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1. Introduction

As envisioned by the founding fathers of OSSREA and subsequently developed by OSSREA's Congress, the strategic objectives of OSSREA can be summed up as:

- the creation of an African research tradition
- the creation of effective policy/research interface
- the redesigning of OSSREA's organs of governance to meet future challenges.

In all the spheres charted out by its supreme governing body, the Congress, OSSREA's efforts have been gaining momentum in terms of achieving its strategic objectives. The national and regional workshops regularly organised with the support, initiative and/or collaboration of OSSREA, the annual Social Science and Gender Issues Research Competitions, the dissemination of research results in the form of its journal, workshop reports, proceedings, monographs, etc., are all concrete steps taken in the direction of fulfilling its goal of creating an African research tradition. Furthermore, to contribute to the process of capacity-building in the research and teaching personnel of the universities in the sub-region, OSSREA is launching its Research Methodology Institute, which is expected to provide short-term training to young scholars as of the Year 2000. In addition, OSSREA is establishing chairs for certain disciplines in different universities of the sub-region. A first step in this direction has already been taken with the chair of Anthropology in Addis Ababa University, which will be extended to other universities with chairs for various disciplines. The planned program of distinguished visiting scholars shall be a continuation of this capacity-building process.

In the sphere of redesigning OSSREA's organs of governance, OSSREA has expanded its membership to 15 countries, out of which 12 have their own national chapters and liaison officers. These national chapters have been actively involved in the organisation of national workshops and in other OSSREA activities.

It is therefore with this track record behind it and with renewed optimism in its capacity to successfully overcome the challenges facing it that OSSREA is preparing to celebrate its 20th Anniversary in April 2000. The activities reported here for the year 1999 attest to the fact that OSSREA has continued to work towards achieving its mission.

2. Activities

2.1. Research Activities

The announcement for the Eleventh Gender Issues and the Thirteenth Social Science Research Competitions were made through the OSSREA Newsletter as well as brochures and posters distributed to various universities and research institutions in Eastern and Southern Africa. OSSREA's Liaison Officers in the various national chapters were also instrumental in ensuring that the competitions received wide publicity. The deadline for submitting applications was set at 31st July 1999.

A total of 42 applications were received for the Eleventh Gender Issues Competition. The country distribution of the applicants for this Competition was as follows:
Out of the total of 42 applicants, 20 were males and 19 females while the remaining three did not state their gender. The jury for this Competition was composed of:

· Assoc. Prof. Almaz Eshete, Resident Vice-President of OSSREA
· Prof. Isaria N. Kimambo, University of Dar es Salaam
· Dr. Mustafa B. Ahmed, University of Khartoum.

The members of the jury held their meeting in Addis Ababa from 6th to 8th September and selected the 13 winners, among whom seven were females. The winners came from four countries, namely, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia.

**Winners of the 11th Gender Issues Research Competition (GIRC)**


Elizabeth A. Were. *Constraints Faced by Female Bar Attendants in Their Struggle for Poverty Alleviation.* Kenya.


Participants of the 11th GIRC Winners Workshop

For the Thirteenth Social Science Research Competition, 34 applications were received. The country distribution of the applicants was as follows.

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Out of the total of 34 applicants, 22 were males, 9 females and the remaining 3 did not state their gender. The jury for this Competition was composed of:

- Prof. Lovemore Zinyama, University of Zimbabwe
The jury met in Addis Ababa from 6th to 8th September 1999, and selected eight winners, among whom two were females. The winners came from five countries, namely, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

**Winners of the 13th Social Science Research Competition (SSRC)**

- Abdul Hameed Elias. *Health Care Financing under Structural Adjustment: Some Reflections from the Health Insurance Experiences of Khartoum State*. **Sudan.**

- Degarge Minale. *Decentralization and Environmental Protection in Ethiopia: Implications for Sustainable Development*. **Ethiopia.**

- Degefa Tolossa. *Environmental and Socio-economic Causes to Household Seasonal Food Insecurity in Oromiya Zone of Amhara Region*. **Ethiopia.**

