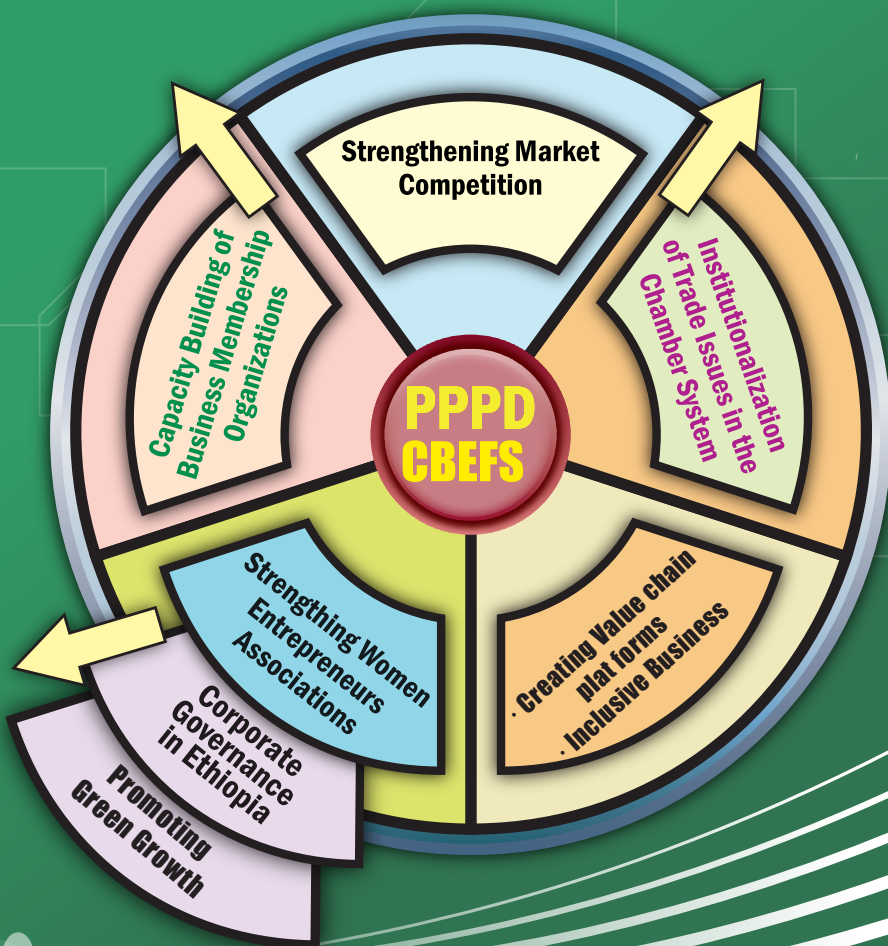


Private Sector Development Hub (PSD Hub)

Priority Action Areas

- ◆ Research, PPPD, Advocacy, Policy Development
- ◆ Capacity Building for ECCSA Financial Sustainability





Background

PSD Hub through the financial support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) has been assisting the efforts of the Ethiopian chamber system to improve the business climate and thus augments Ethiopia's private sector development since 2005. This effort has contributed to the enhancement of the capacity of Chambers in being a positive voice for the private sector through research, advocacy and policy influence, which have borne fruit in terms of improved policy, legal and institutional arrangements for the sector.

This phase III project therefore deals with capacity building for sustainability of ECCSA and its members.

Vision

The Vision of the PSD hub is to see a developed and prosperous private Sector in Ethiopia through improving, modernizing and enabling the entrepreneurial environment, strengthening the capacity of the private business sector and constructively contributing to the national dialogue with stakeholders on economic development.

Objectives

Objectives of the PSD Hub phase III Programme are:

- To support the effective public private dialogue that leads to regulatory and policy change, resulting in more conducive environment for sustainable and inclusive economic growth; and
- To strengthen the financial sustainability of the chamber system which ensured through sustained and diversified members service;



Programme Organization

The PSD Hub is guided by a Steering Board composed of key stakeholders chaired by ECCSA president. The Steering Board is the spearheading, policy guidance and decision making body of the project. The PSD Hub programme will continue to be hosted by ECCSA and engage in facilitation and management of the provision of support to the Chamber and it serves as a delivery vehicle to the project. The Hub comprises small management unit of relevant professionals and will deploy external consultants and other support to the programme as necessary and will closely work with relevant chamber staff to deliver project outputs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Hub since 2005 With a view of strengthening the voice of the business community in the public Private Partnership Dialogue (PPPD), the PSD Hub has commissioned, completed, published and distributed a number of PSD-related research studies useful for the advancement of trade and investment in the country. (See the list of research studies at the end of this brochure.)

