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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 and our website. On Agroberichten Buitenland we have provided [an overview](#) of some of the most relevant contact points for further information.

Ethiopia: COVID-19 & Food Security

In [this](#) article of the World Bank about COVID-19 and Food security in Ethiopia a study has been done on the effectiveness of social protection programs. The pandemic is testing global food and social protection systems at an unprecedented scale. The spread of the pandemic is disrupting food systems and undermining the food and nutrition security of households.

Ethiopian Leverages Cold Chain Facilities To Bring Vaccines To Africa

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is taking the lead among African airlines by transporting the continent's first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, which arrived on a cargo flight from Beijing to Addis Ababa over the weekend.

The flight was the culmination of large investments Ethiopian has made in its pharmaceutical and temperature-controlled transport facilities, according to Airline Weekly.

The full article can be found in the Business Info ETH Telegram app [here](#).

China to provide COVID-19 vaccine aid to African countries including Ethiopia

China has decided to provide vaccine aid to African countries including Ethiopia, a concrete step in honoring President Xi Jinping's pledge of making COVID-19 vaccines a global public good, a press release the embassy sent to FBC, indicates. While COVID-19 is still rampaging globally, vaccines are the focus of international cooperation for the next stage.

China is willing to work together with the international community to strengthen cooperation in vaccines, make vaccines public goods that are accessible and affordable to people in all countries, and make them truly become a people's vaccine.

If you would like to read more about the vaccines provided by China, read the full article of The Reporter [here](#).



Latest publications

Launch of the new Netherlands Agriculture Network logo

On the 25th of January, the new logo of the Dutch Agricultural counsellors network has been launched. From now on the Agricultural Network of the Netherlands can be recognized by this logo.

Read more about the network and their activities [in Dutch] on the Agroberichten Buitenland website by clicking [here](#).



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Short Newsflashes

Launch of e-Trade Online trade registration and licensing system

On 30th of January Ethiopia launched the Online Trade Registration and Licensing System (#OTRLS) in the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister. This e-trade system is going to improve the old registration system & will tremendously enhance service delivery.

If you would like to learn more about this, check out their webpage: www.etrade.gov.et

CBE faces USD half a billion slump in Forex earnings

Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) faces almost half a billion dollar drop in foreign currencies secured from remittance and export, a new report revealed. The Bank, which released its half year report this week, announced it has collected USD 1.4 billion from remittance and exports during the first half of the existing fiscal year, a decline from USD 1.85 billion in 2019/20.

Remittance accounts for over 90 percent of the amount of forex mobilized by the Bank, whereas the remaining was secured from exporters.

By the end of last month, the Ethiopian Diaspora Agency announced the country had secured USD 1.4 billion from remittance, half of which came through CBE, while private banks collected the rest.

“While there are efforts by stakeholders to increase flow of remittance coming through official channels, we expect the Diaspora to understand the adverse impacts of sending money informally on the country,” said Head of the Agency, Selmawit Dawit in a meeting held to promote foreign currency account, Diaspora mortgage and repayment of bond.

Read the full article on the official website of [The Reporter](#).



Ethiopian Airlines has ranked 7th in the world by cargo payload.

On January 11th, the Pan-African airline Ethiopian Airlines has risen to the global crisis to a greater degree being among the leading in the world.

Click [here](#) to read the full article by CAPA and enlarge the list displayed below.