- Givie Chizema. *People-Forest Relations: An Assessment of Community-Based Forest Resource Use and Rural Livelihoods in Binga Rural District*. **Zimbabwe.**

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


- Petronilla Akinyi Oduor. *Economic Integration in Southern Africa: The Role of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. **Swaziland.**

2.2. Research Workshop

The research workshops continued to significantly compliment the research competitions. The workshops for the Thirteenth Social Science and the Eleventh Gender Issues competitions were held simultaneously, in one hall, from 27th to 30th October 1999. It was noted that the researchers substantially benefited from the exchange of views, especially with reference to methodological issues. The award winners presented their revised proposals, on which they then received comments and suggestions from the jury as well as from their fellow winners. Having successfully completed this task, the winners then signed a one-year contract for undertaking their research.

2.3. National Workshops

The Uganda chapter of OSSREA organised a one-day national workshop on "Poverty and Environment in Uganda". The workshop was held on 27th January 1999 and had a fairly good attendance. The following seven papers were presented at the workshop by academic staff members of Makerere University:


Christopher Bakuneeta. Rural Poverty in Budongo Sub-County, Masindi District, Uganda: Causes and Possible Remedies.
2.4. Regional Workshops and Meetings Organised

Participants of the Fifth DHP Regional Meeting

2.4.1. Fifth DHP Regional Meeting

The 5th Dryland Husbandry Project (DHP) Meeting, the Regional DHP Advisory Committee Meeting, and an interactive workshop on Participatory Field Method were held from 26th to 29th April 1999 at the OSSREA Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the Fifth Regional Meeting and the Regional Advisory Committee Meeting, participants discussed reports assessing DHP activities undertaken in each country in 1999 and the Regional Dryland Program for Eastern Africa: Training and Research for Sustainable Livelihoods. The interactive workshop on participatory field methods discussed the methods of Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) and Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA). This was complimented by country and group presentations. About 20 participants drawn from OSSREA, DHP-Ethiopia, DHP-Kenya,
DHP-Sudan, DHP-Uganda, Environmental Policy and Society (Linkoping University, Sweden), as well as Prof. Mohamed Salih (from Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands) attended the workshop.

2.4.2. Pastoralism and Resource Competition in East Africa

According to the project agreement, an international workshop for presentation of the research results was scheduled for October 1999. As planned the workshop was held from 21st to 24th October 1999 at the Queen Sheba Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. OSSREA and the Institute of Social Studies (The Netherlands) organised the workshop. About 51 participants representing pastoralists, government organisations from the three DHP countries (Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda) and research organisations attended the workshop. Participants came from Botswana, Kenya, The Netherlands, Norway, Somaliland, Sudan, Uganda, and the UK.

A total of 19 papers were presented, including one on Dryland Husbandry Project by Dr. Tegegne Teka. In addition, panel discussions were held between pastoralists and other participants. The issues debated included, among others, pastoral conditions, resource scarcity and competition, the role of the state, the role of local governance and pastoral realities and their future. Prof. J. B. Opschoor, Rector, ISS, made the keynote address and H. E. Mohammed Muse Awaleh, Minster of Rural Development and the Environment of the Republic of Somaliland, made the closing remark. This international workshop was one of the few occasions where pastoralists, researchers and policy makers held discussions on problems in the dryland areas and policy options in the 21st century.

2.4.3. OSSREA Liaison Officers Meeting

The Liaison Officers’ meeting was conducted from 12th to 14th July 1999 at the OSSREA Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It was attended by 10 out of the 12 active Liaison Officers of OSSREA. Country reports, including present and future activities, were discussed at the meeting. The discussion gave special emphasis to the Sixth OSSREA Congress. The modalities for implementation of the Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program was also thoroughly discussed during the meeting.
2.4.4. Horn of Africa Regional Workshop on Agricultural Policy, Resource Access, and Human Nutrition

This workshop was held from 3rd to 5th November 1999 at the Imperial Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It was organised by the Broadening Access and Strengthening Input Market Systems - Collaborative Research Support Program (BASIS-CRSP), USA, and hosted by OSSREA.

