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Latest publications

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.

Overview of useful documents

FDRE's National Logistics Strategy 2018 – 2028

The Ethiopian National Logistics Strategy is believed to transform the country's trade logistics sector and produce a radical positive impact on the Country's foreign trade proceedings. Ethiopian Maritime Affairs Authority (EMAA) has taken the lead and responsibility of preparing this strategy document which can be downloaded on [our website](#) (Amharic & English version).

Ethiopian Embassy in The Hague launched its first Newsletter

The Ethiopian Embassy in The Netherlands has launched its first edition of their weekly newsletter.

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Short Newsflashes



AfCFTA and UNDP announce new partnership

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) on Monday (March 29) signed a strategic partnership to promote trade as a stimulus for Africa's socio-economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, and as a driver of sustainable development particularly for women and youth in Africa, in line with the SDGs and Agenda 2063, Africa's development blueprint.

The agreement was sealed by the AfCFTA Secretary-General, Wamkele Mene, accompanied by Ambassador Fatima Mohammed Kyari, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, and by the UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, Ahunna Eziakonwa.

Interested to read more about this? Check out this article by the [UNDP](#).

ESLSE targets to procure 300 trucks

The Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Services Enterprises (ESLSE) have targeted to procure more trucks for its cross orders operation services.

The state giant that recently imported 150 general cargo trucks from Chinese prominent truck manufacturer Jinan Sinotruck Co. at a total cost of over USD 11 million said that it has a planned to add 300 more trucks this time around.

Roba Megersa, CEO of ESLSE, [told Capital](#) that the recently imported trucks that did final assembly works in Djibouti have commenced operation by transporting fertilizer from the port.



Overview of important websites related to Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA):

Tools and Trade Offices:

Sokokuu

Sokokuu is an eCommerce mall with various vendors selling Made in Africa products on it. Products include goods, services and digital contents.

Website : <https://sokokuu.africa/>

ATCG Community

This is a community setup to Mobilise grassroots actions in the tech and creative industry to make AfCFTA work for Africans.

Website: <https://atcg.community/>

Non-Tariff Barrier Portal

This portal helps traders and businesses moving goods across the continent to instantly report the challenges they encounter, such as quotas, excessive import documents or unjustified packaging requirements.

Website: <https://tradebarriers.africa/>

AfCFTA Visions

This is a website setup by AfCFTA Secretariat, the Sankoree Institute of AfroChampions, and the AU Open Corridors. It is used to invite entrepreneurs and innovators to apply to the AfCFTA Vision Challenge and contribute their own idea of various sectors within AfCFTA

Website: <https://afcfta.blog/>

African Trade Observatory (ATO)

This is the portal where you can compare, explore and monitor African Trade Data that you can use during AfCFTA.

Website: <https://ato.africa>

AfCFTA App

This is the website where you Join the AfCFTA Business Registry for free by registering for a unique ID for yourself or your business. Explore the integrated Trade Directory for the whole continent and lots more.

Website: <https://afcfta.app>

You can join whatsapp group here to receive more updates on AfCFTA:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KhBKyyP2cpR1bunnY8uEwS>

Animal feed prices hike

Price surges of animal feed induced by significant rises in the price of industrial byproducts that serve as raw materials for animal feed processing companies is troubling the meat and dairy sector.

The Ethiopian Meat and Dairy Industry Development Institute (EMDIDI) indicated that “there are more than 60 of them actively working from regional to district levels,” Demise Negash Animal Feed Research and Processing Director at the Institute.

The demand for livestock feed in Ethiopia is rapidly growing. However, there is mismatch between demand and supply mainly due to the price surge of raw materials.

In the past five years alone in #Ethiopia, prices of feed ingredients and compound feeds have shown an average increment of 52 and 82 percent, respectively.

For more information regarding these feed prices, read the full article on the website of [The Reporter](#).

Industrial Parks (IPs) achieve 40% return on investment in the past three year

13 industrial parks constructed at a cost of USD 1.5 billion collectively exported USD 600 million over the past three years, disclosed the Ethiopian Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC). The figures indicate that the industrial parks registered a 40% return on investment.

Currently, around 24 government and privately built industrial parks are found throughout the country and some 90 investors have started to operate in the parks.

However, merely half of them are operational and create over 80,000 job opportunities, CEO of IPDC, Sandokan Debebe, [told The Reporter](#).

A consultative meeting aimed at creating opportunities and boosting local investor involvement in industrial parks was held on 2nd of April.

Railway proposed to Berbera

Ethiopia is considering connecting Berbera Port into Ethio-Djibouti Railway network under the public private partnership (PPP) investment platform.

The proposed project that is called ‘port to port connection project’ is expected to be carried out under the 10 year development plan that was recently endorsed. Read more about it in [the Capital](#) and on [MENAFN](#).

Ethiopia’s aims to triple dairy production

Ethiopia to boost the milk development to 10.4 billion liters by 2030 from the current four billion liters as reported in [this article](#) of the Capital.

