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Publications & Announcements

➤ Seed Money Projecten [DUTCH]

Mkb'ers uit de agrifood en tuinbouw die hun internationale activiteiten willen vergroten, kunnen daar steun voor krijgen in de vorm van Seed Money Projecten. In deze projecten staat het opbouwen van nieuwe internationale netwerken centraal. Ook de haalbaarheid van nieuwe internationale productieketens kunnen verkend worden. Deadline indienen: 15 december. [Lees meer >](#)

➤ YEP posities agrofood [DUTCH]

Het [YEP Programma](#) heeft nog beperkt plek beschikbaar voor Nederlandse YEP posities voor agrofood en energie. Bent u op zoek naar een goed opgeleide enthousiaste jonge professional voor uw internationale project op het gebied van agrofood en energie, dan is dit uw kans! Doe de zelftest en doorloop de criteria voor het aanvragen van een YEP-positie. [Lees meer >](#)

➤ Horn of Africa faces severe challenges as extreme weather, food insecurity persist: WHO

Countries in the Horn of Africa are facing severe challenges as extreme weather events and food insecurity persist, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned.

The WHO, in its latest [Horn of Africa food insecurity and health situation report](#) warned that Horn of Africa countries are grappling with a combination of extreme weather events, widespread food insecurity and health crises as written in this [article](#).

Did you know?

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The government of Ethiopia has devised a strategic plan to accelerate the growth of export levels of pulses and oilseeds over the next 10 years. The country's income records reveal that the trade of pulses and oilseeds ranks one of the highest in agricultural export earnings after coffee and flowers.

Did you know?

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides a huge market to Ethiopia's leather industry considering the country's enormous potential in this sector, according to the United Nations Economic Commission of Africa (UNECA).

Did you know?

Ethiopia has prepared a national mining policy to sustainably harness its vast and untapped mineral resources. The policy aims to attract domestic and foreign investment by creating a transparent and predictable regulatory environment, promoting sustainable mining practices, and enhancing local community engagement.

Did you know?

Ethiopia allows local sales of export-quality coffee in foreign currency. The decision of the government to facilitate the local sales of export-quality coffee in foreign currency has been positively received by coffee roasters and exporters. The Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA) made history recently with a directive that closely monitors the coffee sector under government supervision.

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Short Newsflashes

Ethiopia Won UNIDO's Acclaim For Its Success In Agri Based Industrial Development



The Minister for Government Communication Service (GCS) stated that UNIDO has officially acclaimed Ethiopia for its achievements in the agriculture based industrial development.

UNIDO has officially acknowledged Ethiopia's progress in the agriculture-based industrialization process. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD), who attended the conferences as guest of honor, shared nation's success stories in this regard. You can get more information in [here](#) on the news of [Fana Broadcasting Corporate](#).

Huge Access Gaps on WASH Requires Strong Leadership To Ensure Better Service

The Eastern and Southern Africa Leadership Summit on WASH, hosted by the World Bank and Ethiopia's Ministry of Finance was held in Addis Ababa with the aim to blend technical discussions on water sector policy reforms, role of the private sector as well as on innovative development approaches with Ministerial dialogue on Finance and Water and networking opportunities.

Ethiopian Minister of Finance stated that the huge access gaps on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) require strong leadership from Finance and Water ministers to ensure better and faster delivery of the service in the Eastern and Southern part of Africa. Sub Saharan Africa's population growth has led to 37 million more people without basic water supply and 247 million people without sanitation as reported on [this](#) article.

Authorities Zero In On Agro Investment Opportunities

In a momentous move to revitalize the local horticulture market by empowering smallholder farmers with access and resources and propelling the fruit and vegetable sector to unprecedented levels, an extensive 30-million-dollar investment proposal was submitted to the World Bank two weeks ago with an aims to enhance rural road connectivity which is expected to be endorsed in 2024.

As stated in [here](#) and according to a horticulture expert at the Ministry, the project will bridge the gap between supply and demand observed across the country and address inflated prices through surplus production.

Ethiopia Eyes 750m Agri Investment From Private Sector

As part of the strategy to boost agricultural production, Ethiopia moves to mobilize international funds through a 750 million dollar investment proposal submitted to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

The proposal invites investment in production of organic fertilizer and limestone to improve soil health, enhance agricultural mechanization and boost animal feed utilization as stated in [here](#).

