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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.

NL in perspective 2021

The Netherlands in Perspective 2021

Facts & Figures

We proudly present the new Netherlands in Perspective 2021. Besides the latest statistics, this booklet also offers examples of how the Netherlands works together with local and global partners to address societal, agricultural and economic themes.

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Short Newsflashes

Industrial Edible Oil Complex

In the PMO newsletter it was mentioned that on June 7th Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the W.A Industrial Edible Oil Complex. Prime Minister Abiy stated that private sector investments in various sectors, capitalizing on resources nationally, contribute to import substitution of items we can produce domestically. The inauguration of W.A Industrial Edible Oil Complex is one such opportunity for engagement in production of basic consumer products.



An Ethiopian Ship Commences Cargo Service At Berbera Port

As reported on [Fana](#) on July 6th, an Ethiopian Ship named “Gibe” has docked at the Port of Berbera for the first time at Berbera Port of Somaliland after two decades. The ship started cargo service using the Port.

The ship has transported over 11,000 ton of Sugar and Rice through the Gulf-India Sub-Continent and docked at the Berbera Port as another Ethiopian ship, Shebele is expected to arrive at the port next week.

The ship which is property of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Services Enterprise has been accorded welcome from diplomats in Ethiopian Consul General in Somaliland, Seid Mohammed and Enterprise’s manager Roba Megerssa.

Dubai Ports Authority officials have also attending the event held to announce commencement of the shipping service.

Home-grown Economic Reform Agenda Progress Highlight, 2012 Ethiopian Fiscal Year (EFY)

- The economy grew at 6.1%, while the average growth in Sub-Saharan Africa remained at 3%.
- Compared to the EFY 2011, tax revenue increased by 16%, the debt to GDP ratio decreased to 51%, and the budget deficit was maintained at 2.8% of GDP.
- The financial sector showed increment of mobilization of deposits and expansion of credits, by 16% and 14%, respectively.
- The private sector’s access to credits increased to 64% of total credits.
- The national industrial development policy is being revised to promote diversification of the manufacturing sector towards the development of complex industrial bases.
- More than 80 investment and business administrative and legal frameworks were revised to improve the doing business climate.
- Foundational legal and policy frameworks were laid out in the ICT and mining sectors.
- In EFY 2013, the economy is expected to rebound with GDP growth reaching 8%.
- The 1994 agriculture and rural development policy under revision to reduce the focus on public investment and introduce market fundamentals in the sector.
- The liberalization of the telecom and logistics sectors, the partial privatization of Ethio-telecom, and the privatization of ten sugar estates have been fast-tracked to be completed by the end of the EFY 2013.

Source: Ethiopian Ministry of Finance (MoF FDRE)

Top 10 agricultural product exporters, in US \$ billion

	2019	2020
USA	160	166
Netherlands	106	109
Germany	94	95
Brazil	83	89
China	80	77
France	76	76
Canada	59	65
Spain	58	62
Italy	52	54
Indonesia	40	44

Source: UN Comtrade Database



The above mentioned press briefing was part of a quarterly engagement of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat with the media to share critical updates on the current state of the AfCFTA in Africa, status of implementation and the plans of the Secretariat for the next quarter.

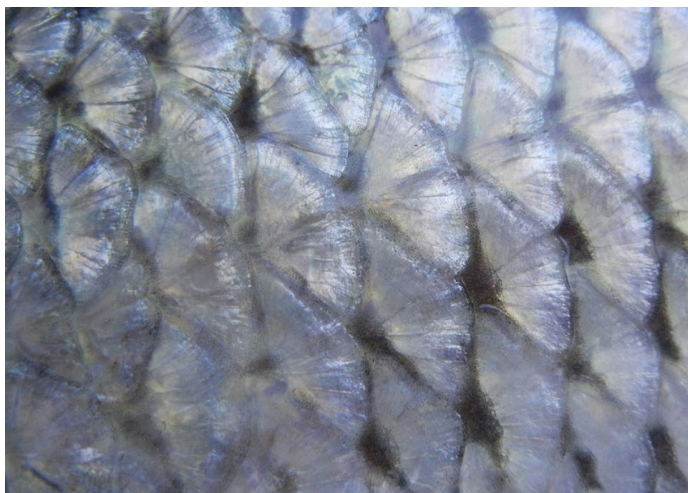
As a result of this briefing, read more about how free trade can help Africa to beat recession [here](#).

