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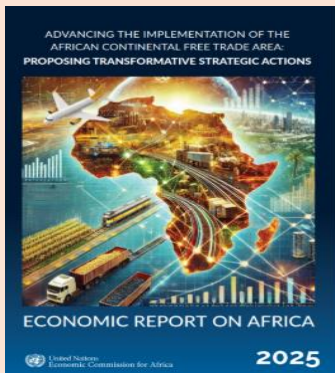
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Latest publications

AfCFTA Opens Alternative Markets to Sectors Affected by Global Tariff Wars: Continental Report



The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Policy Center for the New South launched the Economic Report on Africa 2025 (ERA 2025), focusing on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its transformative potential. The report emphasizes AfCFTA's ability to boost Africa's

GDP by \$141 billion and intra-African trade by \$276 billion by 2045.

[Economic Report on Africa 2025](#)

Assessing Ethiopia's Vulnerability to Global Market and Domestic Shocks

This IFPRI study evaluates Ethiopia's vulnerability to world market and domestic production shocks, focusing on key economic sectors and population groups. The study addresses two main questions: how vulnerable Ethiopia's economy and population are to these shocks, and what the largest risks are to overall economic performance, private consumption, and efforts to reduce poverty and undernourishment.

[Ethiopia: Systematic analysis of world market and domestic production shocks](#)

Did you know?

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Ethiopia aims to plant 7.5 billion seedlings this year under the Green Legacy Initiative, focusing on indigenous species and degraded areas. Planting will target regions with soil and water conservation efforts, covering 50% of the land.

Did you know?

Under the new Trump tariff measures of the US, duties have been imposed on various nations, with Ethiopia facing a 10% tariff.

Did you know?

Boeing has officially opened its new African office in Addis Ababa, highlighting Ethiopia's rising prominence in transport and logistics on the continent.

Did you know?

Ethiopia's Tamrit (Made in Ethiopia), initiated by the PM Abiy, aims to cut imports and strengthen domestic production across multiple sectors.

Did you know?

Prime Minister Abiy announced plans for a soil fertilizer factory to address Ethiopia's fertilizer shortage, with a \$2.5-3 billion investment and a timeline of at least three years for construction, possibly through private sector involvement or government funding.

Did you know?

Addis Ababa ranks lowest in digital adoption among MSEs compared to five global cities, according to a recent study by the Center for Financial Inclusion at Accion.

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Short Newsflashes

Accreditation Boosts Quality Assurance in Ethiopia's Animal Product Sector

The Ethiopian Agricultural Authority's Animal Products and Input Quality Testing Center has been officially accredited to test 13 key quality parameters. The milestone strengthens efforts to ensure the safety and competitiveness of products like milk, eggs, honey, and meat; a crucial step toward meeting global standards, as reported in [this](#) article.

Ethiopia is selected to host the 2027 P4G Summit

Ethiopia will host the fifth P4G Summit in 2027, announced by Prime Minister Abiy at the 4th P4G Summit in Vietnam. P4G supports climate solutions in food, water, and energy, offering funding and assistance. Ethiopia, alongside partners like Kenya and South Africa, aims to achieve the SDGs and Paris Agreement commitment. More information can be found [here](#).

Ethiopia Eyes livestock industry as key investment frontier

Ethiopia is positioning its livestock industry as a key investment opportunity, with plans to leverage its large livestock population to become a regional hub in animal husbandry and veterinary services. The government is implementing reforms, including value chain initiatives in feed production, breed improvement, and transportation, as well as incentives like land access and detailed guidance for investors. These efforts aim to address challenges in animal feed supply and veterinary infrastructure. [This article](#) has more on the topic.



Digital Shift In Veterinary Drug Registration Struggles Against Glitches Gridlock

Ethiopia's veterinary drug registration is now fully online to streamline submissions and improve records. However, server issues and slow uploads are causing delays, raising concerns about efficiency and quality control. The Ethiopian Agricultural Authority is working to resolve the challenges, as stated in [here](#).

Ethiopia and the EU signed a 240 million Euro grant under the 2024 Annual Action Programme

Ethiopia and the European Union (EU) signed grant agreement that will significantly contribute to improving the business climate to attract both domestic and foreign investment, transforming agriculture by fostering sustainable value chains, advancing digital transformation and enhancing livelihoods and promoting inclusive governance and peace-building efforts. Read [in here](#) for more information.

