertaken during the year include the following:

· The Regional Coordinator, Dr. Tegegne Teka, visited DHP Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda. The Coordinator held discussions with members of the National Steering Committee and the Field Management Committee in each country.

· A draft evaluation manual for the regional Dryland Husbandry Project was prepared by Prof. Abdillahi Aboud, Egerton University, Kenya; Mr. Delius Asiimwe, Makerere Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda; and Dr. Mustafa Babiker, Development Studies and Research Center, University of Khartoum, Sudan. It is intended to be used by those in the DHP and other internal/external evaluators. Feedback was also collected from DHP country projects. The draft evaluation manual was prepared in June 2000 and is available to users.

· Research reports of DHP-Uganda have been edited for publication.

· Prof. Aud Talle, member of SAREC Research Board, and Dr. Eva. Ohlsson, Desk Officer at Sida/SAREC, discussed the Regional Dryland Husbandry Project (DHP/OSSREA) with Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed and Dr. Tegegne Teka. The two officers were conducting an internal evaluation for Sida/SAREC. This preliminary visit is meant to pave the way for a larger external evaluation team that will be sent by Sida/SAREC to look into DHP before the end of the year, i.e., June 2001. The guests were at OSSREA's office on the 14th and 15th of September 2000.

· The Sixth Regional Workshop of DHP was held in Kassala, Sudan, from 16 - 19 October 2000. The theme of the regional workshop was Dryland Husbandry Project: Impacts and Sustainability. Research reports from the participating countries, namely, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda were presented at the workshop. H. E. Sayed Ibrahim Mahmoud Hamid, Governor of Kassala State, opened the workshop. Prof. Hashim Mohammed El Hadi, Chairman of the National Steering Committee of DHP-Sudan, made a welcome address. Opening remarks were also made by Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, the OSSREA Executive Secretary; Dr. Tegegne Teka, the Regional Project Coordinator of DHP; and Mr. Mats Lundberg, representative of Environmental Policy and
Society (EPOS), Linköping University, Sweden; as well as representatives of Kassala State Pastoralist Union and Kassala State Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Irrigation.

- During this period, the Regional Advisory Committee of the Dryland Husbandry Project held its meeting in Kassala. Participants of this meeting included the OSSREA Executive Secretary, the Regional Project Coordinator of DHP, the representative of EPOS, and National Coordinators of DHP-Ethiopia, DHP-Kenya, DHP- Sudan and DHP-Uganda.

- In November 2000, a national DHP workshop was organised by the University of Mekelle in the Afar Region of Ethiopia. Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, the OSSREA Executive Secretary, participated in this workshop, which was held at the field level to facilitate the participation of the local committee members. Both the regional workshop held in Sudan and the national workshop held in Ethiopia demonstrated the positive impact of the DHP on the local communities as well as the enthusiasm of the researchers and employees of relevant government departments working jointly for the success of the project.

6. OSSREA 6th Congress and 20th Anniversary

The Sixth Congress of OSSREA was held at the White Sands Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 24-28 April 2000. The theme of the Sixth Congress was "Globalization, Democracy and Development in Africa: Future Prospects". The Congress was attended by some 120 participants from Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, the Netherlands, Norway, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

During the Opening Ceremony, Prof. John S. Mshana, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam, welcomed the participants on behalf of Prof. Matthew Luhanga, the Vice-Chancellor. Following this, Dr. Asmelash Beyene, the President of OSSREA, gave a brief speech on the historical background of the organization and the achievements over past years. On behalf of OSSREA and himself, the President also expressed his deepest gratitude to Ford Foundation, the Government of Norway, Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/ SAREC), The International Development Research Center (IDRC), and the United Nations' Economic commission for Africa (UNECA), who provided the necessary funds and valuable supports for organizing and convening the 6th Congress.

Under the theme of Globalization, Democracy and Development in Africa: Future Prospects, forty-five papers were presented at the Congress. Nine selected papers were presented at the plenary session while the rest of the other papers were presented at Group Discussions organized under the following seven-sub-themes:

Group 1

- Globalization and Economic Development
A separate session was held on *Pastoralism, Resource Competition and Systems of Livelihood*, during which three papers were presented.

Apart from the academic deliberations, various other meetings were also held in the course of the Congress. These included:

- Consultative meetings of the Executive Committee (to give direction to the activities of the Congress)
- A meeting of the Liaison Officers of OSSREA (to hear the Officers' report on national chapter activities, and to brief them on the procedures for participation in the business meeting, the election of Executive Committee members, and the venue for the next congress; the completion/submission of biodata forms for the Register of Social Scientists; and data collection on potential sales outlets in member countries for OSSREA's publications)
- A meeting of the Advisory Editorial Board of the EASSRR (to discuss ways of improving the publication and circulation of the EASSRR and to restructure the editorial team), and
- The business meeting of the Congress.

In addition to these events, there was an award ceremony in which OSSREA honored those social scientists who had made exemplary contributions to its growth and provided public services. The following scholars were awarded OSSREA medals and certificates of honour.

**OSSREA Distinguished Service Award**

- Dr. Eshetu Chole: an economist of continental stature, the late Dr. Eshetu was an active member of OSSREA who had served as its Resident Vice-President and
then as its Executive Secretary. He had also contributed as Editor of its journal, the EASSRR. The posthumous award was received on behalf of his family by Prof. Bahru Zewde.

