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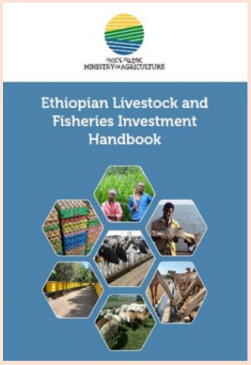
Latest publications

- **Exploring the growth potential of Ethiopia's spices industry: Opportunities for development**

  Ethiopia's diverse agroecology supports the cultivation of over 50 spices, including Ethiopian cardamon, black cumin, and turmeric. A recent study highlights opportunities to increase production, add value, and expand exports through improved farming practices and the use of agroecological suitability maps. With growing domestic and international demand, the spice sector holds strong potential to boost farmer livelihoods and attract investment.

  Exploring the growth potential of Ethiopia's spices industry

- **Ethiopia Ministry of Agriculture Launches Livestock, Fisheries Investment Handbook**



Ethiopia's Ministry of Agriculture launched the "Ethiopian Livestock and Fisheries Investment Handbook" to unlock the country's untapped potential in these sectors. The handbook promotes coordinated investment aimed at stimulating economic growth, creating jobs, and enhancing food security. It also provides investors with valuable guidance on opportunities, quality standards, and institutional support, fostering sustainable development in the livestock and fisheries industries.

Ethiopian Livestock and Fisheries Investment Handbook

Did you know?

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Ethiopia is set to welcome foreign banks into its financial sector before the end of the year 2025! National Bank revealed that all preparations are in place, marking a major policy shift aimed at boosting competition, efficiency, and access to finance across the country.

Did you know?

The Federal Tax Appeals Commission is preparing to open regional branch offices next year in the Amhara, Oromia, and Sidama regional states, a move hoped to ease the long-standing logistical and financial burdens taxpayers face when contesting tax and customs assessments.

Did you know?

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has launched the Digital Agro-Climate Advisory Services Knowledge Network to enhance regional collaboration and innovation in agro-climate services in Eastern Africa.

Did you know?

To achieve structural change, the Ethiopian government is prioritizing economic diversification, focusing on light manufacturing alongside livestock and mining. Diversifying into such export products is intended to broaden market opportunities.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has taken a major leap forward in its clean energy ambitions as the Assela Wind Farm, a 100-megawatt (MW) facility, delivered its first power to the national grid.

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Short Newsflashes

Ethiopia Diversifying export products to maximize market options

A new report by ActionAid International calls on the Ethiopian government to abandon IMF-backed austerity measures, warning they are worsening public education and health services. The study, The Human Cost of Public Sector Cuts in Africa, identifies Ethiopia as one of the hardest hit among six countries. Drawing on input from 100 respondents, it highlights a growing crisis in essential services fueled by debt and rising inequality. This article has more on the topic.

Ethiopia Using Digital Solutions and Standards to Enhance Quality and Safety of Animal Products

Ethiopia is using digital tools like DOVAR and ADNIS to strengthen animal disease monitoring and control, aiming to improve livestock quality and safety to meet international standards. These systems support quick outbreak responses and help contain disease spread. The government also enforces quality and nutrition standards, supports export abattoirs, and promotes farmer awareness to improve animal health and product reliability for both local and export markets. You can find more information in here.

Ethiopian farmers' to access loan through warehouse receipt collateral

To support farmers and improve productivity, the Ethiopian government, alongside partners like AGRA and IFC, is expanding the Warehouse Receipt Loan Service. This system allows farmers to use stored crops as loan collateral, helping them avoid selling at low prices and enabling better market timing. The Ethiopian Herald has more on this article.

Ethiopia Banks urged to align forex rates for effective economic reform

Banks' cautious approach due to foreign exchange liabilities and losses from a market-based rate has slowed progress of Ethiopian government's macroeconomic reforms initiated in July 2024. Although the gap between official and parallel market rates has narrowed, banks, especially private ones, have not fully aligned rates with the parallel market, limiting reform effectiveness as read in here.

