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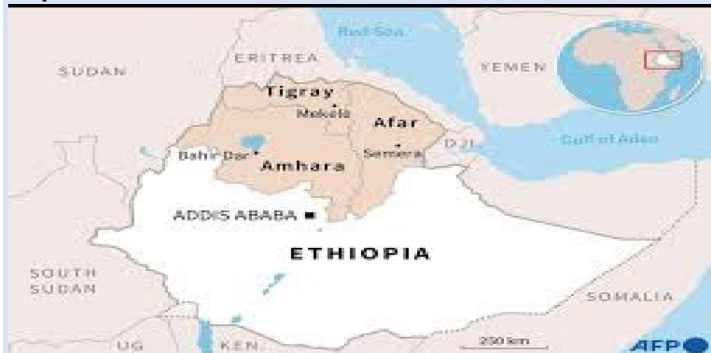
Latest publications

Climate change adaptation strategies for farmers in Ethiopia

The study analyzed the livelihood strategies of rural households and determinants of their choices for climate change adaptation using Harresaw and Shumsheha communities in the Tigray and Amhara regions respectively. The results of the study showed that farm-level adjustments were still a primary choice of climate adaptation strategies among rural households in both study areas.

[Are farmers' climate change adaptation strategies understated? Evidence from two communities in Northern Ethiopian Highlands](#)

UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Situation Report



The report assesses the challenges and the detrimental consequences that are being faced in Northern Ethiopia. You can download the report that details out the situation using the link below.

[Ethiopian Humanitarian Response Situation](#)

Did you know?

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Ethiopian Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MoTRI) drafts the first-ever trade, quality, and livestock trading policies to streamline the country's economic backbone of commerce and standards. The draft trade policy targets that the country's trade will be liberalized in the medium run of the policy implementation.

Did you know?

Ethiopia is making steady progress in its telecommunications sector as it prepares to issue an international tender in June for the licensing of a third telecom operator. The Ethiopian Communication Authority (ECA) has confirmed that the final preparations are underway to award the license to a deserving candidate.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Airlines Group is set to launch a cutting-edge global e-commerce enterprise, in partnership with e-commerce giants Alibaba and Amazon, among other collaborators. Located adjacent to the cargo terminal at Bole International Airport, ET's e-commerce hub is nearing completion, with a staggering construction cost of USD 50 million.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH) has confirmed that it has completed all the necessary preparations to sell a 75 percent stake on the Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESX), with the remaining 25 percent to be owned by the government. Officials of the Holdings stated that a feasibility study has been completed and the required documents have been prepared for the sale of shares.

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Short Newsflashes

Lack of forex to import fertilizer threatens agricultural output



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Fertilizer procurement for the following year faces hurdles as acute forex shortages cause the Ministry of Agriculture to experience delays in the opening of letters of credit (LCs). Over 7.7 million quintals of fertilizer have been left stranded as the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) has yet to open a letter of credit, which is required to pay suppliers.

As mentioned on the [TheReporter](#) News in [here](#), the bill for fertilizer imports has skyrocketed in recent years and more than doubled in the last year to USD 1.2 billion. The rise first began as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, with the Ukraine-Russia conflict worsening the situation.

Ethiopian Cargo Partners with cargo.one for Instant Air Cargo Booking Worldwide

According to [this article](#), on the [Bussinesinfoeth](#) news, Ethiopian Airlines, the national carrier of Ethiopia, has teamed up with cargo.one to offer its air cargo services for instant booking on the digital marketplace. Freight forwarders can book Ethiopian Cargo capacity via cargo.one to a wide range of regions including throughout Africa, Europe, North America, and Asia Pacific starting from late Summer 2023.

Agricultural One Stop Shops (AOSSs) Project Empowers 7.5 Million Farmers in Ethiopia

The Agricultural One Stop Shops (AOSSs) project, an initiative of the Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI), is revolutionizing the agricultural landscape by providing farmers with easy access to essential inputs and services. Designed to improve productivity, food security, and income, this flagship project has already achieved remarkable milestones.