· Prof. Akiiki Mujaju: the late Akiiki Mujaju was a respectable scholar of political science. He was an active member of OSSREA and served it for two terms as a member of its Executive Committee. The posthumous award was received on behalf of his family by Prof. J. C. Munene.

· Prof. Wilfred Mlay: Prof. Mlay is a prolific scholar who has actively worked towards the founding of OSSREA. He served as Vice-President and then President of OSSREA, and still contributes as a member of the Editorial Board of its journal, the EASSRR. Currently, he works as the Vice-President of World Vision International, Africa Region, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Distinguished Public Services Award

· Right Hon. Prof. Apolo Nsibanbi: the Right Honourable Apolo Nsibambi was a professor of political science at Makerere University. As founding father of OSSREA, he had served it as a member of its Executive Committee for two terms, and then as its vice-president. He had also served as Uganda's Minister of Public Service and then Minister of Education and Sports before becoming Prime Minister. Due to pressing engagements, he could not make it to the Congress and hence his award was received on his behalf by Prof. J. C. Munene.

· Hon. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o: Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o is not only a reputed scholar of political science but also a widely respected practitioner of politics. He was an active member of OSSREA who had made an appreciable contribution as editor of its journal, the EASSRR. Currently, he is serving as Member of Parliament of the Kenya National Assembly and Parliamentary Leader of the Social Democratic party (SDP).

Furthermore, the members of the Executive Committee who had completed their terms were given certificates of service in recognition of the time and energy they had devoted to OSSREA to give overall direction to the multi-faceted efforts aimed at fulfilling its mission.

The business meeting was attended by delegated members each drawn from OSSREA's member countries. During the meeting, the Executive Secretary presented a report in which he reviewed the activities of the past three years as well as the financial status of OSSREA, highlighted the achievements registered by OSSREA, and the challenges during the years 2000-2003.

The delegated members fully endorsed the Executive Secretary's report. The participants also endorsed the summary of the action plans put forward by the tree groups who were assigned to discuss the areas of improvement in OSSREA's future activities. The meeting recommended that the future task proposed in the Executive Secretary's report be integrated with the action plans
drawn by the discussion groups to serve as guidelines for OSSREA's activities during the next three years.

Following this recommendation, the delegated participants of the meeting discussed the venue for the Seventh Congress and it was agreed that the new Executive Committee would nominate a suitable venue from among the three proposed places in line with OSSREA's tradition.

At the end the election of officers for the new Executive Committee was held. The outgoing President of OSSREA, Dr. Asmelash Beyene, briefed the participants on the constitutional provisions regarding the members of the Executive Committee. The participants then nominated a few members of OSSREA for the vacant position in the Executive Committee. Finally the following persons were elected to serve as the members of the Executive Committee for the next three years.

- President: Dr. Evelyn Sandra Pangeti (Female)
- Resident Vice-President: Prof. Bahru Zewde
- Vice-President: Dr. Regina Karega (Female)
- Vice-President: Prof. Abel G. Ishumi
- Member: Dr. Nomonde Thekisho (Female)
- Member: Dr. Ackson M. Kanduza
- Member: Mr. John Were.

7. Administration and Finance

7.1 Administration

The Executive Committee met three times, i.e., in February, April and September 2000. The Committee discussed various policy matters related to the different programs implemented by the organization and made decisions on a wide range of issues.

OSSREA has employed a new program officer as of March 1st, 2001. Rhael Mesfin has a BA in Sociology and Social Administration and MA in Social Anthropology, from Addis Ababa University. She has 7 years of experience in undertaking research on various social issues in Ethiopia and in coordinating research and networking activities. Rahel has been working with various NGOs in Ethiopia.

7.2 Finance
Table 3 provides a summary of grants received by OSSREA from 1st January 2000 through 31st December 2000.

Table 3. Summary of grants

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Current Members of the Executive Committee of OSSREA

President Evelyn Sandra Pangeti (Zimbabwe)
Vice-President Regina G. M. Karega (Kenya)
» » Abel G. Ishumi (Tanzania)
Resident Vice-President Bahru Zewde (Ethiopia)
Executive Secretary Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed (Sudan)
Member Sunita Pitamber (Sudan)
» » John Were (Uganda)
» » Ackson M. Kanduza (Swaziland)

Staff of OSSREA Secretariat

Executive Secretary Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed
Regional Project Co-ordinator Tegegne Teka
Publications/Documentation Officer Taye Assefa
Program Officer Enemanachew Yimamu
» » Alemayehu Azeze
» » Rahel Mesfin
Administrative Assistant Misrak Kinfemichael
Senior Secretary Etalem Engeda
» » Selamawit Getachew
» » Alemtsehay Zewde
Senior Accountant Birkababa Wolde
Accountant Belete Demissie
Librarian Helina Girmatchew
Senior Office Assistant Addis Kebede
Telephone Operator/Receptionist Hirut Demissie
Office Assistant Tigist Eshetu
» » Genet Fiseha
» » Fassil Gezahegne
Storekeeper Meskerem Mulatu

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Nafukho Fredrick Muyia Moi University (Kenya)

   Itumeleng Kimane The National University of Lesotho

   (Lesotho)

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Mochaki Sonti Masipa University of the North (South Africa)
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Sarah Mkhonza University of Swaziland (Swaziland)
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