Ethiopia Exceeds honey production Target

Ethiopia produced 215,000 tons of honey in the first nine months of the fiscal year, exceeding its target of 210,000 tons. This success is due to the national beekeeping program, which has boosted both quantity and quality. The ministry has modernized beekeeping by distributing 1.9 million modern and transitional hives, which produce significantly more honey than traditional hives. Read more [here](#).

Ethiopia investment Commission announces 40 foreign investment permits

Ethiopia has granted 40 trade permits to foreign companies in export, import, retail, and wholesale sectors previously closed to foreign investors as part of its economic liberalization efforts, according to the Ethiopian Investment Commission. The new directive allows foreign firms to trade in products like coffee, livestock, and khat, while restricting imports of fertilizer and petroleum. Companies must meet specific investment thresholds and transparency requirements. You can read more in [here](#).

Securing Food Sovereignty Not Just Agricultural Goal, But Fundamental Pillar to Nation's Security

Ethiopia's National Disaster Risk Management Commissioner says food sovereignty is vital to national security not just agriculture. He highlights the need for full control of the food system and proactive disaster risk management. Key initiatives include the 'Bounty of the Basket,' strategic grain reserves, and boosting local humanitarian response to reduce aid dependence and strengthen long-term resilience. Read more in [here](#).

Ministry of Transport Rolls Out Integrated Freight Transport Management System (IFTMS)

The IFTMS, developed with the Ethiopian AI Institute, manages freight transport by integrating vehicle and driver data, while supporting the registration, licensing, and cross-border operations of freight operators. Minister of Transport, Dr. Alemu, stated it aims to modernize the transport sector, reduce delivery time & ensure safe service.

Ethiopian Spice Supply Hits 41,000tns in Nine Months

In the first nine months of the fiscal year, South West Ethiopia supplied over 41,000 tons of spices, including turmeric, cardamom, ginger, and black pepper. The regional authority is working with research institutes to improve yield and quality. Reforms, such as a new legal framework and spice marketing centers, aim to formalize trade, increase transparency, and enhance market access. More information can be found in [here](#).



How investment banks will unlock new opportunities for Ethiopian entrepreneurs

Investment banks play a key role in mobilizing capital, helping businesses raise funds through equity, debt, and public offerings. In Ethiopia, where many sectors remain underdeveloped, they can direct investment into agriculture, manufacturing, and technology—critical for national growth. Read more in the article of [The Ethiopian Herald](#) in [here](#) for more information about the crucial role of investment banks in boosting investment in Ethiopia's landscape.

Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture Reports Strong Gains In Poultry and Fish Production

Under the Lemat Tirufat Program, Ethiopia produced 6.3 billion eggs and 192,000 tons of fish in the first nine months of the fiscal year, marking major strides in agricultural productivity. The poultry sector saw 90 million chicks distributed, resulting in 128,000 tons of chicken meat. In the fisheries sector, 8.3 million fish fry were distributed. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia is advancing the implementation of food system transformation program

In response to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, it launched the Ethiopian Food System and Nutrition (EFSN) Roadmap to ensure sustainable, accessible, and nutritious diets. A 16-ministry council, co-chaired by the Agriculture and Health Ministries and supported by the Agricultural Transformation Institute, is overseeing implementation. You can find more information in [here](#).

Ethiopia and the AUC agree to collaborate for a Second Edition of the Africa Climate Summit

As sited in the website of the [Ethiopian Ministry of Planning and Development](#), Ethiopia and the African Union Commission are strengthening their collaboration to ensure the success of the Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2). Following a coordination meeting on April 11, 2025, strategic preparations are underway to make ACS2 a key event for advancing climate solutions across the continent.

Ethiopia Launches Groundwater Mapping Initiative

Ethiopia has launched a five-year groundwater mapping initiative to assess the availability, distribution, and quality of its groundwater resources. Aimed at ensuring sustainable water management and meeting future demand, the project addresses growing concerns over water quality. As reported in [here](#), the Minister of water emphasized the importance of identifying reliable and usable sources.