A Quantum Leap Forward For Rural Land Use Policy

As reported in [this article](#), farmers will be able to access loans from financial institutions using their landholding rights as collateral through a revised Rural Land Administration bill which was passed to Parliament.

Experts at the Ministry of Agriculture believe the bill will attune the registration and collateral-based loan access across the regional states. According to the legal head of the Ministry, farmers were challenged to obtain finance despite owning landholding rights to their plots. It is believed that the bill will address such issues and boost productivity while giving women the room to exercise their rights on the land.

Floriculture Investors navigated the convoluted maze of the land policy

Horticulture farmers in the thriving towns have lived through a paradox - booming business with no solid footing on the land they operate upon. Investors have long navigated the convoluted maze of the land policy - or the lack of it - giving rise to a web of competing rights for the past 15 years.

A missing piece in the puzzle is the absence of legislation which governs urban agriculture that would provide investors leasing plots the right to secure their holding. This has left the companies in uncertainty when it comes to essential business activities like securing tenders, expansion projects, accessing credit, or even simple license renewals.

Read more in [here](#) on [AddisFortune News](#).

800,000 Hectares of Farmland Covered with Seeds in Summer Irrigation Development

Ethiopian Regional States have resolved to fulfil their plans in promoting production and productivity of wheat during the summer farm season by providing all the necessary inputs required. As indicated in this [article](#), over the last three years, Ethiopia has registered remarkable results in strengthening summer wheat cultivation.

Some 800,000 hectares of farmland has already been covered with wheat seeds as part of the current Ethiopian fiscal year summer irrigation development activities as the Minister of Agriculture disclosed in [here](#) on the [Ethiopian News Agency](#). The minister stated the nation has planned to cultivate 3 million hectares of farmland during this year's summer wheat cultivation activities to harvest 117 million quintals.



The National Bank of Ethiopia Confers its Priorities with Bank Executives

The banking sector in Ethiopia has shown notable growth across multiple dimensions, including in accounts, deposits, credit, and accessibility.

The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) Governor Mamo Mihretu met with bank executives and board chairs to communicate the priorities outlined in NBE's new three-year Strategy Plan. The meeting agenda also included assessing the performance and challenges of the banking industry, particularly in credit and foreign currency allocation.

The aim of the meeting was to foster a unified vision and a collaborative approach by all towards shared priorities, objectives, and practices as reported in [this](#) article.

Logisticians, Industrialists await parliament's verdict on maiden trade zone

The Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC) foresees that the new under-ratification Proclamation, will increase commercial and logistics activities in the functioning free trade zone in eastern Ethiopia as stated in [here](#). The IPDC which joined forces with Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics (ESL) to form an operating partnership stated that the deal will enable the facility to function more efficiently after the Proclamation on free trade effectiveness is passed by Parliament.

Ministry Slashes Subsidies As Global Fertilizer Price Slumps

As reported in [this article](#), officials of the Ministry of Agriculture are poised to make a considerable reduction in fertilizer subsidies, potentially by over 50 percent this year, in response to the shifting global fertilizer markets and evolving procurement protocols.

The officials' plan, disclosed during a quarterly report released, signals an adjustment in subsidies from 1,560 Ethiopian Birr for a quintal to 600 Biri.

Fertilizer import for 2023/24 farming season Begins in Ethiopia

Ethiopia has begun importing soil fertilizer into the country for the new 2023/24 farming seasons. The shipment began weeks after authorities announced that the country secured a 23 million quintals fertilizer supply deal.

The Ministry of Agriculture moved to secure a supply deal with the Moroccan state-owned firm OCP after amending its two-decade-old directive. The ministry says the amendment has made the procurement process flexible, allowing authorities to purchase the input directly, instead of only through international bids.

OCP agreed to supply 23 million tons of NPS, urea, and DAP fertilizers to Ethiopia. The amount will substantially increase fertilizers import by 9 million tons from the 13.9 million tons brought in last year.

Read more in [here](#) on the News of [Ethiopian Monitor](#)

Directive under works to synchronize organizations to one legal framework

A new directive is in the pipeline to bring all public enterprises under one legal framework.

The Government Procurement and Property Authority, which has the authority to build capacity and supervise the implementation of procurement & property management in the federal government, announced that the new legal framework has been discussed and sent to the Ethiopian House of Representatives.