The Hub's publications of studies and subsequent development of intervention projects have been widely welcomed as authoritative and constructive by their principal target audiences the government, the business community and the donors.

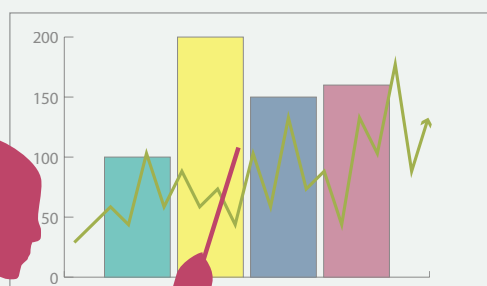
Since its establishment, the PSD Hub has been able to continuously screen new project ideas aimed at removing obstacles to the operation of a market economy in Ethiopia as a well as for institution building to facilitate business development.



The PSD Hub as a strategic tool of the Ethiopian business community enables it to regularly identify specific areas of study with particular relevance to the promotion of the private sector and it has been working in close collaboration with the Ethiopian Public Private Consultation Forum (EPPCF), which is the dialogue arm of ECCSA, to ensure the smooth functioning of the public private consultation process. It has established an enviable reputation as an impartial source of information on a variety of institutional subjects.

PROSPECTS


Since the main role of the PSD Hub is to stimulate discussion between government and the business community using evidence based studies, it will accelerate better understanding of the point of view of both parties which will result in an increasingly enabling to business, more orderly and more internationally appealing economic environment. It will also hasten to smooth contribution of environmental friendly, inclusive socially acceptable and economically viable economic development to the country.



Research Studies and Quick responses to support public-private dialogue

I. Studies Published by the PSD Hub

1. *How to Optimize Advantages of Accession to the World Trade Organization and measures to be Taken to Meet Possible Challenges*
2. *Livestock Resource Potentials*
3. *Review of the Recommendations of the Business Community for Inclusion in the PASDEP*
4. *Land Lease Policy in Addis Ababa*
5. *The Road to Private Sector Led Growth*
6. *Company Registration in Ethiopia*
7. *Review of the Legal and Institutional Framework for Market Competition in Ethiopia*
8. *Position of the Business Community on the Revision of the Commercial Code of Ethiopia*
9. *The Management of Commercial Road Transport in Ethiopia*
10. *Situation Analysis of Business and Sectoral Associations in Ethiopia*
11. *Desk Review of Studies Conducted on Women Entrepreneurs in Ethiopia*
12. *Enabling the Private Sector to Contribute to the Reduction of Urban Youth Unemployment in Ethiopia*
13. *The Impact of Tax Reform on Private Sector Development*
14. *A Study on the Determination of the Share of the Private Sector in Ethiopian Gross Domestic product*
15. *The Impact of Telecommunication Services on Doing Business in Ethiopia*
16. *Assessment of Urban Development Practices on Business Expansion in Ethiopia*
17. *The Impact of Border Clearance Procedures on the Cost of Doing Business in Ethiopia*
18. *Narrowing Trade Deficit through Increased Import Substitution*

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19. *Market Potential Assessment and Road Map Development for the Establishment of Capital Market in Ethiopia*
 20. *The Potential for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Ethiopia*
 21. *The Impact of Labour Laws on Business Efficiency and Competitiveness*
 22. *Baseline Survey on Competition and Markets in Ethiopia*
 23. *Property Rights Protection and Private Sector Development in Ethiopia*

II. Completed studies ready for publication

1. *Challenges of Commercial Farms Engaged in the Production of Food and Fiber crops in Ethiopia.*
 2. *Mainstreaming Value Chain Analysis in the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations.*
 3. *The Role of the Private Sector in Promoting Smallholder Productivity Growth in the Agro- Food Sector*
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The Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations

The Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations is an apex organization of Chambers of Commerce and Sectoral Associations in Ethiopia. It has eighteen members including nine Regional and two City Chambers of Commerce and Sectoral Associations, One National Chamber of Sectoral Associations and six Sectoral Associations organized at National level.

Vision: To see a private sector that plays a leading role in the economy by putting in place an institutionally sustainable chamber by 2025.

Mission: To provide a platform for unified voice of the private sector that can play a leading role in the economy through advocacy, trade and investment promotion and capacity building.

Objectives:

- Provide various services to members and the business community;
- Safeguard the overall rights and benefits of members and the business community;
- Publicize Ethiopian products and services;
- Promote trade and investment of the nation;
- Bridge any cleavage between the business society and the government.

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