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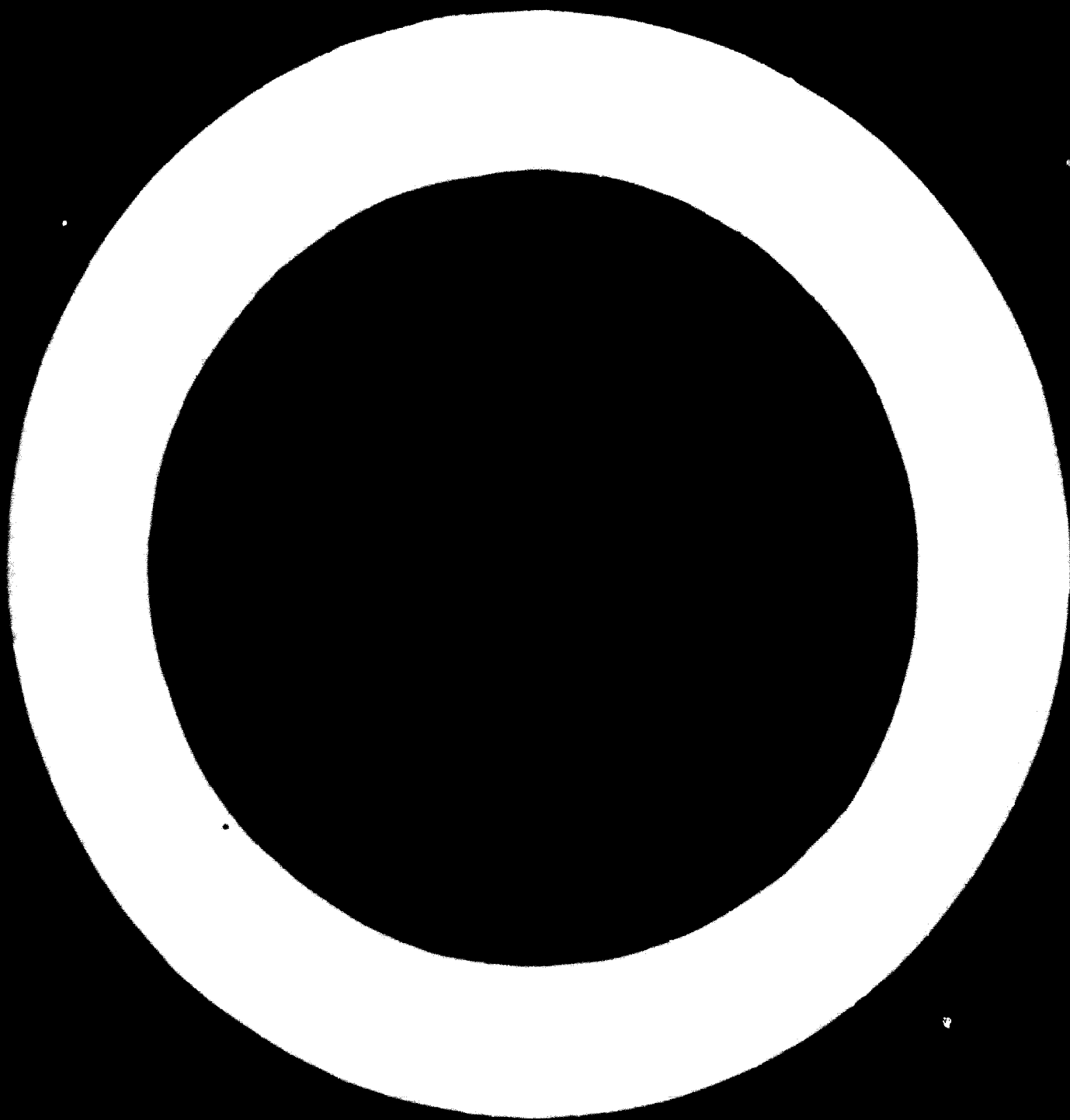
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Country Paper: ETHIOPIA

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From an industrial point of view, Ethiopia is a young country, as the process of industrialization began in the years following the Second World War. In the early stages of industrial development, since there were no private enterprises with the necessary resources to devote to industrialization, the initiative had to be taken by the Government. An important part of the machinery established by the Government in this connexion was the Planning Board, which came into being in 1958 and was made responsible for assessing the resources of the country, for setting various economic targets and for recommending appropriate economic measures. The recommendations of the Board were generally implemented by the Government ministries.

Due to the nature of its work, the Planning Board was a central source of economic and industrial information, but with the development of the economy, its resources were overtaxed by the requirements of industry and additional information services were established. At present, in addition to various departments of government ministries, the following can be numbered among the organisations and bodies supplying industrial information in Ethiopia.

National Organisations

1. The Investment and Export Promotion Centre - which was established under the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism to attract foreign investment to develop the vast unexploited resources of the country by the dissemination of appropriate information. Its functions include:
 - Provision of information to domestic and foreign investors on the resources and investment potential of the country;
 - Preparation of feasibility studies and provision of economic data on potential projects;

- Collection of market data in foreign countries on Ethiopian export items;
- Formulation and recommendation to the Government of measures to encourage investment and to improve Ethiopian exports;
- Co-ordination of the work of various organizations.

The Centre is also to establish information centres in selected foreign countries, such as the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. These centres will publicise the industrial potential of Ethiopia and collect relevant information for the Investment and Export Promotion Centre.

