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COVID-19 related news

We continuously collect relevant updates and reports related to COVID-19 for everyone involved in agribusiness in Ethiopia. We publish these on our twitter / Facebook. Below we have provided an overview of some of the most relevant contact points for further information.

Information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands

For more information on COVID-19 in the Netherlands, visit these websites: [RIVM](https://www.rivm.nl) & [Government.nl](https://www.government.nl).

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency made [an overview of useful information](#) about COVID-19 for Dutch entrepreneurs that are doing business in African countries.

The Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) published an International Action Agenda COVID-19. In [the agenda](#) [in Dutch] the organizations propose steps to support Dutch businesses involved in international business.

The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency published an overview of measures to help Dutch businesses that are affected by COVID-19 [here](#).

Information on COVID-19 in Ethiopia

For all information about COVID-19 in Ethiopia, please use the official website of the [Ministry of Health](#) in Ethiopia.

The European Union in Ethiopia

Find out what the European Union in Ethiopia is doing in response to COVID-19 on [their twitter account](#).

The Ethiopian Investment Commission has an overview of [useful information for investors](#) concerning COVID-19 in Ethiopia.

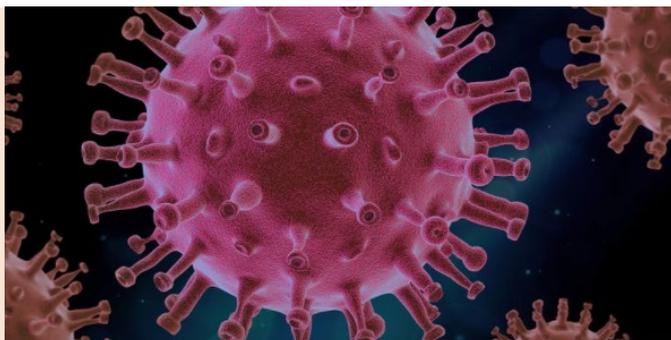
[Dutch] Informatie over COVID-19 in Ethiopië

De veranderende omstandigheden en maatregelen tegen COVID-19 hebben grote impact op het dagelijks leven en het bedrijfsleven in Ethiopië. Als ambassade staan we voor u klaar.

Zodra er nieuws is bericht de ambassade hierover op sociale media en de website. Als ambassade zijn wij graag op de hoogte welke Nederlanders zich in Ethiopië bevinden. U kunt zich hiervoor registreren bij [de informatie service van Buitenlandse Zaken](#).

Overview of all COVID-19 related information

We will update [this webpage](#) whenever we have new updates on the influence of COVID-19 in the agricultural sector in Ethiopia.



Latest publications

The transforming dairy sector in Ethiopia

Plos One published a study on *the transforming dairy sector in Ethiopia* based on a study that relied on a unique combination of primary and secondary data sources. The most recent dynamics in the dairy sector supplying to cities (esp. Addis Ababa) have been studied. It was written by Bart Minter, Yetimwork Habte, Seneshaw Tamru and Agajie Tesfaye

To read more about this article check out our [Agroberichten Buitenland](#) website or [click here](#).



Ethiopia: Business as usual?

The COVID-19 outbreak and regional conflicts influenced the business and investment climate in Ethiopia. However, despite all the ongoing situations, the Ethiopian government is trying to support its economy whereby the private sector is in the “ driver’s seat”.

Read more about these developments in [this article](#) [in Dutch].



Overview of useful documents

Sustainable Investment Roadmap

In Ethiopia, inclusive business is needed to avoid unforeseen, long-term costs associated with community conflicts. [This roadmap](#) gives practical tips & tricks for developing Sustainable Investment Activities parallel to your regular investment activities.

Ethiopian Ten Years Development plan

The planning and development commission of the federal democratic republic of Ethiopia has published a ten year development plan (2021 – 2030) which can be downloaded [here](#).

Context Sensitive Investment Project

The Context Sensitive Investment project helps Dutch companies to understand & work together with their communities. Moreover, it supports Business & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy development that is tailored to communities’ needs. Read more about it [here](#).

Social Risk Management in Ethiopia

A country profile of Ethiopia for good practices in Social Risk management for the private sector by CDC investment works can be downloaded [here](#).