Ethiopia Continues to Champion in CAADP

Ethiopia continues to align its agricultural strategies with the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), aiming to boost agricultural growth and reduce poverty. The country's progress in environmental protection and food security such as improved crop and livestock productivity, and the success of the Green Legacy Initiative in increasing forest coverage has become a model for other African nations as stated on the [Addis Fortune News](#) in [here](#).

Ethiopia's High-level Delegation, Eurobond Holders Exchange Views on Ethiopia's Debt Treatment Progress

Ethiopia's High-level Delegation, led by Minister of Finance Ahmed Shide, met with Eurobond Holders during the 2025 World Bank and IMF Spring Meetings to discuss Ethiopia's debt treatment progress under the G20 Common Framework. Minister Shide updated commercial creditors on Ethiopia's macroeconomic reforms and economic outlook. Both sides agreed to explore further cooperation opportunities during an official visit by EIB authorities to Ethiopia as stated in this [article](#).

Ethio-Djibouti Railway Eases Cross-Border Trade With One-Stop Customs And Logistics Service

The Ethio-Djibouti Railway S.C. has launched a one-stop service that integrates rail freight with transit, customs clearance, and logistics operations. According to Global Logistics Director, the service streamlines trade by centralizing documentation and customs services. It offers a low-cost, comprehensive solution for importers and exporters, with added tracking capabilities for logistics and process monitoring. [Fana Broadcasting](#) has more on the topic in [here](#).



Events & Development

Past events

Public-Private Dialogues Ahead of Business Forum

On April 9, the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC), along with other critical government officials, held a session on "Customs and Taxation," leading to key government commitments. This was followed by a Public-Private Dialogue on "Investment Protection and Predictability of Laws" on April 11. Both are part of the Invest in Ethiopia 2025 forum, aimed at fostering a transparent legal environment for investors.

Ethiopia Takes Part in BRICS Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Brazil

Ethiopia participated in the BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture held on April 17, 2025, in Brasília, Brazil. Ambassador Leulseged Tadesse highlighted Ethiopia's integrated agricultural policies under Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, including the National Wheat Harvest, Green Legacy Initiative, Yelemat Tirufat, cluster farming, land restoration, and irrigation programs.

Horn of Africa Initiative Holds 24th Ministerial, Concludes Ethiopia's Chairmanship

The Horn of Africa Initiative (HoAI) held its 24th Ministerial Meeting in Washington, marking the end of Ethiopia's chairmanship under Minister Ahmed Shide. The meeting focused on advancing regional integration, trade facilitation, and sustainable development, reaffirming joint commitments to strengthen regional cooperation.

Upcoming events

INVEST in ETHIOPIA 2025 High-Level Business Forum, set to take place on May 12-13, 2025

The INVEST ETHIOPIA 2025 High-Level Business Forum will be held on May 12-13, 2025, at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa. The event will bring together global participants to discuss macroeconomic reforms, banking, and foreign exchange policies. Use [this link](#) to get more information and for registration.



AGRO + AGROTECH ETHIOPIA 2025, May 09-11 2025, Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

The 7th International Trade Show of Agrotech Ethiopia, organized by DLG International GmbH, will take place from May, 09-11. This annual event offers a platform for farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to exchange knowledge, ideas, and expertise on improving Ethiopia's agricultural industry.

Ethiopia's Tamrit Expo 2025

The Ethiopian Tamrit Expo 2025 will open on May 3, at the New International Convention Center in Addis Ababa. The five-day event, themed "Made in Ethiopia," will spotlight industrial technologies, promote locally manufactured products, and enhance national competitiveness.

Workshop on Current Trends and Challenges of Customs Clearance in Ethiopia for ENLBA members



The Ethiopian Netherlands Business Association (ENLBA), in collaboration with Ethio Alliance Advocates LLP, invites its members to a workshop on "Current Trends and Challenges of Customs Clearance in Ethiopia." The session will be led by Ethio Alliance Advocates LLP, a full-service law firm specializing in corporate and commercial legal services across various sectors.

SAVE THE DATE | FAO Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference 16-18 June 2025

In celebration of its 80th Anniversary, FAO invites you to the Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference from June 16-18, 2025, at FAO Headquarters in Rome. This in-person event will bring together global leaders to discuss the future of biotechnology in food and agriculture. Online participation is also available. [More information and registration in here.](#)



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