The purpose of the workshop was to better understand linkages among agricultural or resource policies, health, food security and nutrition, and to identify key areas for interdisciplinary collaboration among social scientists, nutritionists and practitioners. About 50 participants who represented teaching and research institutions, sub-regional networks, government organisations and donor agencies attended the workshop. Participants came from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, USA, and Zimbabwe. 18 papers were presented under the following five panels.

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3. Research Reports Submitted

Winners of the Social Science and Gender Issues Research Competitions have submitted the following completed research reports during the year.

Social Science Research Competition

Chris A. Shisanya & Meleckidzedeck Khayesi. *A Survey on Awareness and Perception of Climate Change among Respondents in the City of Nairobi, Kenya.*


Fred Matouv & Darlison Kaija. *The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Rural Development in Uganda: The Case of Vision Teso Rural Development Organization (Vision Terudo).*

Henery M. Sichingabula. *Environment and Socio-Economic Impacts of Sand Mining in Munali Hills Area, Zambia.*


Gender Issues Research Competition

Ampaire Christine. *Child Care Arrangements in Uganda: Their Implications for Working Mothers.*

Edith I. Basirika. *Gender, Democratic Practice and Member Control in Agricultural Primary Cooperative Societies in Uganda.*


Jane Harries. *Women, Literacy and Reproductive Health: An Ethnographic Study of Women Attending a Day Hospital in the Western Cape.*


Nakkazi Damale: *Communications between Mothers and Their Adolescent Daughters on the Subject of Sexuality and HIV-AIDS.*


3.1.2. Turyamureeba S. *Causes and Implications of Gender Imbalance in Crop Production and Control of Cash Economy.*

### 4. Publications and Documentation

OSSREA’s publications are intended to meet the various needs of the social science community. Accordingly, OSSREA publishes the following: *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review* (EASSRR), a bi-annual journal; *OSSREA Newsletter*, a tri-annual publication; books; abstracts; occasional papers; workshop reports; and research reports.

#### 4.1. Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review

The journal has been coming out as per schedule. It also has two new editors, Prof. Bahru Zewde and Prof. Mohammed Salih.

In order to ensure the smooth flow of the work of publication and distribution, to facilitate prompt decisions on the publication of manuscripts, and to maintain an up-to-date record of the publication status of manuscripts, various formats have been devised and put into effect. These include:

- *Publication Status Form* - To keep track of the status of journal articles, newsletter materials, workshop proceedings and reports, research reports, etc., from the time of submission of manuscripts up to the time of publication;

- *Subscription Status Form* - for keeping records of the orders placed for copies of the journal and other publications;

- *Copyright Assignment Form* - to be used by authors of journal articles that have been approved for publication;

- *EASSRR Review Form* - to standardise the focus and format of the referees’ comments on the manuscripts submitted for publication.

An initial draft of a *Directory of Reviewers* has been prepared to facilitate the selection of referees. This will be regularly updated and expanded by discipline and geographic area.

#### 4.2. Research Report Series

Once the review process is expedited, it is planned to publish, before the end of year 2000, all those positively rated research reports received before January 2000 and clear up the backlog.

In future, there is a plan to get the reports reviewed before final approval by OSSREA and payment of honorarium to the researcher. This will help to ensure revision by authors as per referees'
recommendations and the effective utilisation of resources on manuscripts that have a greater chance of publication. This procedure is also expected to minimise the long interval between the time of final submission and the time of publication of the research reports.

4.3. Register of Social Scientists in Eastern and Southern Africa

A new biodata form designed to provide a more comprehensive profile of the scientists was prepared and distributed with guidelines to all liaison officers. Later reminders were sent to all liaison officers to expedite the submission of the completed forms. In addition, the form was to be printed in the February issue of the OSSREA Newsletter along with a call for submission of research profiles of social scientists in the region.

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The information in the completed forms received so far is being processed. However, with the current low rate of response in filling the forms as well as the incomplete information received especially with respect to publication details, it is highly unlikely that the Register will be published before the 6th Congress.