The move is said to come after a push from the World Bank and the African Development Bank who provide credit services in Ethiopia, in addition to all development organizations having the same legal framework as mentioned [in this article](#).

ITC, TRAIDE Promote for Direct Dutch-Ethiopia Coffee Trade

The International Trade Centre (ITC) is collaborating with the TRAIDE Foundation and the Netherlands government to promote direct, long-term trade linkages between Dutch green coffee buyers and Ethiopian coffee producers.

A Dutch buyer's tour – led by the UN special agency ITC and TRAIDE, enabled selected green coffee buyers to meet Ethiopian coffee producers from ITC's sustainable agribusiness Alliances for Action initiative under its Netherlands Trust Fund V program.

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

Ethio-Djibouti Railway Surpasses Plan For First Quarter

The Ethio-Djibouti Railway Share Company (EDR) said it has obtained 998.13 million Birr in the first quarter of the current Ethiopian fiscal year exceeding the plan set to the reported period as read in [here](#).

The plan also set to transport 670,000 tons of incoming and outgoing cargo in the first quarter and 587,000 tons were transported. The EDR has made preparations to expand the current 20 service stations and open new ones. The company is providing cargo and passenger train services in Dire Dawa, Mojo, Adama, Lebu, Endode, Dike and Miyeso as well as Dewele railway stations.

World Bank, Ethiopia Review Joint Portfolio Performance

The World Bank and Government of Ethiopia successfully completed a Joint Country Portfolio Performance Review (CPPR), as the Ministry of Finance reported in [this article](#) on the News of [Ethiopian Monitor](#).

The joint review aimed to assess the progress of the ongoing projects supported by the World Bank, identify implementation challenges, and address issues affecting the portfolio performance.

More than 170 participants from both sides and staff of project implementing units reviewed 33 World Bank-financed projects during the two-day meeting. The participants collectively developed an action plan to accelerate the implementation of projects in key sectors such as Sustainable Development, Human Development, Infrastructure, as well as Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation.

Ministry Targets Import Substitution To Bump Manufacturing

In an industrial manufacturing landscape plagued by shortages of raw materials, foreign currency and skilled labour, an industrial policy entailing increased focus on import substitution has made its way to the Council of Ministers.

Two years in the making, the bill by the Ministry of Industry seeks to enhance the manufacturing sector's role through competitiveness and foreign direct investments by identifying key sectors and creating a sustainable value chain. The import substitution has reached 38 percent as the State Minister for Industry disclosed the plan to substitute imports worth two billion dollars in the year. You can get more information in [here](#).

EIC Team On A European Tour To Promote Ethiopia's Investment Opportunities



A team of Ethiopian Investment Commission led by the Commissioner is on a European tour, engaging with over 20 anchor companies to showcase untapped investment opportunities in the thriving agro-processing sector in Ethiopia.

As reported in [here](#) on the News of [Fana Broadcasting Corporate](#), the Commissioner invited the companies to invest and unlock the potentials of Ethiopia's agriculture sector particularly in the production of fruit, oilseed, livestock, dairy, and cereal processing.

Foreign currency depositors to be compensated in birr Negotiations ongoing to establish a repo agreement

The recently set up fund, the Ethiopian Deposit Insurance Fund (EDIF), which ensures the safety, soundness, and stability of the Ethiopian financial system, announces that it will reimburse foreign currency depositors through birr.

The fund which became operational in April 7, 2023, pointed out that in the event that it has to reclaim its investment in the central bank's Treasury bills (Tbills); it has been raising the issue with the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) on a repurchase agreement (repo).

According to a statement the Vice Governor for financial institutions supervision at NBE and Head of the EDIF board, the fund has officially begun to function in order to safeguard the public's deposits held in financial organizations, particularly banks and micro financing institutions (MFIs).

Read more in [here](#) on the news of [Capital](#).

Ethiopia Recognizes The Private Sector As Engine Of Growth

Addressing the 20th General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD) underscored that industrialization can lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty across the world.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the manufacturing sector in particular has emerged as the driver of prosperity providing employment and fostering innovation in both developed and developing countries.

Ethiopia is an entrepreneurial state that recognizes the private sector as the engine of growth and aims to harness its demographic dividend for productivity as pointed out by the Prime Minister in [this](#) article.

Ethiopia Access To Seaports Boosts Regional Integration In Horn Of Africa: Analyst

Lawrence Freeman, a political-economic analyst for Africa, stated that Ethiopia's quest for the Red Sea strengthens regional economic integration in the Horn of Africa region.