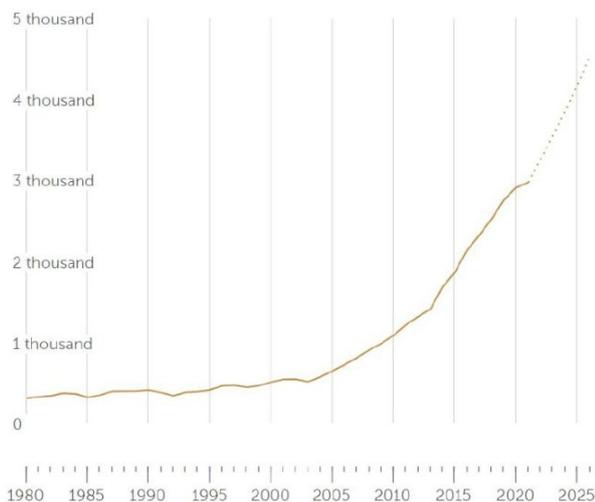
Ministry of Agriculture targets to triple the dairy production in the coming decade to 10.4 billion liters, while access to improved genetics in the sector has acquired prior attention in the strategic plan. Per capita consumption is very low, estimated at about 20 litres, though rising consumption levels in Addis Ababa have brought it to about 40 litres.

NBE ready to help Banks facing liquidity shortages

According to [this](#) article in The Reporter, the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) affirmed its readiness to loan money to any of the 19 commercial banks if they experience liquidity shortages, even though they are in good condition at the moment.

Mentioning that no bank is currently experiencing liquidity shortage, Governor of NBE, Yinager Dessie explained in an interview with The Reporter that there is enough amount of reserve money for banks to borrow if they face shortage of cash.





Ethiopia's GDP per capita 2021

Ethiopia GDP per capita on 2021 is 2,970 USD, which is around 111,000 ETB

As seen in the graph on the left, the IMF Data Mapper reveals Ethiopia GDP per capita at current prices (Purchasing power parity; international dollars per capita) on 2021 reached 2,970 USD and estimated to go over 4,000 USD by 2025.

FYI: Per capita income or average income measures the average income earned per person in a given area in a specified year.

Ethiopia Recognizes Holding Companies in the New Commercial Code

Tsegamlak's of RENEW Commercial Code review indicated that the New Code recognizes holding companies.

The New Code recognizes the holding company's right to access information from the subsidiary, the right of the holding company to give instructions to the management of a subsidiary, and the right to redeem the shares of minority shareholders of the subsidiary, among others. Read more about this [here](#).



Nation's New Digital Economy Set to Enhance Electronic Transaction

Ethiopia's new drive in establishing digital economy has taken a giant step forward with the adoption of the new draft proclamation on e-transaction, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said.

It is to be recalled that the Council of Ministers has referred a bill on electronic transaction to the House of Peoples' Representatives on 3rd of April 2021.

"When approved by Parliament, the Proclamation will create a thorough regulatory platform for the use of electronic means in all transaction procedures," Abiy stated according to [this article](#) at ENA.

USDA 2021-22 Marketing Year Forecasts of Ethiopia's Agricultural Production Shows Encouraging Progress

As reported in the Business info ETH app the USDA anticipates Ethiopia to import about 1,5 million tonnes of wheat, 35,000 tonnes of corn, 25,000 tonnes of sorghum, and 4,000 tonnes barley. The article also shared the following production information:

- Wheat production - 5.1 million tonnes
- Corn production - 8.63 million tonnes
- Sorghum production - 5 million tonnes
- Barley production - 2.36 million tonnes

Read the full article in the app by clicking [here](#).

Events & Developments



Promoting Ethiopia's Investment Opportunities and Potentials 27 April 2021

The Embassy of Ethiopia in Brussels is organizing a virtual investment promotion event on the 27th of April 2021 09:30 hrs. – 11:00 hrs Brussels Time.

The aim of this promotional event is to enlighten European companies and investors about Ethiopia's vast investment opportunities and potentials, as well as the comprehensive set of incentives available to strategic and priority sectors.

The various structural and legal reform measures being implemented to ascertain the ease of doing business in Ethiopia, will also be discussed.

H.E. Ms. Lelise Neme, commissioner of the Ethiopian Investment Commission and Mr. Sandokan Debebe, CEO of the Ethiopian Industrial Park Development Corporation are the honored panelists.

For more information and questions, please contact Mrs. Roman Mesfin at +32 486 994 801 or roman.mesfin@mfa.gov.et. The event will be held via ZOOM and you can register via [this](#) link.

The Embassy of Ethiopia in Brussels
Webinar: Promoting Ethiopia's investment opportunities and potentials
April 27, 2021
09:30 - 11:00hr Brussels Time

H.E. Sandokan Debebe
CEO, Industrial Park Development Corporation
Panelist

H.E. Amb. Hirut Zemene
Commissioner and Representative of the OIG to the European Union and E.U. Institutions
Moderator

H.E. Lelise Neme
Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission
Panelist

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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: Expanding your Food Business to the Netherlands 28 April 2021

This webinar is for entrepreneurs and professionals in the Agri & Food business looking to expand to Europe and addresses everything you always wanted to know about food innovations and the regulatory environment in the Netherlands. Read more about it [here](#).

Embassy closing dates May 5, 13, 24, 28 May 2021

Just a kind reminder that the embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and therefore the Agricultural department, will be closed on the following holidays:

05/05 - Liberation day
13/05 – Ascension day
24/05 – 2nd Pentecost
28/05 – Downfall of the Dergue

Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused. Please note that during emergencies you may still be able to reach the consular department via: +251 113 170 360

Kingsday event - CANCELLED 27 April 2021

We regret to inform you that this year the annual Kingsday event will unfortunately be cancelled again due to the ongoing pandemic. We hope to be back with you dressed up in orange in 2022!

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