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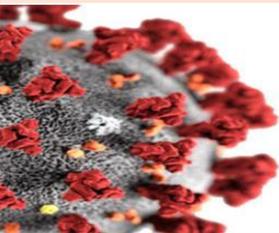
[DUTCH] Gevolgen van de oorlog Oekraïne voor Ethiopië



De prijzen van agrarische grondstoffen en voedingsmiddelen in Ethiopië zijn het afgelopen jaar behoorlijk gestegen (> 40%) mede als gevolg van het militaire conflict en de

schrijnende humanitaire situatie in relatie tot Tigray. Desalniettemin is de verwachting dat het conflict in Oost-Europa een negatief effect zal hebben in Ethiopië op de invoer en prijzen van brandstof, kunstmest en een aantal belangrijke basisproducten, waaronder tarwe en zonnebloemolie, en daarmee de inflatie verder vergroten. Lees [hier](#) meer.

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Short Newsflashes

Bill Keen to Overhaul Contract Farming, Expands to Other Grains

A long-awaited legislative piece that formalizes contract farming models has reached the final stage before a landmark parliament passage.

Federal officials hope to encourage expanding a demand-driven farming system by rolling out a legal framework that allows agro-processing industries to source raw materials from millions of small-scale farmers. Lower administrative levels in regional states authenticate contracts between farmers and agro-processors. Contract farming has been limited to a few agricultural commodities, including oilseeds, sugarcane, and barley.



Ethiopia: Council of Ministers Approves Draft Regulations, Science & Tech Policy

Ethiopia adopted its Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in 2012 which focused on the use, replication and adaptation of technologies for medium and large manufacturing and service providing institutions. Despite some gains, studies, however, indicated its impact has not been effective enough in terms of bringing about fundamental changes.

It has, therefore, become crucial to develop another policy that provides special attention for the development of domestic technology, innovation and improving the technological capabilities of enterprises as well as strengthening their linkages with productivity.

After an in depth discussion and adding the inputs gained from the discussion, the Council approved the new policy and its implementation.

Read more on this topic on the [Ethiopian Monitor](#) website [here](#)

Ethiopia Holds Investment Forum In Dubai To Attract Investors In Agro-Processing



A forum aimed to introduce opportunities in Ethiopia in Agro-processing to investors in the United Arab Emirates was held in Dubai.

Deputy Head of Ethiopian Investment Commission, Temesgen Tilahun, expounded on the efforts of the government of Ethiopia in expanding investment opportunities in agro-processing.

The Deputy Commissioner further mentioned industrial parks built to encourage investment in agro-processing, particularly industrial parks in Bulbula and Yirgalem. He said the government has been encouraging private investment in agro-processing in line with the ideals of the homegrown economic reform process in the country.

You can read the full article in [here](#)

Ethiopia to Conduct a Study on the Volume and Economic Viability of its Petroleum and Natural Gas Resources

The Ministry of Mines has inked an agreement with Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. to perform a study on the potential of Ethiopia's petroleum and natural gas resources as reported on [this](#) article.

According to the agreement, Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. will conduct surveys and feasibility studies in Ogaden, Somali Region, based on previous explorations in a 3,500 square kilometer area in the region.

The study is expected to enable Ethiopia's petroleum and natural gas resources to be utilized for fertilizer and energy projects, as well as to provide assurance to international investment institutions on the scale and type of oil and natural gas resources. Furthermore, the worldwide recognition gained as a result of the study is expected to strengthen Ethiopia's ability to recruit and negotiate investment in the sector.

Ethiopia to restructure its investment incentive scheme

A draft regulation, which poses a stricter control and regulatory mechanisms on incentive packages, provided for both domestic and foreign investors, is in the pipeline.

The regulation will replace the 'Investment Incentives and Investment Areas Reserved for Domestic Investors (Regulation 270/2012) as indicated on this [article](#).

The draft also centralizes the approval, implementation and control of incentive packages and is expected to slash, especially tax breaks, as the government faces budget deficits.

It is already revising tax regulations with the introduction of new tax systems such as property tax and increasing the rate for existing types of taxes.

Dozens of Ethiopian exporters agreed to supply high-quality products to Djiboutian markets



At the first Ethio-Djibouti Fruits and Vegetables Forum has been held in Addis Ababa on March 25-27, as indicated in the article [here](#).

There, dozens of Ethiopian fruits & vegetable exporters have agreed to supply more than 20 types of high-quality products to major Djiboutian markets, both high-end and the mass markets.

The Business 2 Business Session, organized by the Ethiopian Horticulture Producer Exporters Association, served as an important platform for assessing gaps and developing improved mechanisms to enhance fruit and vegetable exports to Djibouti.

Macroeconomic woes push Ethiopia to suspend Ethio telecom privatization

The Ministry of Finance postponed privatizing a 40 percent stake in Ethio telecom for an indefinite time. The government did not indicate whether the decision is forced by domestic or global issues.

“Given the recent developments and fast-moving macroeconomic changes both globally and from a country perspective, the Government of Ethiopia has chosen to postpone the privatization process,” the Ministry announced on Friday, March 18, 2022. You can read more information [here](#)

Ethiopia and Djibouti Introduced a Cost-effective Sea-air Cargo Transportation System

According to [this](#) press release of the Ethiopian Airlines – The company signed a strategic partnership agreement to jointly commence “SAM” (Sea-Air-Modal) transportation with International Djibouti Industrial Park Operation (IDIPO) and Air Djibouti .

