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Latest publications

Ethiopia travel advice

Due to the ongoing situation in Ethiopia, we advise Dutch nationals in Ethiopia to register themselves in the [Information service system](#) of the Dutch foreign affairs and be informed of the latest [travel advice](#).

[Dutch] Agrospecial: : Groot tekort aan eiwitrijke veevoergrondstoffen in Ethiopië

In de [Agrospecial van November](#) lees je over het streven van de Ethiopische overheid naar een grotere beschikbaarheid van kwalitatief hoogwaardig én betaalbaar eiwit. Daarbij is de focus vooral gericht op de dierlijke sector.

Ook hebben we meer dan 30 andere agrospecial bijdrages deze maand over de ontwikkelingen in en kansen voor plantaardige en alternatieve eiwitten in de landen waar ons Landbouwattachénetwerk actief is. Hoe kan diverse eiwitvoorziening bijdragen aan verduurzaming en voedselzekerheid?

Welke landen hebben een eiwitstrategie of zien potentie in eiwitten op basis van soja, peulvruchten en veldbonen maar ook algen, zeewier en insecten, niet alleen voor diervoeder maar ook menselijke consumptie?

Klik [hier](#) voor een overzicht van alle Agrospecials van deze maand.

Dialogo over Plantaardig Uitgangsmateriaal in Ethiopië

Het militaire conflict en de noodtoestand in Ethiopië brengt met zich mee dat het Landbouwteam op de ambassade in Addis Abeba nauwe contacten moet onderhouden met de ongeveer 85 Nederlandse bedrijven in het land.

Tegelijkertijd blijft het team aandacht houden voor het reguliere LNV-werk. Zo werd recent op de ambassade een bijeenkomst georganiseerd met vertegenwoordigers van de Ethiopische en Nederlandse overheid, bedrijfsleven, koepelorganisaties en ngo's met als doel een open dialoog te voeren over plantaardig uitgangsmateriaal in Ethiopië.

Het Landbouwministerie deelde haar bevindingen en conclusies van haar recente missie naar Nederland. Betrokkenheid van het bedrijfsleven en creëren van een onafhankelijke dienst (zoals Naktuinbouw) voor handhaving van regelgeving staan dankzij deze missie nu op de Ethiopische beleidsagenda.

Verder werd een toelichting gegeven over het nieuw 'Ethiopian – Netherlands Seed Partnership' (SeedNL) en is er besloten vanaf 2022 samen met het Ministerie een Platform met stakeholders op te richten voor regulier overleg over plantaardig uitgangsmateriaal.

Bekijk [hier](#) ook een eerder uitgevoerde markt onderzoek over deze sector in Ethiopië.

Our achievements at a glance

Did you know that the agriculture team within the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Addis Ababa continuously supports companies related to The Netherlands operating in the agricultural sector in Ethiopia when they are faced with challenges? Read about various achievements and our services in [this](#) article.

Useful Documents

Our agri-team has commissioned various market studies in 2021 of which the latest ones were on the [plant propagation material sector](#) and a Business opportunities report on [dairy](#).

If you're interested in more of these types of documents make sure to check them out on [Agroberichten Buitenland](#).

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Short Newsflashes

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) will begin Generating 700 MW Electricity by 2022

The commencement of long-awaited mega-dam producing 700 MW electricity after one month is expected to boost the country's installed power generating capacity by 14%.

Nearing completion on the Abay river, the \$4 billion GERD is self-financed by Ethiopians with crowd funding through raising in the form of selling bond and employees contributions a portion of their incomes, will generate 5150 MW hydropower at full capacity to relieve country's severe energy shortage.

Currently, Ethiopia has a total installed power generating capacity of about 4,967 MW. And, only about 45% of the country population has access to electricity and the figure drops to 32% in rural areas of the country.

Once completed GERD will be the largest dam in Africa with a total volume of 10.4 million cubic meters for renewable energy. Read more [here](#).

INSA urges local/foreign institutions, embassies, diplomats, public/private security agencies to re-register communication equipment in 15 days

Information Network Security Agency (INSA) said in a statement that individuals, security agencies, embassies, diplomats, local and foreign institutions should re-register within 15 days communication equipment which it said are part of a "necessary precautions to prevent the threat to Ethiopia's existence, the threat to its territorial integrity and its sovereignty."

INSA said although the it has been registering and supervising information and communication devices in the country in accordance with the powers and responsibilities of the Proclamation, it has been able to determine, based on the current status to re-register these devices in order to "prevent them from being used by terrorists and their accomplices."

Read more about this [here](#).



House Approves The State Of Emergency

As written in [this](#) article on fanabc, the House of Peoples Representatives has approved the state of emergency proclamation that was referred to it by the Council of Ministers.

It is to be recalled that the Council of Ministers declared the State of Emergency 5/14 in a bid to protect the community and the nation at large from a security threat posed by the terrorist group. The House also approved nomination of members and chairs of the Investigative Board of the State of Emergency Operation.