4.4. Cumulative Bibliography of OSSREA Publications

A cumulative bibliography of all the publications of OSSREA to date has been compiled and arranged by author. The preparation of a subject index for all the entries is now underway. The first edition of the bibliography is expected to come out before the 6th Congress.

4.5. Inventory of OSSREA Publications in Stock

OSSREA publications held in stock have been inventoried for the first time and systematically arranged on the shelves.

The necessary formats for keeping records of the distribution of the publications and the monthly updating of the total of each publication remaining in stock have been devised and put into effect.
4.6. OSSREA Documentation Centre

Bibliographic information on all the published holdings of the Centre has now been entered in the computerized data bank. The books and periodicals have been classified, catalogued, labeled and systematically arranged on the shelves. Information on the unpublished research reports is now being entered in the data bank.

Compilation of abstracts of OSSREA publications for entry in the data bank is nearing an end. Once that is completed, the draft version will be edited and published soon in a separate volume of abstracts.

Meanwhile, the Documentation Center has begun providing full service to all eligible readers, namely, academic staff, graduate students, accredited researchers, visiting professors, and OSSREA members. The collection of the Documentation Centre is also being expanded through gifts, exchanges and the subscription of books as well as journals in high demand.

5. Networking and Collaboration

OSSREA has continued its collaboration with sister institutions that are working to promote research and training in social sciences in the region. The collaborating institutions are CDS (Bergen), CMI (Bergen), EPOS (Sweden), IDRC, ISS (The Netherlands), Ford Foundation, and the College of Social Sciences (Addis Ababa University). The area of collaboration included the following.

5.1. The IDRC-funded PlaW Project

The International Development Research Council (IDRC) has provided OSSREA with a fund for a project titled “Capacity Building, Evaluation and Social Analysis in National Resources Management”.

The primary objective of the project is to enable 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 IDRC, monitoring and evaluation of research projects, and assisting in the training of project staff in gender, as well as in participatory and multi-disciplinary research approaches. These activities are being undertaken through close collaboration with the IDRC program officers and upon their request.

The activities were categorised into milestones marking the project implementation process. There are five milestones in the process and currently milestone one is being undertaken with the following activities:

- Recruitment of project staff (a co-ordinator and an accountant)

  Prof. Shibru Tedla and Mr. Belete Demissie were employed as Co-ordinator and Accountant, respectively.

- Elaboration of a detailed schedule of activities for the project (technical consultation by the co-ordinator)

  Dr. Eva Rathgeber (Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, IDRC) and Dr. Egal Rached (Director, MERO, IDRC) paid a visit to Ethiopia and met Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, OSSREA's Executive Secretary, and discussed the modalities of implementing the project.
The Project Co-ordinator consulted with Dr. Dina Craissati on effective utilisation of his services to the PlaW program during their mission to Yemen in late November 1999

- Review of proposals on request

To date, two proposals within the PlaW program have been reviewed through OSSREA. These included a project from the Agricultural Research Centre at Wad-Medani (Sudan), which was reviewed by Dr. Mustafa Babiker, and the Yemen Qat Project, which was reviewed by the PlaW Co-ordinator. The first review was carried out at the end of September 1999 while the latter was done in late November and early December 1999.

5.2. Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program

Following the directive given by the Executive Committee of OSSREA in its meeting of October 1998, an announcement of the Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program has been made in the OSSREA Newsletter and distributed in the sub-region and beyond. In response to the announcement ten applicants have submitted their CVs. Accordingly, all applicants who had submitted their CVs have been contacted to submit a proposal indicating what they intend to do with the award, including the nature of lectures to be given and a list of universities they would like to visit. Therefore, five applicants out of the ten have submitted their proposals to be reviewed by a jury. The other five were contacted to submit their proposals to be considered among the second batch of applicants.

5.3. Dryland Husbandry Project

The Dryland Husbandry Project (DHP) is conducted in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda. The DHP is now in its Second Phase of implementation. The following activities were undertaken in 1999.