2. The Technical Agency - which conducts feasibility studies on government-selected projects for public investment; performs industrial promotion work; and provides technical and technological advisory services.

3. The Chamber of Commerce - which collects data on Ethiopian imports, exports, agriculture and industry; prepares and publishes annually investment guides, a directory of industries, and a trade directory; prepares feasibility studies for small-scale industries; and provides technical and managerial advisory services.

4. The Institute of Agricultural Research - which collects and disseminates data on Ethiopian agriculture and encourages the modernisation of the country's agriculture through extension services and administration centres located in various parts of the country.

5. The Central Statistical Office - which collects and publishes information on all aspects of the economy. Its publication, "The Annual Statistical Abstracts", contains data on population, industrial production, employment, consumer prices, wholesale prices, imports, exports, livestock, agricultural production, and so on.

6. The Information Section of the Ministry of National Affairs - which is responsible for employment, migration, and stoppages, etc.

7. Institute of Ethiopian Studies - which conducts bibliographical studies on Ethiopian literature and publishes a "Register of Current Research in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa".

Libraries

The country has a number of libraries or organizations with libraries in a position to supply information on industrial subjects including:

National Library

Basic Science I University

College of Agriculture

Old Library

Imperial Institute of Public Administration

Commercial College

Institute of Building Technology

Technical College

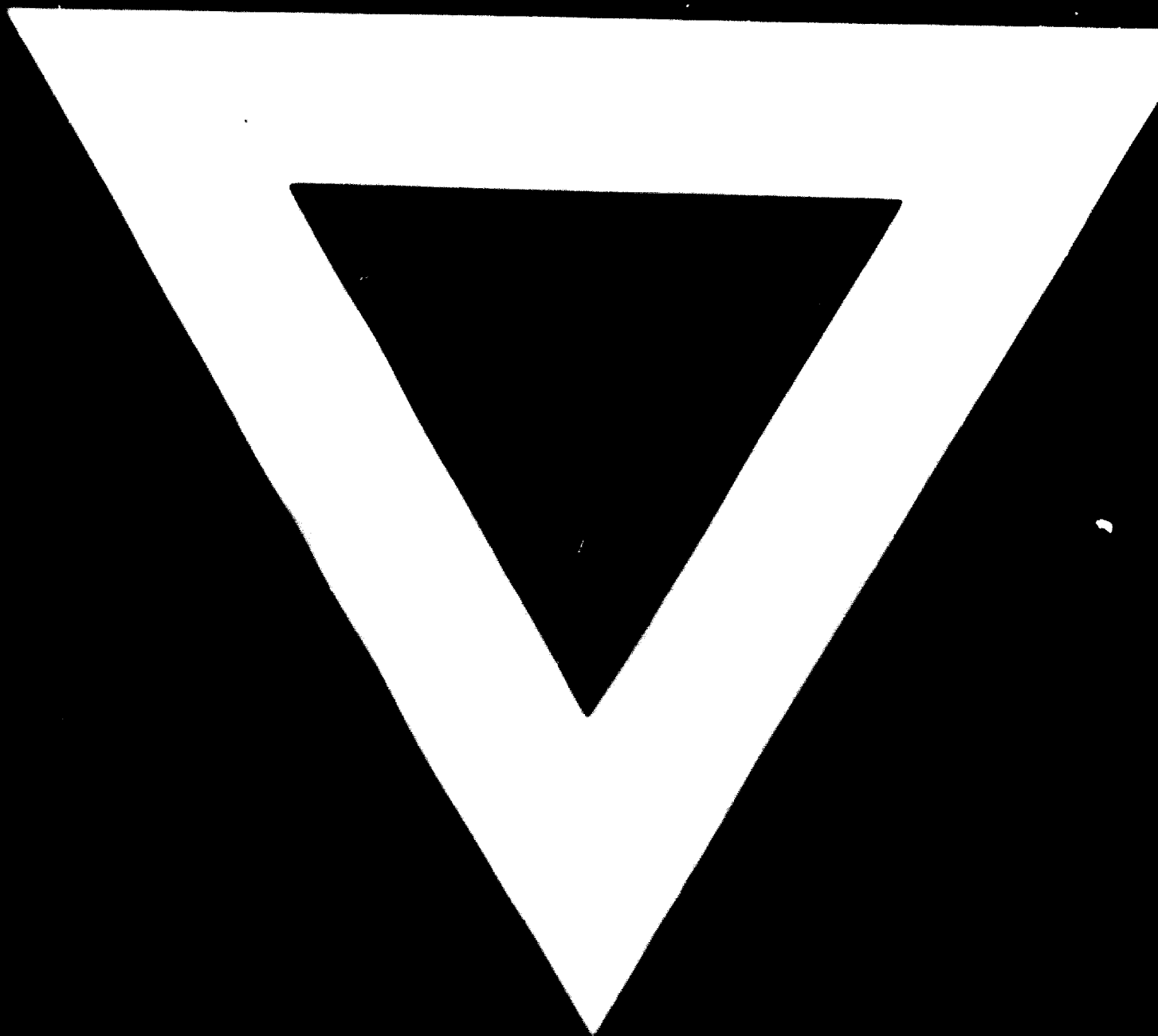
Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

Telecommunications Institute

Observations

Ethiopia does not have a centralized body dealing with information services; and there is a lack of co-ordination among existing sources of information in the country. It is suggested that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research will give a coordinating and supervisory role in the research and information fields.





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