Trade Unions demand urgent action as soaring cost of living erodes workers' wages

The Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETU) has urged the government to tackle the rising cost of living, warning that the weakening birr and persistent inflation are severely harming workers' livelihoods, especially in the public sector. The union highlights that low wages, high taxes, and rising prices continue to erode workers' purchasing power, calling for urgent government action to ensure fair wages and living standards. You can get more information on the Capital News in here.

Avocado Boom Faces A Bitter Harvest Despite Lofty Promises Fragile Supply Chains

Ethiopia plans to export half of this year's record 18.1 million tons of avocados for export, with 40% for domestic use and the rest for processing. Challenges such as limited export-ready varieties, poor post-harvest handling, and weak infrastructure threaten export growth. Smallholder farmers benefit from government nurseries and cluster farming, but costly seedlings and logistics remain hurdles. This article has more on the topic.

Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture Reports Tangible Results from Technology-Driven Livestock

The Ministry of Agriculture reports notable advancements in Ethiopia's livestock sector driven by technology-based initiatives. More than half a billion birr worth of animal health resources including mobile veterinary clinics and laboratory equipment have been distributed to Oromia, Southern Ethiopia, and Southwestern Ethiopia. Ethiopian News Agency has more on the news in here.

Ethiopia's Effort to Enhance Agricultural productivity Delivers Tangible Results

Ethiopia is making significant strides toward food self-sufficiency and agricultural transformation. As announced in here, the Ethiopian government is committed to homegrown economic reforms, expanding arable land, boosting yields, and strengthening irrigation and water management to drive sustainable development and food sovereignty.

The Politics of Global Financial Ratings: Power, Perception, and Profit

Global financial ratings, often seen as neutral arbiters of economic risk, play a decisive role in shaping the fates of countries, corporations, and investors alike. Issued by powerful agencies like Moody's, Standard & Poor's (S&P), and Fitch, these ratings influence everything from interest rates on sovereign debt to investment flows into emerging markets. This article provides a detailed analysis about the influence of these financial ratings.

Milk supply disruptions in Ethiopia drive price surge

Rising milk prices are straining household budgets, especially for civil servants and informal workers in Ethiopia. Production costs have surged due to higher feed prices, new taxes on inputs, and strict environmental regulations forcing urban dairy farms to relocate or close. Disrupted supply chains and shrinking production have pushed processors to cut output and raise prices, worsening milk shortages. Read more in here.

SEZ's Driving Diverse Investments, Sustainable Market Linkages for Farmers

Ethiopia's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are driving diverse investments and creating sustainable market linkages for over 85,000 farmers as stated in this article. Following national reforms, SEZs have attracted 80 new investments in nine months, shifting beyond textiles to sectors like agriculture and renewable energy. SEZs in Jimma, Bahir Dar, and Hawassa are emerging as key investment hubs.

Ethiopia Finalizing New Policy of Water and Energy

Ethiopia's Ministry of Water and Energy is advancing a new Water and Energy Policy aimed at guiding the sector for the next 20 years. A stakeholder forum was held to enrich the draft, which emphasizes private sector participation, fair access, integrated water management, environmental protection, and energy security. Ethiopian News Agency has more in here.

Concern Over Land Seizures Threatening Hundreds of Businesses in Addis Ababa

The Addis Ababa Investors Forum (AAIF) has sounded the alarm over widespread land seizures affecting hundreds of enterprises that have transitioned from small and micro-scale operations to medium-sized industries in the capital and its surrounding areas. More information can be found here.

EEA Report Showcases Grim Macroeconomic Diagnosis

Ethiopian Economics Association's new report reveals deepening fiscal strains, rising debt, and declining living standards over the past two decades. Public debt surged to $62.5 billion in 2023, pushing Ethiopia into high debt stress. The financial sector limits economic transformation, while conflict and policy instability since 2020 have worsened governance and investment confidence as stated in here.

