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Latest Publications

- A new World Bank report sounds the alarm regarding the increasing impact of climate change that are threatening Ethiopia's development prospects. The drought of recent years—the most severe in 40 years—has been devastating for people in the arid pastoral areas. Simultaneously, flooding has damaged infrastructure and disrupted livelihoods in other parts of the country potentially pushing millions of Ethiopians into poverty.

[World Bank Country Climate and Development Reports \(CCDR\) for Ethiopia](#)

- Finance State Minister Semereta Sewasew and Netherlands Ambassador to Ethiopia Henk Jan Bakker has signed a 10.6-million-Euros grant for the Cool Port Addis project Phase I. The Cool Port Addis Project I is designed to alleviate bottlenecks hindering Ethiopia's realization of its horticultural potential as stated in [here](#).
- Ethiopia's economy grew 7.2% in 2023, with a 6.1% growth estimate. The services sector is resilient, but manufacturing is weak. According to UNDP report, the fiscal deficit/GDP ratio is 2.9%, and the government needs \$20 billion for reconstruction. Inflation remains high, and debt overhangs and repayments on Eurobonds are affecting poverty-related spending.

[Ethiopia Quarterly Economic Profile January 2024 UNDP report.](#)

Did you know?

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Ethiopia and Kenya have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) at the conclusion of the 36th meeting of the Ethiopia-Kenya Joint Ministerial that solidify their longstanding partnership and chart a new course for enhanced cooperation across crucial sectors. The MoUs encompass three key pillars: Foreign affairs & security, economy & trade, and social affairs.

Did you know?

In a powerful show of unity, the African Union Commission (AUC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) called on African leaders to prioritize agriculture and increase climate finance to ensure food security amid worsening climate change impacts.

Did you know?

The [World Bank has reaffirmed commitment](#) to a comprehensive support for Ethiopia's development goals. Finance Minister Ahmed Shide, Governor of National Bank of Ethiopia, Mamo Mihretu and team, held productive discussions with World Bank Vice President for East and South Africa, Ms. Victoria Kwakwa.

Did you know?

[IFC has welcomed Ethiopia's Zemen Bank](#) as a new member of its Global Trade Finance Program (GTFFP), providing a \$30 million trade finance facility to support Ethiopian exports and imports. The \$30 million guarantee will help strengthen Zemen Bank's trade finance operations and develop new trade partnerships for Ethiopian businesses.

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Short Newsflashes

USAID Improves Nutrition for Women, Children, & Adolescent Girls with \$70 Million Community Nutrition Project

USAID Mission Director Scott Hocklander and the Minister of Health Dr. Lia Tadesse, on her last day as Minister, launched a new \$70 million Feed the Future Ethiopia Community Nutrition Activity aiming to address high malnutrition in the country.

The Community Nutrition Activity initiative targets women, children, and adolescent girls throughout their lives, aiming to break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition. In addition, the Activity provides nutritional support in humanitarian emergencies by re-establishing routine services and interventions. The activity will be implemented by Family Health International 360 in over 155 woredas across various regions in Ethiopia. You can get more information in [here](#).

How digital payments can change the lives of women in Ethiopia's coffee industry

Agriculture accounts for [over a third](#) of Ethiopia's economy and women make up 75% of the sector's labour force. They are the backbone of Ethiopia's agricultural sector, playing a crucial role in both food security and national economic stability. As reported on this [article](#), the livelihoods of an estimated 15 million Ethiopians depend on coffee production. Despite their vital role, research reveals a substantial gender income gap, with women only receiving an estimated 34% of the income generated from coffee. This disparity stems from several factors, including limited access to land, credit and market opportunities.

PurposeBlack Ethiopia launches six innovative digital technology products

PurposeBlack Ethiopia has launched six digital technology products developed by Kegeberew Technology Solutions Enterprise. These include Kegeberew Agricultural Products Sourcing (KAPS), Kegeberew Consumer Credit Management (KCCM), Kegeberew Learning Management System (KLMS), Kegeberew Television Streaming, Kegeberew Order and Delivery Tracking (KOT), and China to Africa, a large-scale internet marketing platform.

These products offer various solutions and services across different sectors, enabling farmers to sell their agricultural products, provide credit services, and track product movement. PurposeBlack is working on 24 digital technology products. Read more on the [Capital Ethiopia News](#) in [this](#) article

Coffee regulator readies to execute EU's new deforestation-free rules

Europe is a key market for Ethiopian coffee exports, and the new legislation has sent shockwaves among industry players who fear it could result in falling revenues placing the entire industry at risk.

Ethiopia's coffee industry has formed a Committee to oversee the implementation of a new EU Deforestation-free regulation for coffee imported into the EU scheduled to come into effect this year.

The newly formed Committee is preparing to submit documents required by the EU, but Ethiopia, along with other coffee exporting countries, has requested the EU for an extension on the implementation of the anti-deforestation regulation, according to the news of [The Reporter](#) in [this](#) article.

From Djibouti's Grip to Kenya's Embrace

Ethiopia is set to send its first shipments through Kenya's Port Lamu, a move to diversify its trade routes and reduce reliance on Djibouti ports.

The move demonstrates Addis Ababa's proactive approach to addressing logistical and security issues plaguing its main trade route through Djibouti. Djibouti ports have served as the main entrance point for fertilizer inbound to Ethiopia, costing around 1.5 billion dollars annually.

