

Development Policy Forum

Interim Report on Ethiopia Productivity Report

Co-organized by PSI and GRIPS

The Ethiopian government has put in place various strategies to develop the manufacturing sector. One of the pillar strategies is improving the quality, productivity and competitiveness (QPC) of the sector. QPC is one of the six main industrial pillars of GTP II. This indicates the government's commitment to develop the sector. At the same time, the government has admitted that concrete policy measures to promote QPC remain unclear. In order to fill this gap, the Ministry of Industry (MOI) has requested JICA's cooperation in clarifying, designing and implementing QPC policies with a focus on Productivity. The Japanese side is willing to cooperate, but proper steps and preparations are necessary to make QPC policies truly effective and lasting. In order to concretize QPC, a comprehensive and detail study on productivity is needed which will be useful for policymakers to have shared information and deeper understanding on the concept and practice of productivity. With this understanding, a subsequent formulation of a clear policy on productivity can be formulated.

With this understanding, PSI and GRIPS have entered into agreement to jointly produce Ethiopia Productivity Research Report. A team of researchers from both sides is currently working on the study and is expected to produce an interim report by the end of January 2019. This DPF will provide an opportunity to exchange policy-oriented ideas on the current status of the Ethiopian productivity which will help to formulate concrete productivity enhancing policy measures in Ethiopia. In this Forum, it is aimed to present and discuss the report with relevant stakeholders.

Date of the DPF: February 22, 2019 (confirmed)

Venue: Capital Hotel (confirmed)

Participants: Invited officials of Development Planning Commission, MOFEC, MOTI, IPDC, EIC, TIDI, MIDI, LIDI, EKI, manufacturing associations and other related organizations, plus Japanese participants

Detail Program

Time	Speaker	Topic
9:00 – 9:05	Dr. Yohannes Ayalew (Deputy DG for macroeconomic and finance Policy studies sector, PSI)	Invites H.E. Mr. Ahmed to make welcoming speech
9:05 – 9:10	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew (PSI, Director General)	Welcoming speech
9:10 – 9:15	H.E. Dr. Fitsum Assefa, PDC commissioner	Opening remark
9:15 – 9:20	Prof. Kenichi Ohno, GRIPS	Remark about the project
9:20 – 9:55	Dr. Kidanemariam, Lead Researcher at PSI	Introduction, Concepts and importance of Productivity, Ethiopia's productivity in International Comparison (Macro level)
9:55 – 10:30	Dr. Mulu, Research Fellow at PSI	Ethiopia's productivity in International Comparison (Manufacturing level), Preliminary Survey analysis (mind-set change)
10:30 – 10:50		Tea break
10:50 – 11:50	All participants	Discussion Session
11:50 – 12:00	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew and Prof. Kenichi Ohno,	Wrap-up
12:00 – 13:30		Lunch for all participants