Accessible Agricultural Inputs, Empowering Smallholder Farmers, Job Creation and Private Sector Collaboration are the key highlights of its progress so far.

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

Agriculture Ministry Envisage Machinery Inspection, Training Centre to Hoist Mechanized Farming

As stated in [this article](#), uniform standards and inspections on imported and locally manufactured agricultural machinery are nearing sight following the agreement to establish agricultural mechanization centre.

The centre is expected to foster a training hub for maintenance. Officials hope to enhance the inspection capacity through agricultural technologies that have prevented the Ministry from enforcing over 250 standards.

New Legislations Hope to Amend Agricultural Futile Policy

A contract farming regulation that sets up four types of agreements between contractor and producer was ratified by Parliamentarians, along with a wave of reforms to seed variety ownership and use.

The new law states all contracts will need to be in writing and include the type of agricultural produce, pricing mechanism for both input and produce, size of the production site and set the quantity and units of measurement along with customary requirements of other contractual standards. Read more in [here](#).

Farmers endure market sabotage, inflation and price disorientation as government wheat export story takes news headlines by storm



wheat prices shot through the roof following the announcement of the Ethiopian PM Dr. Abiy Ahmed as reported on the [Addis Standard News](#) in [this](#) article.

While the instant price hike is the immediate reaction, however, economists, farmers and observers have been arguing the wheat market sabotage among stakeholders has resulted in shortage of supply and skyrocketing of price, long before the announcement, and after the government's decision to intervene in the market to buy wheat products from farmers at a pre-set prices and export to foreign countries, in what came as a bid to resolve the dire shortage of hard currency the country is facing.

Eight State-Owned Sugar Enterprises Up for Privatization Bidding in Ethiopia



Following an invitation for expressions of interest in August of last year for up to 100% ownership, more than 20 local and international parties have reportedly expressed their intent to participate in the tender. You can get more information in this [article](#).

EIC Launches IFC-Backed Project To Attract Anchor Investors In Agro-Processing Sector

The Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC), supported by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), has launched a project on Investment Lead Generation, Outreach, Follow up, and Conversion for Agro-processing. Joining forces with OCO Global, Triple Line and critical stakeholders in Ethiopia, the project aims to attract anchor investors to explore lucrative opportunities in Ethiopia's thriving Agro-processing sector. [This article](#) will provide you with a bit of additional information on the topic.

Forex Crunch Inflames Agro-Industrial Parks' Inadequate Power Supply

As stated [in here](#), Foreign currency shortage has impeded power supply installations to integrated agro-industrial parks despite the Ministry of Industry remunerating Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP) in local currency.

The Bure, Bulbula and Yirga Alem parks are hindered from manufacturing at maximum capacity for a lack of adequate electricity.

Ethiopia's Coffee Exports Fall Short of Target, Tea Leaf Production Shows Promise

Ethiopia's coffee exports have generated \$896.7 million in revenue over the past nine months, falling short of its planned target of \$1.19 billion. Despite exporting 163,666 tons of coffee products to the foreign market, the volume fell by 22.4% compared to the same period last year due to challenges. You can read more in [here](#).

Minister targets fourfold increase in excise tax revenue with stamps

The Ministry of Finance plans to increase excise tax revenue three to four times through the implementation of excise stamps and an advanced excise management system. It aimed at improving traceability and tracking of excise goods, enabling higher revenue collection. [The Reporter](#) has more for you [here](#).

MULTINATIONALS SEE 'HYPERINFLATION' BUT ETHIOPIA SAYS NO

Ethiopia's status as an inflationary economy continues to be a source of debate between authorities and reporting entities, as the government now pushes locals adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) not to make any adjustment to their financial statements based on this assertion as read on the [TheReporter](#) News on this [article](#).

The prevailing peace in North Ethiopia, growth in deposits and the strong confidence the public has in the birr were cited as justification for saying Ethiopia's economy is not hyperinflationary. Experts disagreed with this, asserting all factors indicate Ethiopia is indeed experiencing hyperinflation when it comes to accounting standards.