African Continental Free Trade Area could boost intra-African trade

UNCTAD's Review of Maritime Transport 2021 published on 18 November points to positive trends in maritime trade that might sustain economic growth in Africa, notably the entry into force of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the potential of technology to facilitate the continent's trade and transport.

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



Dire Dawa Dry Port nears commissioning

The Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise (ESLSE) disclosed that the Dire Dawa Dry Port is slated to go into operation in January 2022.

Roba Megeresa, CEO of ESLSE, [told](#) The Reporter that the construction took over two billion birr and was completed on schedule.

The Enterprise also disclosed of two freight warehouses it financed near Mojo Dry Port at a cost of over 98 million birr, which have been completed and are ready to handle bulk cargoes beginning this December.

The warehouses will mainly stock imported fertilizer before it is distributed to farmers. Each warehouse rests on an area of 1,600 meters square and can store 100,000 quintals of bulk cargoes such as soil fertilizers.

According to Roba, Dire Dawa dry port is unique in its kind and capacity in Africa.

Draft Proclamation seeks to nurture start ups

The Startup Business Proclamation is finally set for ratification after the Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MINT) included ratifying the proclamation in its to-do list within the next 100 days as [mentioned](#) in The Reporter.

The proclamation has been pending for more than a year now, as different stakeholder institutions continue to forward new recommendations and updates.

Ethiopia Seeks Alternative Markets To Ease AGOA Revocation

Extensive activities have been carried out to explore new export market destinations with a view to easing the impact of Ethiopia's revocation from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IDPC) said in [this](#) article on fanabc.

Ethiopia's AGOA privileges were not stripped immediately and the sanction would come to effect by January 2022.

Central Bank to erect four branches outside Addis

According to [this](#) article in the Reporter, the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) is in the process of building branches in Wolayita Sodo, Bahir Dar, Hawassa and Dire Dawa. Designed to have six storeys each, the buildings will serve as issue branches for commercial banks operating in the four cities.

Government seeks to privatize agricultural extension program

The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) is finalizing legal frameworks that enable private companies provide agricultural extension programs, [The Reporter](#) learnt. The move would effectively end government monopoly of the service.

The draft laws currently being discussed with stakeholders and expected to be ratified this fiscal year include directives and manuals that will guide how private extension program operators are licensed, supported and regulated.



National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) released the fourth Quarter Report

NBE Fourth Quarter of 2021 report [showed](#) the nation's economic development momentum remains solid despite growing inflation and troubling times.

- Headline inflation went up to 8.2% in the fourth quarter of 2020/21, from 5.5% a quarter earlier.
- Food & non-alcoholic beverages inflation increased by 6.6 while non-food inflations declined by 2.5% in the review quarter, NBE said.
- Exchange rate of the Birr to USD showed a 25.6 percent annual depreciation.
- Total revenue and grants collected by the Federal government declined by 8.5% to Birr 73.8 billion while its total expenditure increased by 3.2% to Birr 121.0 billion compared to a year ago.
- 22 investment projects having investment capital of Birr 752.7 million became operational.
- Broad money supply (M2) reached Birr 1.3 trillion showing a 30% annual growth.
- Reserve money stood at Birr 264.3, billion showing 7.2 percent annual growth.
- Average lending interest rate also remained unchanged at 14.25 year-on-year basis.
- Average savings deposit rate remained at 8.0.
- The number of banks operating in Ethiopia reached 19 of which 17 were private and 2 state owned with Birr 153.7 billion total capital.
- Birr 105.9 billion was disbursed in fresh loans, indicating a 66.2% annual increase, during review quarter.
- The number of insurance companies stood at 18, of which 17 were private and 1 state owned with Birr 11.1 billion total capital.
- A total of 39 Microfinance Institutions were operating in the country. They mobilized Birr 52.4 billion in saving.
- Merchandise export earnings amounted to USD 1.2 billion showing 24.8% annual growth.
- Merchandise import bill at USD 3.9 billion depicted a 45.5% annual surge.
- Overall balance of payments registered USD 933.5 million in surplus compared to USD 659.5 million surplus a year earlier.

Download the fourth quarter bulletin of the NBE [here](#)

Cool Port Addis Project Launched

A new fruits, vegetables, and horticulture product logistics port is to be built in Mojo under the National Cool Logistics Network, which is a joint project between the governments of Ethiopia, Djibouti, and the Netherlands.

The port, which will be known as Cool Port Addis, will be built with infrastructure that is suited for fruits, vegetables, and horticulture produce. "The development of a National Cool Logistics Network is a strategic project and vital for many economic activities in Ethiopia", said Dagmawit Moges, Ethiopian Minister of Transport. Click the below picture to see the full video:



Counting agricultural costs of the war

Isayas Lemma is Crop Development Director at the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). Recently, a new field assessment landed on his table.

It indicates over USD 500 million is required to restore damaged basic services in Amhara regional state alone in the aftermath of the expansive war in northern Ethiopia. Preliminary assessments conducted in some areas show that over 14 million quintals of agricultural output has been damaged by the war, which is also expected to disrupt the commodity market.

Read the full article [here](#).

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