Airlines ranked by cargo payload for the week commencing 11-Jan-2021

Rank	Airline	IATA	ICAO	Total	Percentage Market Share
1	Qatar Airways	QR	QTR	70,068,330	9.8%
2	Emirates Airline	EK	UAE	46,345,073	6.5%
3	Korean Air	KE	KAL	43,166,475	6.0%
4	Cathay Pacific	CX	CPA	37,995,242	5.3%
5	China Airlines	CI	CAL	32,033,565	4.5%
6	Cargolux Airlines International	CV	CLX	25,947,060	3.6%
7	Ethiopian Airlines	ET	ETH	25,612,565	3.6%
8	Turkish Airlines	TK	THY	24,718,965	3.5%
9	Lufthansa	LH	DLH	22,923,980	3.2%
10	Singapore Airlines	SQ	SIA	21,415,588	3.0%
11	Air China	CA	CCA	20,501,689	2.9%
12	AirBridgeCargo Airlines	RJ	ABW	17,326,052	2.4%
13	Silk Way West Airlines	7L	AZG	16,473,928	2.3%
14	China Cargo Airlines	CK	CKK	15,637,581	2.2%
15	Polar Air Cargo	PO	PAC	15,541,848	2.2%
16	Nippon Cargo Airlines	KZ	NCA	14,472,000	2.0%
17	Air France	AF	AFR	12,882,773	1.8%
18	Saudia	SV	SVA	11,608,414	1.6%
19	All Nippon Airways	NH	ANA	11,572,812	1.6%
20	American Airlines	AA	AAL	11,388,546	1.6%



Ethiopian Airlines Allowed to Deliver Kenya's Flower to Europe

Kenya Airways Plc. Forced to increase its cargo capacity after its rival, Ethiopian Airlines, was allowed to deploy more freighters to help carry Kenyan flowers to Europe ahead of Valentine's Day this weekend.

The Kenyan airline adapted a passenger Boeing 787 Dreamliner to start carrying cargo, and help meet more flower orders, reported Bloomberg news.

Ethiopia's horticulture sector generated USD 240 million

The Business info ETH page on Telegram [reported](#) that half-year report from the Ministry of Agriculture states that the horticulture sector has generated 240 million dollars so far this fiscal year.

Ethiopia is the fourth largest flower exporter in the world following Colombia, Ecuador and Kenya, a remarkable achievement for the 15-year-old industry.

Over the past five years, the industry has generated more than 1.6 billion dollars, according to a report from the Association.

Despite the hurdles, the export revenues from floriculture surged by 64.6pc over the previous fiscal year, according to the central bank's annual report.

This tremendous growth, which is unmatched in the realm of exports, is attributed to a 63.2pc increase in export volume and an almost one percent rise in international price levels.

Ethiopia's horticulture sector rising

Ethiopian horticulture sector has vast investment opportunities and backed by ideal conditions with diverse agro-climate zones, large available workforce, abundant land availability, favorable government incentives, and a huge international demand.

The horticulture sector has quickly risen to become the top hard currency earning commodity in the country with less than a decade and half worth of effort.

There are more than 126 investments in Ethiopia in the export of flower, fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

The horticulture sector employs 199,640 citizens and in 2017/18 fiscal year generated US\$ 307.04 million as mentioned in the [Business Info ETH Telegram](#) page.

Did you know?

Export Disruption in Tigray costs Ethiopia USD 20 mln per month

According to an article in the Reporter, Ethiopia loses USD 20 million (800 million birr) per month in exports due to the closure of factories and mining plants in Tigray, following the fighting between the Federal government and the forces of Tigray People's

Ethiopia is the 5th African country with the highest foreign direct investment in 2020.

According to Africa Full Facts, the total FDIs for 2020 on the continent was \$36 billion, an 18% drop from \$46 billion in 2019.

1. Egypt - \$5.5 billion
2. Ghana - \$3 billion
3. Nigeria - \$2.6 billion
4. South Africa - \$2.5 billion
5. Ethiopia - \$2.1 billion
6. Mozambique - \$2 billion
7. Senegal - \$1.7 billion

Bure Integrated Agro-Industrial Park

With a total investment of over US\$169m, the Bure IAIP which is located on 260.5 hectares of land in the first phase, is complete with water, electricity and telecom connectivity, roads and other infrastructure, including offices factory sheds and staff accommodation.

The IAIP will focus on the processing of edible oil, maize, soya beans, honey, milk, meat, and horticulture, as well as poultry and eggs.