Gov't shifts gear to ensure PPP projects come to life

The board of directors of the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) aligns strategies in the form of convertibility guarantees and proclamation amendments to anchor the public private partnership (PPP) initiative which is yet to take a foothold in the country's vital mega projects landscape.

Experts in PPP Directorate General, which is under the MoF, disclosed that the decision was passed to give a guarantee for projects that have big values for the country as mentioned in [this](#) article.

Kenya's GMO plans disrupted, but Ethiopia pushes forward with testing

While Kenya faces legal hurdles in its attempt to import GMOs, Ethiopia takes a proactive approach to GMO adoption by testing genetically modified crops. Ethiopia has seen little opposition to GMO adoption due to the lack of strong consumer protection activity in the country. However, concerns remain over the potential health and environmental risks of GMO products, both in Kenya and Ethiopia. You can read more [here](#).

Ethio-Djibouti Railway Transports 1.8 Mn Tons of Commodities in Nine Months



The Ethio-Djibouti Railway S.C (EDR) is driving regional socioeconomic integration and trade development between Ethiopia and Djibouti. Despite facing challenges from the pandemic and other adversities, the operational activities of the Ethio-Djibouti railway service have been crucial in revitalizing the logistics and transportation sector. Read more in [here](#).

Events & Development

Upcoming events

EAST-SOUTH AFRICA AGRI FORUM 2023
6 JUNI 2023 | OMNIA - WAGENINGEN CAMPUS,
NEDERLAND



The banner features a close-up of a cow's face with a red ear tag labeled '4076'. It includes logos for NABC, the Government of the Netherlands, and oost.nl. Three red call-to-action buttons are overlaid on the image: 'EAST-SOUTH AFRICA AGRI FORUM 2023', '6 JUNI 2023' (with a calendar icon), 'WAGENINGEN, NEDERLAND' (with a location pin icon), and 'WWW.NABC.NL' (with a link icon).

Are you interested to know more about the business opportunities in the East-South Africa region?

If you're in the Netherlands, then this is a good opportunity for you to join the East-South Africa Agri Forum on the 6th of June in Wageningen. You can get more information about the forum in [here](#).

Call for proposals for the FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2023: "Case studies of agrifood system technologies and innovations for climate action"

The FAO Chief Scientist Office has launched the Call for submissions on "[Case studies of agrifood system technologies and innovations for climate action: Call for proposals for the FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2023](#)".

Please visit the Call webpage in any of the six UN languages ([English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#), [Русский](#), [中文](#) and [العربية](#)) to read the full **introduction** and download the **template for submissions**. Please upload your submissions directly online upon [registration](#) to the FSN Forum or, alternatively, send them to fsn-moderator@fao.org.

Speakers' Day for Agricultural Counselors in Utrecht on June 07

The Speakers' Day for Agricultural Counselors will be held in Utrecht on June 7, where you can sign up for meetings with the Agricultural counselors in the East-South Africa region. During this day, the Agricultural Counsellor of Ethiopia, Mr. Meeuwes Brouwer will be available in person for one-on-one meetings with anyone interested to know more about business opportunities in Ethiopia. You can register in [here](#).



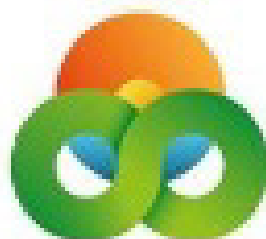
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NTF V Call for Applications for Tech Start-ups in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Uganda

The Netherlands Trust Fund V (NTF V) programme, a collaboration between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands and the UN International Trade Centre (ITC), is inviting tech start-ups in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Uganda to apply for their support program. Running from July 2021 to June 2025, the program focuses on the digital technologies and agribusiness sectors in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Senegal, as well as the digital technologies sector in Benin, Ivory Coast, Mali, and Uganda. Read more in [here](#).

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