5.3.1. Meeting of Regional Dryland Program Co-ordinating Committee

The Regional Dryland Program Coordinating Committee of REDPA met on the 16th and 17th of June 1999 at the OSSREA Headquarters to look into the progress of the newly created umbrella program of REDPA, namely, DHP, EPOS and PINEP. The meeting also assessed the progress of the proposed Ph.D. program, which focuses on the drylands of East Africa, raised new ideas and future complimentary activities of the three partners of REDPA. The meeting was attended by the Director of EPOS, the Regional Co-ordinator of PINEP and the Regional Co-ordinator of DHP.

5.3.2. Ethiopia-Pastoral Network Meeting

A network meeting on Research and Development in Pastoral and Agro-pastoral Areas of Ethiopia was held on 3rd May 1999 in the OSSREA Conference Hall in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop discussed the terms of reference for establishing a pastoral institute that had been drafted at the Mekelle DHP-Ethiopia National Workshop in December 1998. The terms of reference were adopted after being developed by the participants. The meeting was organised by DHP-Ethiopia and Mekelle University College. There were 23 participants from 20 organisations, including universities and colleges, research institutes, NGOs, and relevant federal and regional government offices. Special support was offered by DHP-OSSREA in co-ordinating the workshop.

5.3.3. Uganda-DHP National Workshop

The DHP-Uganda National Workshop was held at Kazo Senior High School, Kazo County, Mbarara District, Uganda from 30th May to 2nd June 1999. The workshop was followed by a field visit of DHP trial-
based sites in the County. The participants were pastoralists, farmers, extension agents, local and district experts from the Ministry of Agriculture. His Excellency the Hon. Dr. W. Kisamba-Mugerwa, the Ugandan Minister for Agriculture, presented a paper at the workshop. Experts from the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) and professors from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry as well as the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Makerere University, also presented papers at the workshop. About 80 people participated in this workshop. On the occasion, Dr. Tegegne Teka, the Regional Project Co-ordinator, presented a paper on the regional dimension of DHP.

5.3.4. DHP Publications

· A DHP brochure that provides information on DHP coverage, objectives, activities, project duration, networks and financing has been prepared. The brochure is also available on the Internet at OSSREA's web site: http://www.ossrea.org.

· The proceedings of the DHP-Ethiopia National Workshop has been edited. The document comprises 14 research papers presented at the workshop as well as discussions by about 60 participants that came from more than 30 organisations. The editorial work was undertaken by the DHP-Regional Office and DHP Ethiopia.

· The DHP Publications Series No.3 (October 1997), titled The Gender Dimension in Development Projects: Concepts, Approaches and Framework for Gender Analysis, has been translated into Arabic.

· Publications received from DHP national offices of Eritrea, Ethiopia and Uganda are under review.

5.3.5. Other DHP Activities

During the reporting period, the Regional Project Co-ordinator, Dr. Tegegne Teka, travelled to Uganda and Kenya on DHP business. In Uganda, he attended the DHP-Uganda National Workshop and presented a paper. In Kenya, he discussed/negotiated with the DHP-Kenya National Steering Committee on the future operations of DHP-Kenya.

The Regional Project Co-ordinator also held discussions with the SIDA Counsellor at the Swedish Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. Tegegne explained to him about REDPA, DHP, PINEP and EPOS and their interactions. In addition he provided the Counsellor with some OSSREA and DHP publications. The Swedish Embassy in Addis Ababa is the representative of SIDA in Ethiopia.

In addition, the DHP Regional Office undertook several communications with DHP-National Offices, PINEP, EPOS and SIDA/SAREC. These communications focused on updating DHP activities, workshop facilitation and supervision. In this regard, the following were some of the Regional Office's activities during the reporting period.

· Updating all DHP National Offices, PINEP, EPOS and SIDA/SAREC on DHP activities in 1998.

· Sending REDPA and DHP project documents and copies of the agreement signed between SIDA/SAREC and OSSREA to all DHP National Offices.

· Facilitating the attendance and participation of National Co-ordinators at the VI International Rangeland Congress.
· Invitation to and facilitation of travel to as well as the stay in Ethiopia of the participants of the 5th Regional Workshop

· Sending proceedings of the 4th DHP Regional Workshop to the DHP National Offices and other participants of the workshop.

