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## Latest publications

### Relevant documents

- A new Investment Incentive Regulation No. 517/2022 came into effect replacing the Investment Regulation No. 270/2012 (as amended). The new Regulation maintains the two main categories of incentives offered to investors: Income Tax Holidays and Duty-Free privileges on [Revised Investment Licence No. 517/2022](#)
- Since the private sector is directly involved in cross-border trade, it is a major stakeholder and beneficiary of the AfCFTA. Thus, to better understand how African businesses are approaching the AfCFTA and, more importantly, how the AfCFTA can best support those businesses through trade, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) created the AfCFTA Country Business Index (ACBI). You can find the document below: [AfCFTA Country Business Index](#)
- The opportunities and constraints facing Ethiopian agriculture are strongly influenced by conditions which vary across geographical space. IFPRI and EDRI have developed the study below to understand the geographical expression of these factors is an important way of making sense of Ethiopia's agriculture. [Ethiopian Agriculture: A Dynamic Geographic Perspective](#)

### Did you know?

Ethiopia could lose up to USD eight billion if Ukraine war continues. A new study by the International Growth Center (IGC) projects Ethiopia's overall economy would lose as much as 7.6 percent if the Russia-Ukraine conflict continues for the next year.

### Did you know?

The inflation in Ethiopia has remained above 25% for over a year, hovering close to 35%. Ethiopia's inflation slowed slightly to 33.5% year on year in July from 34.0% in June, data from the country's statistics office showed in early August.

### Did you know?

Ethiopia is the largest producer of honey in Africa and produces approximately 45,300 Tonnes annually? Production is for both domestic consumption and exports. Much of the export is to the UAE and other middle Eastern countries.

### Did you know?

You can commit to taking Climate Action. There are 8 climate actions you can take for a sustainable world. In case you did not know about them, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has shared it to you [here](#).

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## Short Newsflashes

### Agricultural authorities reconsidering Maize Export Embargo



Federal authorities are contemplating the reversal of a decade-long ban on maize export. A team of experts from the ministries of Trade and Agriculture will begin assessing the viability of lifting the embargo. A macroeconomic committee chaired by the Prime Minister will have the final say as stated in [here](#) on the [AddisFortune News](#). The federal government is also considering lifting the export ban on wheat a year following the expansion of cluster and off-season farming initiatives.

### To survive foreign competition, Ethiopian Central Bank Governor suggests mandatory mergers & acquisitions

The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) plans to enforce mergers and acquisitions on local banks to survive competition as the regulator gears up to open up the banking industry in the near future.

[The Reporter](#) has stated in this [article](#), that the central bank is already designing policy instruments to vanguard local banks from perishing amidst foreign competition. The number of local banks increased from 18 to 30, just in the last year. The influx came after NBE's banking proclamation that allowed interest-free banks and the evolution of MFIs into banks.

### INSA Bans 3,998 ICT Devices From Entering The Country

Surveillance cameras used for illegal snoop, drones that have a high level of threat and are used for espionage and various terrorist attacks; foreign satellite phones, GPS, radio communications, telecom fraud devices that can cause huge losses to the country's economy and cannot be controlled by Ethiotelcom; high-capacity mining servers and battlefield binoculars have been banned from entering the country. You can read more in [here](#).

### Safaricom goes live in Ethiopia second largest city

Safaricom Ethiopia has begun a large-scale customer pilot of its network in Dire Dawa, four months after it missed operational launch in the Horn of Africa nation. The telco plans a phased city-by-city roll-out ahead of the October national launch. Read more [here](#).

### Fighting erupts along border of Ethiopia's northern Tigray region

Fighting between forces from Ethiopia's rebellious northern region of Tigray and central government forces has erupted around the town of Kobo, residents and both sides said on Wednesday August 24th, ending a months-long ceasefire.

The fighting is a major blow to hopes for peace talks between Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the party that controls Tigray. [Reuters](#) has more for you [here](#).



### Authorities backtracked on their decision of Fruit & Vegetable Export Threshold Prices

Agricultural authorities have backpedaled on a decision to raise the minimum price threshold for horticultural products exported to Djibouti nearly fivefold. Djibouti accounts for over 70pc shipments of Ethiopia's fruits and vegetables.

Sofia Kassa (PhD), a state minister for Agriculture, instructed the threshold for fruits and vegetable exports to the neighboring country to return to its previous level of 0.22 dollars a kilo. Her decision came after Djiboutian authorities lodged complaints. You can get more information in [here](#).

### Ethiopia completes third phase of filling giant Nile dam

Ethiopia has completed the third phase of filling the reservoir for its huge dam on the Blue Nile river, the government said, a process that continues to irk the country's downstream neighbors Egypt and Sudan. Addis Ababa says the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), a \$4 billion hydropower project, is crucial to powering its economic development. More information can be found in [here](#).

### COMESA To fund Ethiopia-Djibouti One-Stop Border Post

Ethiopian Trade and Regional Integration Ministry and COMESA discussed in Lusaka, Zambia that COMESA will finance the Ethio-Djibouti One Stop Border Post as well construction of a modern market to be built in Moyale town, near the Ethiopia-Kenya border. More in [here](#).