As stated in [here](#), Lawrence Freeman, said that Ethiopia's interest to get access to the Red sea leads to a win-win economic benefit for regional countries, not to conflict. Apart from their geopolitical significance, sea routes like Red Sea have greater importance to bolster regional integration and facilitate economic growth, the analyst said.

He also explained that Ethiopia's presence in the Red Sea creates a favorable environment to ensure economic development for all countries in the region, adding that the quest to the sea outlet is reasonable.

Events & Development

Past event

Over 70 million Euro Agreements Signed for Horticulture and Dairy Development in Ethiopia



Agreements on horticulture and dairy projects that will be financed by the Government of Netherlands and implemented in Ethiopia were signed.

The Government of The Netherlands will provide over 70 million euro in total, out of which 33.3 million is for phase III of the Horti-LIFE project and over 40 million for dairy development under BRIDGE+. The agreements were signed between SNV Ethiopia Country Director, Ms. Julie Graham, Ambassador Mr. Henk Jan Bakker, Crops and Horticulture State Minister Mr. Meles Mekonen, and Livestock State Minister Mr. Fikru Regassa.

The Government of The Netherlands is working in collaboration with the Ethiopian Government in various fields, including horticulture and dairy development.

In an exclusive interview with Ethiopian News Agency, Netherlands Ambassador to Ethiopia Mr. Henk Jan Bakker said the Netherlands, which is a world champion in agriculture, is keen to share its experience and extend financial and technological support.

12th International Conference on Pulses & Oilseeds was held in Addis Ababa on November 21st and 22nd, 2023

The 12th International Conference on Pulses and Oilseeds was held in Addis Ababa with an aim to discuss on the current global trade patterns of the sector and enhance trade relations among stakeholders. The Conference is the largest event in Eastern and Sub Saharan Africa as it has attracted stakeholders of the sector from across the world.

More than 400 participants attended this year's conference including international buyers, importers' associations, importers, exporters, value chain companies and service providers as well as agro-processing industries and grain producers. Fertilizer suppliers, machine suppliers and Agro-chemical suppliers were also in attendance.

Read more about the conference in [here](#).

5th Conference on Land Policy in Africa was held in Addis Ababa

The fifth edition of the Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA) was held in Addis Ababa under the theme: "Promoting Sustainable Land Governance in Africa for Accelerating Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement (AfCFTA)". The objective of the Conference was to deepen commitment and strengthen capacity for land policy development, implementation, and monitoring through improved access to knowledge and information in support of evidence-based land policymaking.

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

Upcoming event

“Lasting Impact of Dutch in Ethiopia: Sustainable Change Through Private Sector” ENLBA Yearly Event

Prepare for an extraordinary experience with ENLBA for the annual event, themed “Lasting Impact of Dutch in Ethiopia: Sustainable Change Through Private Sector” taking place at the Netherlands Embassy on December 1, 2023.

Join this event as ENLBA spotlight the profound and continuing impact of the Dutch in Ethiopia, emphasizing their crucial role in boosting economic growth and long-term development. This event goes beyond business as usual, showcasing the multi-faceted dimensions of private sector progress and its role in shaping a better future for Ethiopia.

Please confirm your attendance to info@enlba.org, share amongst your important clients, and be part of this dynamic celebration of Dutch in Ethiopia, where innovation and inspiration converge, paving the way for a sustainable future.

The National Youth Empowerment Fund Application Form 2023

National Youth Empowerment Funding Application Form 2023 is online for registration. It is mend for all bonafide citizens, who needs helping hands in their various Business & Education activities.

The National Youth Empowerment Fund aims to give a grant to every Citizen under the age 13 - 65 years for the period 2023-2025.

Check your Eligibility and Apply in the link below:
<https://tly.ke/YOUTH-EMPOWERMENT-2023>

ENLBA Yearly Event,
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The Lasting Impact of Dutch in Ethiopia: Sustainable Change Through Private Sector”

Friday, 1 December 2023

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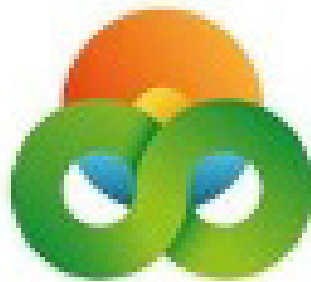
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