Boosting aquaculture resource development to stimulate the economy

Blessed with the natural and manmade water bodies, such as Lakes, ponds, rivers, and dams which could be hub for fish farming; Ethiopia has the opportunity to produce fish for local consumption and export market. In addition to these, the emerging artificial lakes due to the construction of hydropower dams make the nation's aquaculture potential higher than the current one.

But because of inadequate study and development regarding the wealth, it is not utilized as per the required level.

Read more about the opportunities in the aquaculture sector of Ethiopia [here](#).



Ethiopia's untapped potential of geothermal energy

Historically, geothermal development begun in the early seventies and continued during the eighties and nineties leading to surface investigations, wells and test drilling in selected sites. The government established the first pilot plant in 1998, the expansion of which begun two years later. Four other sites were licensed for exploration by a private firm. Currently, after hydropower, geothermal is the next optimum resource to be developed. Challenges and weaknesses in developing geothermal project are the large financial requirement, resource and other risks.

Read more about this project [here](#).

Finance Ministry Retakes Reins on Investment Incentive Provision

The federal government has centralized the approvals for investment incentives as the Ministry of Finance takes over the responsibility from various agencies. The Ministry assumed the authority before approving a new directive drafted to enforce the new working arrangement. The revised structure limits the role of the Investment Commission to reviewing incentive requests online through a newly established digital system.

The Customs Commission and regional investment offices were also previously involved in reviewing requests for incentives, leading to accusations of gross mismanagement and corruption since the process has been scattered. Officials at the Ministry hope the change will reduce misuse by investors and abuse by federal and regional agencies. They expect the new system to strengthen monitoring and evaluation of incentive provisions, including follow up on the status of investments.

The full article on these retakes by the Ministry of Finance can be found on the website of [Addis Fortune](#).



ETHIOPIAN ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW FOR TRADER

Customs and Tax Services Goes Online

Amhara regional state industry and investment bureau has begun an online customs and tax services. The service is called "Ethiopian Electronic Single Window" and [the website](#) has been launched recently. More information can be found [here](#).

Events & Developments



CRV/HealthyLife webinar on heat stress 28 July 2021

How to deal with heat stress in dairy cows? Join the webinar organized by SRV/HealthyLife on 28th of July.

Global warming increases the risk that dairy cows suffer from heat stress. As a result, dairy cattle in areas with more temperate climates such as Europe and the coastal areas of Latin America and North America can also experience heat stress. Dairy cows can already experience heat stress when the environmental temperature is 20°C. During this virtual event some of the challenges related to dealing with heat stress in dairy cows will be addressed.

Tom Chamberlain, BVSc, PhD, MRCVS, will discuss how we can measure the effects of heat stress on cows living in countries with temperate climates and what can be done to avoid loss of performance. Joost Klein Herenbrink will discuss how cows can be made more resistant to heat stress through breeding programmes.

Read more and sign up via the Trouwnutrition [website](#).



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](#).

Dairy & Livestock activities coming up! September/October 2021

In case you missed it, we have plenty of dairy and livestock related activities coming up! Read all about it [here](#) or directly register via this [link](#).



Deep Dives Into the Nexus of Food Systems, Climate Change, and Nutrition 28 July 2021

[The 2021 UN Food Systems Summit](#) is taking place in the context of the climate crisis and exacerbated global food insecurity resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. While the world is facing these challenges and a global response will be needed, developing countries—and in particular African countries—are dealing with an even more extreme situation.

IISD organized a session with an interesting line up of speakers. Read more about the event and register [here](#).

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