## Ethiopia Invites Local, Foreign Bidders For Eight State-Owned Sugar Factories



According to [this](#) article, the Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH) has invited both domestic and foreign private investors to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the tendering of eight state-owned sugar enterprises for up to 100% ownership in line with the state's sugar sector reform program aiming at increasing private sector participation and control of sugar companies to sustain rapid and inclusive economic growth.

## Alliance supports Ethiopia's wheat, rice, animal feed value chains

AGRA has provided three documents to Ethiopian government officials to support Ethiopia in investment prioritization and implementation of three programs.

These flagship programs are designed to promote local production, marketing and consumption of four critical agricultural items, wheat, rice, oil seeds and animal feed. The flagship programs were designed through a consultative process spearheaded by AGRA and the Ethiopian Government and involved private sector, civil society, and development partners. You can read more in [here](#).

## Mrs. Aynalem Nigusie Appointed as the New Minister of Revenue

As stated in [this](#) article, a day after the farewell program for the former Minister of the Ethiopian Ministry of Revenue (MoR), Mr. Lake Ayalew, a new governor for the institution was appointed on August 20, 2022. The inauguration ceremony for the honorable Mrs. Aynalem Nigusie, who served as the Economic Cluster Coordinator in the Amhara Region, was held.

## Ethiopia Government considers opening more free trade hubs in three towns

Officials of the federal government are contemplating opening more free trade zones at Modjo, Adama, and Semera towns. It is a proposal made after the official inauguration of the Dire Dawa Free Trade Zone, which was first selected due to its proximity to ports, market potential, and high cargo gravity. Businesses can import and process goods while benefiting from custom duty privileges after an approval from authorities. You can read more in [here](#).

## Wheat flour and edible oil prices anticipated to rise following mandatory fortification

According to this [article](#), industries warned of an increase in the price of wheat flour and edible oil as a result of a new rule that made fortification of the two commodities mandatory. The National Standard Council passed the mandatory fortification of basic foods, six years after the proposal was tabled but delayed due to a lack of consensus among members of the Council of Ministers. The new law was enforced on July 10, 2022 after a one-year grace period for the industry.



## Ethiopian Council of Ministers Approves Contract Farming, Seed Draft Laws

The new draft proclamation of the Agricultural Production Contract, which has been in the pipeline for five years, was passed by the Council of Ministers. The Council also amended the Seed Proclamation, which has been in place since 2013 as reported on the News of [Ethiopianmonitor](#) in [here](#).

Ethiopia had no out-growers contract legal framework before and as a result, buyers have been sourcing agricultural products from farmers and producers without signing binding contracts.

## 40 Investors have Expressed Interest in Investing at Bulbula Integrated Agro-Industrial Park

In the past few years, the Bulbula, Yirgalem and Bure Agro-Industrial parks have gone operational. As per a report by [Fana Broadcasting Corporation \(FBC\)](#) in [here](#), the Ministry of Industry announced that 94 investors have registered, some 42 investors and private ventures have finalized preparations to enter, and 6 have already begun operations in the Bulbula Park.

## Ethiopian Shipping Eyes \$15m Trucks Fleet Expansion

The Ethiopian Shipping & Logistics Services Enterprise (ESLSE) executives are finalizing a deal to acquire nearly 200 heavy trucks for 15 million dollars. As stated in this [article](#), a partnership between Sinotruk International and Yemkab General Import & Export Plc secured the deal and plan to deliver the trucks in four months. Executives hope the trucks will ease bottlenecks in the logistics corridor, besieged by a shortage of shipping containers and a surge in shipment costs.

# Events & Development

## Upcoming events

### Bedrijven geïnteresseerd in deelname aan Nederlands Paviljoen op Veehouderij beurs [Dutch]

In de periode 27 t/m 29 oktober wordt in Addis Abeba het jaarlijkse 'Africa Livestock Exhibition & Congress' georganiseerd.

Het Landbouwteam van de ambassade in Addis heeft besloten om conferenties over Zuivel en Pluimvee te organiseren evenals een Nederlands Paviljoen waar bedrijven en vooral leveranciers van input, technologie en kennis een stand kunnen huren in het Paviljoen. Een mooie groep Nederlandse bedrijven heeft zich al aangemeld. Er zijn nog enkele stands van circa 9 m<sup>2</sup> per stuk beschikbaar.

Voor meer informatie kunt u in het Engels contact opnemen met het landbouwteam van de ambassade via het e-mailadres: [add-lnv@minbuza.nl](mailto:add-lnv@minbuza.nl).

Meer informatie over het evenement vind je [hier](#).

### Ethiopia Set to host the African Technology Fair

The Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that the African Technology Fair will take place in Ethiopia from September 7 to September 9, 2022.

You can get more information in [here](#).

### Ethiopian National Day at the Floriade Expo 2022



A National Day for Ethiopia is expected to be held at the Floriade Expo 2022 on September 11, 2022 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm inside the green house at the Ethiopian pavilion. The day will be focused on promoting the country's horticulture investment potential while celebrating Ethiopian New year, which is celebrated on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

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