Ethiopia's technical committee aims to finalize the details of the nascent trade route. Read more in [here](#).

Logistics industry expresses concerns over new directive permitting private sector participation in dry ports

The Ethiopian Ministry of Transport and Logistics is drafting a directive to allow private sector involvement in the dry port scheme, aiming to liberalize the logistics industry. However, logistics actors have raised concerns that the proposed directive fails to consider practical realities on the ground.

The directive outlines specific land and infrastructure requirements for each type of terminal, including container terminals, dry bulk freight terminals, logistics parks, and logistics hubs. The directive also outlines equipment requirements for each terminal, with half of the machines being leased.

Read more in [here](#).

753 Tons Of Fish Harvested From GERD Artificial Lake In 7 Months

Deputy Head of the Benishangul-Gumuz Region Agriculture Bureau revealed that some 753 tons of fish have been harvested from the artificial lake of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD). He also mentioned that the production was achieved by four licensed fishery unions in the last seven months.

In [this](#) article of [Fana Broadcasting Corporate](#), it is stated that Benishangul-Gumuz Region Agriculture Bureau granted licenses to 38 youth unions to engage in the sector. Furthermore, it indicates that proactive measures have been taken to preemptively address any potential challenges related to market connectivity for these unions.



Moth infestations threaten flower exporters' largest market



European lawmakers are proposing stricter inspection procedures for roses imported into the EU from Ethiopia to combat the False Codling Moth (FCM) infestation. The moth, native to Sub-Saharan Africa, feeds on products like cotton, citrus fruits, peppers, roses, macadamia and maize.

The EU Parliament is concerned about the threat, with estimates suggesting over a quarter of Europe's citrus yields are at risk. The rule will apply to fresh roses from Ethiopia and Kenya and the inspection rate will increase to 25% of the consignments arriving in the European Union. The new EU inspection rate of 25% for roses imported from Ethiopia and Kenya will come into force decision on the first of May 2024.

As indicated in [this article](#), experts warn that increased inspection frequency and larger sampling sizes could impact delivery timeliness and freshness.

AfBC Underscores Crucial Role of Private Sector in Making Continental Free Trade Area Successful

The African Business Council (AfBC) President, Amani Asfour, has emphasized the importance of the private sector in the success of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). She emphasized in order for the AfCFTA to succeed Africa needs to increase intra-regional trade between the countries by building the capabilities of the private sector, financing it and improving policies. The private sector should on its part build its capabilities to meet international standards and link institutions with industrial technology in order to enhance competitiveness as President Amani Asfour elaborated in an exclusive interview with the Ethiopian News Agency in [this article](#).

Early Warning System that Empowers Pastoralists Launched

The User-Centered Integrated Rangeland and Water Monitoring and Early Warning System in Pastoral Areas of Ethiopia project has launched a system to empower pastoralists to make informed decisions, manage risks, and strengthen their resilience against climate change impacts.

The project, which covers 63% of Ethiopia's land mass, is critical for fostering livelihood resilience by providing near-real-time information on water and pasture resources. The project aims to provide near-real-time water, pasture, and climate information to livestock producers for risk management, decision-making, and drought planning.

The project is currently piloted in Borena, Oromia Regional State, and is expected to expand to Somali and Afar regional states in the coming two years. The project represents a commitment to protecting the environment, economy, and communities. Read more in [here](#).

Africa's Quest for Food Self-Sufficiency Requires Servant Leader

African leaders underscored that the continent's agricultural sector requires dedicated leadership in order to achieve self-sufficiency in food.

Ethiopia hosted a high-level event on Food Self-Reliance in Africa, titled "Africa Can Be Food Self-Reliant: Climate-Smart Solutions and Collective Action for Food System Transformation", on the sideline of the 37th Ordinary Session of the African Union's Assembly of Heads of State and Government as indicated on the [Ethiopian News Agency](#) in [this article](#).

Events & Development

Upcoming events

Invest in Africa Summit 2024 in The Hague, The Netherlands from 16th – 20th April 2024

Invest in Africa gathers 1000-plus key economic players such as government delegations and policy makers, high-profile African leaders, project developers, investors, and entrepreneurs.



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The 2-days event provides a unique platform to gain strategic knowledge about African investment opportunities and business networking. The convention will cover economic sectors such as Agribusiness, Technology, Renewable Energy and Mining. High-potential projects in Africa will be presented to international investors. Featured agenda items will include projects showcase, capacity building workshops deal marketplace, exhibition, country presentations, and among others. You can get more information in [here](#).

Agrofood Ethiopia 16 - 18 May 2024, Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa,

Agrofood Ethiopia is leading trade show & conference on agriculture, food & beverage technology & food ingredients.

Products like agricultural machines, farming tractors, harvesting equipment, analytical equipment, poultry equipment, milling & mixing equipment, fish farming equipment, irrigation systems as well as food ingredients and finished food will be featured.

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

Plastprintpack Ethiopia 16 - 18 May 2024 Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Plastprintpack Ethiopia is a trade fair for plastics, printing, and packaging technology. The Ethiopian market for these industries attracts significant investments. International exhibitors showcase their products and explore new business opportunities.

Products on display include plastic, rubber, and composite items, raw materials, packaging materials, equipment and machinery, tools, welding machines, measuring and testing equipment, appliances, and related services.

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

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