· The organisational structure of REDPA was revised and sent to PINEP and EPOS. The changes made incorporated the comments of the 5th DHP Regional Workshop held in Addis Ababa in April 1999.

· More than 200 DHP brochures were distributed at the African Studies Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, USA.

· Related reference materials on gender and participatory research have been sent to all DHP-National Offices.

· Inviting agro-pastoralists from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Sudan to an international workshop on Resource Competition and Sustainable Development in Eastern Africa. This workshop is the first of its kind in the sub-region.

· Presenting a paper on DHP rationale, objectives and present trends at the Horn of Africa Regional Workshop on Agricultural Policy, Resource Access and Human Nutrition, organised by the Broadening Access and Strengthening Input Market Systems (BASIS)

5.4. Research Methodology Institute

The preparation of the draft training modules to be used by the Institute was made in two consultative group meetings conducted from 2nd to 3rd April 1998 and 14th to 16th October 1998. The training modules were finalised in the consultative group meeting held from 4th to 6th March 1999.

A workshop was held from 7th to 10th December 1999 at OSSREA Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and improve the training modules prepared for the Institute. The workshop was attended by 21 participants who came from universities in Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan Swaziland, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Participants discussed the three modules comprising general issues in social science research, qualitative research process and quantitative research process.

5.5. Collaboration with the University of Illinois

OSSREA has been collaborating with the African Studies Centre, University of Illinois, as a sub-grantee to the project they have with the Ford Foundation under the title “Strengthening African Studies”. The objective of the project is to encourage collaborative research among UIUC faculty and their counterparts in Africa. So far, progress in this project has been slow.
5.6. Cross-border Trade and Food Security in the Horn of Africa

Under this program the following activities were undertaken:

5.6.1. Cross-border Livestock Trade and Food Security in the Southern and Southeastern Ethiopian Borderlands

This research has now been finalised. Preliminary findings of this research were presented at an outreach workshop held in Addis Ababa at the ILRI Conference Hall from 27th to 29th July 1999, organised by the Global Livestock Collaborative Research Support Program.

5.6.2. Cross-border Trade and Food Security between Ethiopia and Djibouti

This study is still in progress. The OSSREA research team has undertaken a reconnaissance survey in the Ethiopia-Djibouti borderlands.

5.6.3. Policy and Institutional Responses to Water Management in East Africa: A Comparative Study of Kenya and Tanzania

This research is an OSSREA/ACTS (African Center for Technology Studies) Collaborative Research under the BASIS Program. ACTS has submitted a narrative progress report to OSSREA.

5.7. African Drylands Project

The objective of this project is to understand natural resource management in time and space in arid and semi-arid environments as well as various dynamics in the drylands of some African countries such as Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. The project has now reached its final stage. Two publications focusing on the workshops held in 1998 have been prepared and would come out in print soon. Preparations are underway for the next phase.

5.8. Pastoral Resources Competition Project

This is a capacity-building project aimed at research by East African scientists on pastoralism and the competition for increasingly scarce resources which generates conflicts between pastoral and non-pastoral land users and other interested parties. The project reached its final stage on 31 October 1999. The closing conference was held from 21st to 24th October in Addis Ababa, and was attended by researchers, policy makers and pastoralists from Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda. Scholars with similar interests from East Africa and Europe were also invited.

The final report has been submitted to The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who financed the project. The Ministry has approved a small grant to cover gray areas in the next few months. The publication of monographs resulting from the research is in progress.

6. The Executive Secretary's Visits to Donors and Collaborating Institutions

The Executive Secretary attended a one-day meeting with IDRC (Nairobi) on 12th February 1999 to discuss OSSREA’s involvement in the PlaW project. Details of the project were discussed at the meeting.
At the invitation of DFID (UK), the Executive Secretary presented a paper at their seminar on “Land Rights and Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa”. The title of his paper was: *Tenure and Pastoralism in Expanding Agricultural Areas in the Sudan and the Horn of Africa*. The seminar was held from 16th to 18th February 1999.