Based on the agreement, the cargo will be transported from China to Djibouti Free Zone by sea and will be uplifted by air from Djibouti International Airport. The Sea-Air cargo initiative is twice as fast as sea-only shipping and twice as cheap as air-only transportation.

The transportation deal enables traders to order their products from China to Africa via Djibouti port and Ethiopian facilitates the air movement of goods to different parts of Africa through its vast network.

Regions Maximizing Efforts As Per Ethiopia's Aspirations To Replace Wheat Imports:

As reported [in this article](#) on Fana Broadcasting Corporation (FBC), Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed accompanied by Taufila Nyamadzab, World Bank Executive Director for Africa Group 1 and Ousmane Dione, World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan and Eritrea visited cluster wheat productivity in East Shewa Zone, Adama Woreda of the Oromia Region on 22nd of March 2022.

As per Ethiopia's aspirations to replace wheat imports through enhanced local production, various regions have been maximizing efforts accordingly, the Prime Minister stated. “Oromia Region has thus far cultivated wheat on 355,000 ha of land out of the plan set to achieve 400,000 ha nationally.



Ethiopia Has to Invest in Super-Clean Recycling Technology in The Plastic Industry

As stated on [this](#) article, Ethiopia's plastic industry is rapidly expanding. Since 2011, the annual consumption of plastic products has increased by double digits, and total consumption has more than tripled. The packaging industry (58.4 percent), construction (9.4 percent), and automotive industry (6.6 percent) are the three major business segments.

According to Economist Melka Girma, there are both formal and informal recycling systems in place, and the country has one of the highest recycling rates in East and Central Africa, equivalent to certain European countries. In Ethiopia, however, there are no regulations that directly govern recycling in terms of statutory recycling prices or limits on the use of recycled materials.



New 'Financial Service Code' to fully liberalize financial sector

As stated on this [article](#) on The Reporter, A new steering committee is in action to amend Ethiopia's half a century old financial code. The new Financial Service Code will determine engagement modalities of foreign banks in Ethiopia's financial industry.

The steering committee is comprised of National Bank of Ethiopia, Ministry of Revenues, Ministry of Trade, Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, bankers and insurance associations, among others.

Led by Alemante Agidew, Legal and Justice Service Division State Minister at the Ministry of Justice, the committee convened at Hyatt Regency hotel on March 17, 2022. Nonetheless, the meeting was adjourned following disagreements over the work plan that was presented to prepare the code.

Local price of fertilizer sees 200% hike



The cost of fertilizer saw a 200 percent spike in price, reaching 4,800 birr per quintal, threatening farmers who are already struggling to cover soaring prices of inputs that are critical to cultivate crops. It is a new development that is impacting agricultural production, whose growth does not match with the population growth and the crop demand in the country.

It is a global problem that sprung up in Ethiopia as the Belg season approaches. Ever since the coronavirus pandemic came into the picture, the global price of fertilizer reached levels unseen since the 2008/9 global financial crisis.

The war between Ukraine and Russia, major supplier of inputs for fertilizer producers, has worsened the situation. Russia, which accounts for 15 percent of global fertilizer exports, stopped the supply of inputs, which resulted in a 30 percent increase in the price of fertilizer.

Read more on [The Reporter Magazine](#) website [here](#)

Somalia and Ethiopia Launch Trade Negotiations and Agree to Sign Bilateral Trade Agreement to Bolster Cooperation Between the Two Countries

Ethiopia's State Minister for Trade, Denge Boru, and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Khalif Abdi Omar, officially launched trade negotiations between the two countries. The Ministers emphasized the importance of the two countries' collaboration and promised to begin negotiations on a cross-border trade deal that would benefit both countries' people.

The two ministries also agreed to negotiate and sign a bilateral trade deal to support regional integration efforts such as COMESA and the African Continental Free Trade Area.

You can read more in [here](#) on the website of [Business Info Ethiopia](#)

Ethiopia caps electric exports at 10 %



According to [this article](#) on the Reporter, The government has introduced a new threshold that limits the export of electricity to 10 percent of the total electricity output, due to a growing demand from domestic consumption and a 4.7 percent drop in electricity price in the international market.

Ethiopia is currently stretching export lines to Kenya, Djibouti and Sudan, with financing from World Bank and African Development Bank.

The amount of electric power generated in 2020/21 was about 15.5 billion KWH, indicating a 2.2 percent annual expansion. However, this is before the two turbines at Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam started producing last month.

Addis Ababa: The Ethiopian capital city has the highest cost of living index score in Africa

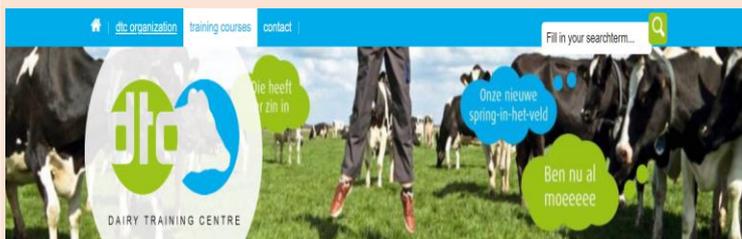
Courtesy of Statista's cost of living index across Africa, Business Insider Africa presented a list of 15 African cities with the highest cost of living index scores. The cost of living index compares the expected average costs of basic necessities such as food, clothing, entertainment, healthcare, etc.

It was indicated in [this](#) article posted on the website of [Business Insider Africa](#) that Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital city has the highest cost of living index score in Africa at 58.92. Apparently, the prices of consumer goods are quite high in this Horn of Africa city, compared to other cities across the continent.



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