



International
Growth Centre

A grayscale map of the African continent is shown in the background. A small white circle is placed on the map, centered over the country of Ethiopia.

IGC Ethiopia promotes sustainable growth by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. Our current focus areas are industrial development, urbanisation, agricultural development, youth employment and state effectiveness.

The IGC operates 15 programmes in 14 partner countries throughout Africa and South Asia. Country offices allow the IGC to be distinctive among international research initiatives in sustaining long-term policy engagement, and helping to ensure our work can be demand-led; they facilitate our work with partners, and deepen sensitivity to the political economy of policymaking.



01 Bangladesh, 02 Ethiopia, 03 Ghana, 04 India (Bihar), 05 India (Central), 06 Liberia,
07 Mozambique, 08 Myanmar, 09 Pakistan, 10 Rwanda, 11 Sierra Leone, 12 South Sudan,
13 Tanzania, 14 Uganda, 15 Zambia

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAMME

The IGC Ethiopia Country Programme was established in 2010, and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, (Country Director, IGC Ethiopia) continues to build on a successful partnership with the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) to provide policy advice to Ethiopian policymakers based on independent research of the highest quality.

The country programme's demand-led approach is driven by active consultations at all stages of the research process with local policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders, including think tanks, international organisations and the private sector. For the coming year, key research themes of the country programme are industrial development, urbanisation, agricultural development, youth employment and state effectiveness.



In addition to conducting frontier policy-related research, IGC Ethiopia continues to undertake initiatives to promote collaboration with local researchers. This includes joint sponsorship of a Small Grants Scheme for junior researchers with the Ethiopian Economics Association.



IGC Ethiopia is currently engaged in a number of projects with leading academics from around the world.

 **The Relationship Building Programme at the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC)**

Professor John Sutton (*LSE*)
Building on the Enterprise Map Project (completed in 2010), Professor John Sutton has been working with the EIC to support it in establishing a 'one-stop shop' for licensing, and in reforming practices to better attract and support foreign firms. This programme has been instrumental in supporting industrial policy by encouraging increased FDI flows, crucial for deepening and broadening the industrial structure in Ethiopia.

 **Managing Shocks: Assisting Job Search in Low-Employment Communities: The Effects of a Screening Intervention in Addis Ababa**

Girum Abebe (*EDRI*), and Simon Quinn, Simon Franklin, Stefano Carria, and Paolo Falco (*all from CSAE, University of Oxford*), are conducting a randomised intervention to rigorously evaluate and compare the benefits of interventions that

reduce search costs of the young and unemployed with those that reduce informational asymmetries between employers and jobseekers in Ethiopia. When completed, this project will be useful in the design of labour market policies in Ethiopia, including providing valuable evidence for the design of job search assistance programmes.

 **Cross-Country Measures of Productivity Dispersion in Multi-Product Firms: Comparing Ready-Made Garments across IGC Countries**

Christopher Woodruff (*University of Warwick*) and Rocco Macchiavello (*University of Warwick*) are collecting extremely detailed data related to productivity and quality from hundreds of garment manufacturing firms in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar and India. This data will allow them to understand productivity levels and dispersion in the Ethiopian garment manufacturing sector, and make comparisons in productivity in the sector between Ethiopia and other countries.

IGC Ethiopia currently has eight ongoing projects. In addition to those highlighted above, these include research on export promotion, the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange and market development and depth of consumer goods markets in rural areas.

For Researchers:

IGC Ethiopia is seeking to commission high quality research projects related to five key research themes: industrial development, urbanisation, agricultural development, youth employment and state effectiveness.

For Ethiopian policymakers:

IGC Ethiopia provides free policy advice based on independent, high quality research and is always receptive to new research demands that fall within our scope of work. If there is a question you would like answered, or a policy option you would like to explore, please get in touch with our team.



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The International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. The IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams in Africa and South Asia and works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges. Based at LSE and in partnership with the University of Oxford, the IGC is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

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