Conflict Sensitivity Business Practice

[This two-pager](#) makes a series of recommendation to foreign investors to improve their conflict sensitive business practice.

BOR: Your partner in quality seed

Seeds are the start of life and of a healthy crop. In order to ensure that farmers have access to the quality seed of their choice, a country needs to have a dynamic seed sector. Developing the seed sector is a complex process. The Netherlands is a partner in quality seed and shares lessons learned to develop this sector globally. Curious to learn more about the seed sector in Ethiopia? Read [this](#) Business Opportunities Report (BOR).

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Short Newsflashes

Election board announces election D-date amid security concerns

The National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) announced that the sixth national elections will be held countrywide except in Tigray region on June 5, 2021.

It is to be recalled that the Board postponed the elections from late 2020 because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Read more [here](#).



The summer wheat irrigation projects undergone in 12 woredas of Amhara state and 21 woredas of Oromia state are expected to realize import substitution soon, said the Ministry of Agriculture. In an exclusive interview with The Ethiopian Herald, the Ministry of Agriculture Wheat Irrigation Project Coordinator Daniel Muleta (Ph.D.) on Wednesday (January 13) said that in the highland parts of the country following the harvesting of rainy season's crops, summer wheat irrigation projects are to be in effect. He further said that most of the farmers who participate in Oromia and Amhara states are smallholder ones. The major objective of the irrigation project is to attract and encourage farmers to engage in farming during the summer.

Ministry of Finance revises investment incentives

The Ethiopian Ministry of Finance has prepared a new directive for investment incentives and will take over investment board duty.

With the aim of encouraging new private investments, the Government is preparing a new investment incentive draft. Initiated by the Ethiopian Investment Commission, the Ministry of Finance is preparing the draft incentive document.

Full article can be read [here](#).

Ethiopia expresses commitment to the global fight against climate change

The UK, France, and the United Nations, in partnership with Chile and Italy, convened a virtual Climate Ambition Summit on 12 December 2020 that brought together over 70 Heads of States and Government, including Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed as well as business leaders and representatives of the civil society. The Summit marked the 5th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement and it facilitated a kick off the next 10 years of climate action.

Read more [here](#).

Wheat Cultivation through Irrigation Promising

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said that the summer wheat cultivation undertaken through irrigation have been registering encouraging results.

Ethiopia has been importing 17 million quintals of wheat in a year. The nation has been working to cultivate wheat through irrigation in order to reduce the import of wheat, according to Ministry of Agriculture.

Read full article on [the ENA website](#).

ATA teams up with partners to deliver livestock, COVID-19 information to farmers

The Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ethio Telecom and Ethiopian Public Health Institute, has incorporated and deployed livestock advisory and COVID 19 health advisory contents on its 8028 Farmers Hotline.

Read more about it in the original Addis Standard article [here](#).



Events & Developments



Webinar – Ethiopia: focus on agriculture 28 January 2021 – 09:15am (NL time)

The Ethiopian government attaches a high importance to agriculture and is looking for potential investors to be engaged in the sector. The webinar is aimed at providing an understanding of agricultural opportunities to potential Dutch investors, create a platform for exchange of ideas and experience sharing and facilitate interaction and networking among participants.

For more information please see [the full article](#) on our [Agroberichten Buitenland website](#).

INVITATION

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We are coordinating with the embassy of the Netherlands in Addis Ababa with a view to make the webinar a success. In this connection, we believe your esteemed company's participation is important as we have received recommendation that you may wish to explore business opportunities overseas.

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Upcoming Events

With the current state of affairs with COVID-19 in Ethiopia and the world, events have switched to online locations. For updates and innovations check our [twitter](#) and our [agenda](#).



Webinar – Dairy sector in East Africa 11 February 2021 – 08:00am (NL time)

This February the [Dutch Dairy Centre](#) organizes a breakfast webinar about the dairy sector in East Africa. Opportunities, challenges and possibilities for Dutch entrepreneurs will all be discussed during this webinar.

This webinar is being organized in collaboration with all the Agricultural Counsellors in East Africa and the Netherlands – East African Dairy Partnership.

Read more about this webinar on [our website](#) [in Dutch].

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