From 20th to 24th February 1999, the Executive Secretary visited Norway to plan the new phase of the African Drylands Project. He had a one-day discussion with NORAD representatives regarding their evaluation of OSSREA.

At the invitation of the National University in Butari, the Executive Secretary and Prof. John O. Shiundu, OSSREA's Vice-President, visited Rwanda from 14th to 19th March 1999. They met with the Rector for Academic Affairs and the staff. The OSSREA officials attended a meeting in which the University staff selected three members of an OSSREA Liaison Office led by Dr. Emmanuel Bugingo from the Public Administration Department. OSSREA now has a new chapter in Rwanda.

The Executive Secretary was also invited to address the Scandinavian Universities Administrators' meeting, in Bergen, Norway, from 14th to 21st April 1999. The focus of the meeting was "Nordic Challenges in North-South Co-operation: Goals, Strategies, Issues and Experiences". The Executive Secretary was the only non-Scandinavian invited. He presented a paper on OSSREA's experience in South-South-North co-operation. In this meeting the NORAD Director invited the representatives of SIDA, DANIDA and FINIDA to join them in putting forward a regional fund for building capacity in research in Eastern and Southern Africa, and hinted at the possibility of implementing this project through OSSREA. The Executive Secretary was then invited to the NORAD head office in Oslo, where he addressed an advisory committee on funding research in the South. During this meeting the idea of using OSSREA to facilitate the project was also discussed.

The Executive Secretary participated in the "Summit Meeting" of leaders of African Social Science Research Organisations, which was arranged by the Africa Regional Advisory Panel (RAP) of the Social Science Research Council of New York and held in Cape Town, South Africa, from August 2nd to 3rd 1999. The RAP members, the leaders of African Social Science Research Organisations, selected leaders of African research centres in the US and Europe discussed the "internationalisation" of social science in Africa and the context in which it is taking place.

From 12th to 18th August 1999, the Executive Secretary visited Norway. In Bergen, he discussed the future plans for the African Drylands Project, which is co-ordinated jointly with the Centre for Development Studies at the University of Bergen. The activities for year 2000 were agreed upon with Professor Leif Manger, the Norwegian counterpart, and possible approaches applying to the next NUFU phases were reviewed.

In Oslo, preliminary discussions were held with the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD) relating to the feasibility of a fund for senior researchers within the OSSREA region.

From 18th to 20th August, the Executive Secretary visited The Netherlands, where he had meetings at the ISS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting addressed the issue of the International Conference on Pastoralism and Resource Competition project, which has reached its final phase. It was agreed to apply for financial support to make a follow-up of certain research areas which have not been adequately covered. It was also agreed that OSSREA can submit an application for support to start the preparation for its April Congress.
7. Regional Meetings and Workshops Attended

7.1. Cross-regional Research Networks in Africa: Towards a Strategic Framework

A networking workshop under the above title was held from 9th to 10th April 1999 at the UN-ECA conference hall in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In this workshop, OSSREA alone was invited from among other research institutions based in Addis Ababa. The Executive Secretary presented a short paper titled Social Science Research Networks and Capacity Building. Dr. Asmelash Beyene, OSSREA's President, also attended the workshop representing the ECA. The meeting gave the Executive Secretary and the President a good chance to introduce OSSREA to the participants of the workshop and to invite them to visit the OSSREA Headquarters. The participants expressed their appreciation for what they observed in the development of OSSREA.

7.2. UNCCD Workshop

OSSREA participated in a workshop organised by the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention for Combating Desertification (UNCCD) in collaboration with the African Capacity Building Foundation, and held in Harare, Zimbabwe from 20th to 23rd July 1999. The theme of the workshop was Capacity Building and the Promotion of an Enabling Environment within the Context of the Regional Action Program to Combat Desertification in Africa.

The workshop was attended by about 60 participants, including representatives of African specialised institutions dealing with the relevant thematic areas and representatives of regional organisations such as CILSS, IGAD, SADC, and UMA. Mr. Alemayehu Azeze, OSSREA's Program Officer, presented an introductory note on the role of OSSREA, highlighting relevant activities and networks within the CCD process.