Horticulture Association Unveils Digital Training Platform in Bid to Boost Productivity

The Ethiopian Horticulture Producers and Exporters Association (EHPEA) has launched a digital learning platform its members hope will help bridge knowledge gaps, increase productivity, and ensure compliance with both national and international standards. The platform, dubbed 'Horti-Campus', was developed with financing from the French Development Agency and the European Union. This article has more on the topic.

Ethio-Djibouti Railway Expands Services to Boost SEZ Logistics and Export Capacity

The Ethio-Djibouti Railway (EDR) has launched new procedures to boost logistics and services for manufacturers in Ethiopia's SEZs. CEO Takele Uma said EDR plans to expand services for high-volume exporters and set up permanent offices in key industrial parks to improve supply chain efficiency. It was mentioned that, EDR has increased both the number of cargo trains and the frequency of daily services. You can read more here.

Ethiopian Government boosting utilization of arable land to realize food security

Ethiopia is transforming its agriculture by providing modern tools, inputs, and expanding rural infrastructure. The government is improving value chains to reduce illegal brokers and boost market access. Over 12.77 million hectares have been cultivated this year, focusing on market-oriented crops, with a target harvest of 374.66 million quintals for the 2025/26 season, supported by better inputs, skilled workers, and new technologies as stated in this article.

Concrete changes recorded in macroeconomic reform amid challenges

Ethiopian Press Agency reported citing Ministry of Finance in this article that the country's comprehensive macroeconomic reforms, being implemented since July 2024, are demonstrating remarkable results in boosting the nation's economic growth in a sustainable manner. National Bank of Ethiopia, as started in this article, has also claimed that Ethiopia's macroeconomic reform agenda has gained substantial international support and is already delivering strong early results

Events & Development

Past events

Forum Bolstering Public-Private Partnership in AI Held in Addis

A forum to strengthen public-private partnerships in Ethiopia's Artificial Intelligence ecosystem was held in Addis Ababa. Ethiopian AI Institute Director General emphasized the need for collaboration to harness AI opportunities, highlighting ongoing capacity-building efforts. The event featured AI products and discussions on current technologies, challenges, and future prospects.

Africa's Strong Commitment to Job Creation Demonstrated at ILO Regional Conference.

The 20th ILO Regional Conference for Labour-based Practitioners was held in Addis Ababa. The event, attended by ministers and delegates from diffrent countries, provided a key platform to address employment challenges and align job creation with social protection, climate resilience, and infrastructure development.

The 6th COMESA Women Trade Fair and Business Conference in Addis Ababa

Over 200 women entrepreneurs from COMESA's 21 member states gathered in Ethiopia for a trade fair focused on advancing gender-responsive regional integration.

Ethiopia Hosts Major Investment Forum Showcasing Growth Potential

Ethiopia hosted the third INVEST ETHIOPIA 2025 High-Level Business Forum on May 12–13. The event gathered over 1,000 global investors, government officials, private sector leaders, and development partners to explore major investment opportunities, highlighting Ethiopia's growing appeal as a top investment destination in Africa.

Upcoming events

Agrofood Ethiopia 2025 Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 19 - 21 Jun 2025

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

Ethiopia will host the Second UN Food Systems Summit in July 2025

The 2nd UN Food Systems Summit will take place from July 27–29, 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, **aiming to attract investment and support Sustainable Development Goals. The summit** will provide a platform for reflecting on progress, strengthening collaboration, and unlocking finance and investments to accelerate food systems transformation. For more details, please refer to the DRAFT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW.

International Conference on Applied Statistics for Agricultural and Life Sciences (ICASALS-25)

The event is planned to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 26th - 27th June 2025. This event will bring leading scientists, academicians, industry professionals, speakers, and experts of to one platform. The informative discussions will highlight solutions, achievements, trending issues, and future strategies.

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