To date, 15 investors, including local and foreign companies, are at various stages of contracting with the Amhara RIPDC for occupancy of the IAIP says [this post](#) in the Business Info ETH Telegram app.

#GrowWithEthiopia

PM Abiy discusses with federal and regional officials on upcoming elections

As reported by [FanaBC](#), Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has today discussed with federal and regional high level officials on the upcoming national elections to be held in June, 2021.

Regarding the meeting, the Prime Minister stated that the meeting has put in place defining line to not mix government and party work.

The clear role of government is to ensure that peaceful, free and fair elections take place in this highly anticipated round, it is indicated.

Liberation Front, according to the Ministry of Trade & Industry.

Factories situated across the region have been closed since the offensive was launched in what the government calls a law enforcement operation against the TPLF.

Sources indicated that there are also industries that were looted and totally damaged due to the fighting in the region, although an assessment is being conducted to find out the extent of the damage. While almost all factories, mining plants and small industries are still not operational and have suspended exporting items since November 2020, it is costing the country an aggregate of at least USD 60 million (equivalent to 2.4 billion Birr).

Inflation continues runaway trend

Ethiopia's pace of inflation, the average change in the price for a basket of goods and services that consumers purchase, grew by one percentage point in January to 19.2pc, far higher than the government's single-digit target. The latest consumer price index (CPI) from the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) indicated that both food and non-food items had shown a rise in price. The survey indicated that food inflation stands at 23.1 pc, a 1.8-percentage-point rise from the previous month.

Read the full article by Fasika Tadesse (Addis Fortune) [here](#).



Central bank imposes further transaction limits

The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) has further prohibited making over five cash transfers a week from a single bank account to multiple accounts via mobile and internet banking; Automated Teller Machine (ATM) and Point of Sale (PoS) terminals; and electronic accounts that operate through mobile money services.

The full article can be found on the official website of [Addis Fortune](#).

Events & Developments



Radioprogramma over tuinbouw in Ethiopië

[Dutch] Jungle Talks en Paprika Tasty Radio [bespraken](#) op donderdagmiddag 11 februari jl. via een Nederlands tweewekelijks live radioprogramma de ontwikkelingen van de tuinbouwsector in Ethiopië. Het Oost-Afrikaanse land bleef zelfs in de beginperiode van COVID-19 “aan de markt”.

De logistiek bleef intact en kwekerijen produceerden door, ook al verbleef het Nederlandse management van veel bedrijven in Nederland. Hoe deden ze dat? Wat maakt Ethiopië anders dan haar Oost-Afrikaanse burens of concurrenten zoals Kenia, Oeganda en Tanzania? En hoe ziet de toekomst van de tuinbouw er in dit land uit?

Naast de landbouwraad vanuit de Nederlandse ambassade in Addis Abeba, Meeuwes Brouwer, kwamen tijdens de live uitzending aan het woord, Ronald Vijverberg (General Manager van Florensis Ethiopia), Paul Holla (directielid bij Holla Roses) en Danny Koppes, (General Manager van Klaver Flowers). In de volgende link kan het radioprogramma nog eens beluisterd worden:

<https://goedemorgen.podbean.com/e/paprika-tasty-radio-jungle-talks-to-ethiopia-11-02-21/>

“Jungle Talks to ...” is een initiatief van Paprika Tasty Radio en Jungle Talks en wordt ondersteund door Rijksdienst Voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO).

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](#).

ENLBA - Borreloverleg

05 March 2021, 11 June 2021 & 29 October 2021

As the successor of the informal Dutch Business Council, the Ethiopian-Netherlands Business Association (ENLBA) was established to better assist the Dutch businesses in Ethiopia as well as serve as a point of entry for new Dutch investors.

One of their recurring activities are the “Borreloverleg” meetings/receptions. The ENLBA has recently launched the dates of these networking meetings for 2021. This year there will be three events of which one in March, June and October. The LNV team of the Dutch Embassy will be represented too during this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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