7.3. Ninth EADI General Conference

Prof. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, Executive Secretary; Dr. Tegegne Teka, Regional Project Co-ordinator; and Dr. Taye Assefa, who was editing some of OSSREA's publications, were invited to attend the 9th General Conference of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institute (EADI) in Paris from 22nd to 25th September 1999. The Executive Secretary chaired the first semi-plenary session on the issue: "Europe and the South in the 21st Century: Challenges Related to Peace". Together with the Regional Project Co-ordinator and Dr. Taye, they participated in the different sessions and made OSSREA visible during the Conference. They were also able to establish contacts with various participants, which will be followed up by OSSREA.

The Executive Secretary and the Regional Co-ordinator also attended the meeting of the Interregional Co-ordinating Committee of Development Associations (ICCDA), which OSSREA joined in 1997. This is the first meeting of ICCDA in which OSSREA was represented.

7.4. Zimbabwe International Book Fair 99

The Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF) was held from 3rd to 7th August 1999 in Harare, Zimbabwe. The ZIBF was the largest single-shop window for African Publishing and offered a unique opportunity for international book buyers and sellers to see what is on offer from Africa, all in one place. It provides an unparalleled meeting place for all those involved in writing, editing, publishing, reading, informing and educating in Africa. In this event OSSREA participated and exhibited its research outputs: books,
This was a good opportunity for OSSREA in publicizing its publications. The organization of the OSSREA presentation was co-ordinated by Dr. Donald Chimani kire, the Liaison Officer of OSSREA in Zimbabwe and Director of Institute of Development Studies (University of Zimbabwe), and his colleagues. Ms. Misrak Kinfemichael, from the OSSREA Secretariat in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, attended the book fair.

8. Administration

- The Executive Committee met twice this year in April and September 1999. It discussed various policy matters related to the different programs implemented by the organization and made decisions on a wide range of issues.

- The organization has employed Mr. Belete Demisse as Accountant starting from January 1999. Mr. Belete is a graduate of the Junior College of Commerce, Addis Ababa, with a Diploma in Accounting, and has an experience of twelve years in the same area.

- Dr. Taye Assefa was employed effective from 1\textsuperscript{st} November 1999 as Publications/Documentation Officer. He has a BA degree in English (Education, with distinction) and MA in English Literature from Addis Ababa University. He also has a Ph.D. from SOAS, University of London. Dr. Taye had taught at Addis Ababa University for 14 years and has a number of publications of his own. He has also edited journals and books within and outside the University.

- The construction of a small building adjacent to the OSSREA three-storey building has been completed and is being used as OSSREA's store.

- OSSREA's personnel and finance regulation and also organisational structure have been studied by a consultant and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

9. Finance

The following table provides a summary of grants received by OSSREA from 1\textsuperscript{st} January 1999 through 31\textsuperscript{st} December 1999.

Table 2. Grants received by OSSREA, 1\textsuperscript{st} January - 31\textsuperscript{st} December 1999

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**10. ANNEX**

**Current Members of the Executive Committee of OSSREA**

President Asmelash Beyene (Ethiopia)

Vice-President John O. Shiundu (Kenya)

» » Evelyne Sandra Pangeti (Zimbabwe)

Resident Vice-President Almaz Eshete (Ethiopia)

Executive Secretary Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed (Sudan)

Member John C. Munene (Uganda)

Member Abel Ishumi (Tanzania)

Member G. Nomonde Thekisho (South Africa)

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Executive Secretary Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed
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Program Officer Alemayehu Azeze
Administrative Assistant Misrak Kinfemichael
Senior Secretary Etalem Engeda
  » » Selamawit Getachew
  » » Alemtsehay Zewde
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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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Emanuel Bugingo National University of Rwanda (Rwanda)
Gear M. Kajoba University of Zambia (Zambia)
I. Kimane National University of Lesotho (Lesotho)
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John Were Makerere University (Uganda)

Mustafa B. Ahmed Khartoum University (Sudan)

Stephen M. Kapunda University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

Wiseman Chirwa University of Malawi, Malawi (Malawi)