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## Latest publications

- Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture and the National Bank of Ethiopia launched NAFIR 2025–2030, a five-year plan to improve rural financial access and accelerate agricultural development. The strategy aims to expand financing across the agricultural value chain, supporting productivity, food security, livelihoods, resilience, and export growth in a sector vital to Ethiopia's economy.

[NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FINANCE IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP \(NAFIR\)](#)

- The Ethiopian Capital Market Authority (ECMA) has introduced a draft directive aimed at boosting investor confidence and strengthening oversight within the country's emerging capital market. The new guideline focuses on improving transparency and regulatory standards for Collective Investment Schemes (CIS), including Money Market Funds, Mutual Funds, and Real Estate Investment Funds.

[DIRECTIVE ON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES](#)

- Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) INSIGHT VOL. 1 ISSUE 1 explores the core themes of PM Dr. Abiy Ahmed's Medemer ideology and its transformative impact on Ethiopian foreign policy and economic strategy since 2018. Key Highlights:

\*Ethiopian Foreign Policy in the Post-2018 Era

\*Insights into Medemer's Economic Blueprint

\*Strategic Dialectics in Ethiopia's Foreign Policy and more

[IFA INSIGHT VOL. 1 ISSUE 1](#)

## Did you know?

### Did you know?

Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH) and Dangote Group have signed a deal to build a world-class urea fertilizer plant in Gode, Ethiopia.

### Did you know?

The Hawassa City Administration has confiscated 15.7 hectares of land from 25 investors who failed to develop their projects.

### Did you know?

The federal government is eyeing the establishment of an industrial park dedicated to manufacturing electric vehicles (EVs) as part of its green transportation campaign and in a bid to cut down on fuel import costs.

### Did you know?

Ethiopia has signed its first country framework agreement with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), highlighting the nation's growing role in advancing solar energy solutions for agriculture and economic development in Africa.

### Did you know?

Ethiopia approved a salary adjustment that lifts the entry-level pay for bachelor's degree holders to ETB 11,500/month (from ETB 6,940), effective September 2025

### Did you know?

Ethiopia earned over \$118 million from electricity exports to neighboring countries (Kenya, Djibouti, Sudan and Tanzania) during the 2024/25 Ethiopian fiscal year.

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## Short Newsflashes

### Ethiopia Accelerates EUDR Compliance for Coffee Exports



The Ministry of Finance and Ethiopian Coffee & Tea Authority (ECTA) gathered stakeholders to accelerate compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation ahead of the 2025 deadline for large operators. The meeting focused on strengthening ECTA's capacity, establishing an EUDR Working Group, and fostering collaboration to ensure Ethiopia's coffee sector meets EU standards and remains competitive globally. Read more on the topic in [here](#).

### Ethiopia's Agricultural Export Quality Measures Yield Successes, Confirms Authority

The Ethiopian Agricultural Authority reported successful outcomes from its quality and safety measures for agricultural products in foreign markets. As reported by the authority in [here](#), rigorous inspections have been carried out on both imported and exported agricultural products to confirm they meet high-quality standards, properly registered, and fit for consumption.

### Cluster farming enhancing agricultural productivity in Ethiopia

Introduced by Ethiopia's Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI), cluster farming has become a widely adopted approach, with over 10 million hectares cultivated during the last meher season in the country. The model fosters knowledge sharing among farmers and improves access to inputs, credit, mechanization, extension services, and markets, benefiting both farmers and supporting institutions. Read more in [here](#).

### Ethiopia eyes 115 mln USD in carbon trading revenue

The Ethiopian Forest Development (EFD) announced Ethiopia is preparing to secure an estimated 115 million USD in carbon trading revenue through landmark agreements with the World Bank and the Norwegian government. As read in [here](#), the initiative forms part of Ethiopia's broader environmental strategy, including its flagship Green Legacy Initiative (GLI) and other national forestry development programs, which are being leveraged to access the global carbon trading market.

### EIAR Says Improved Hybrid Crop Varieties Boost Productivity

Various improved hybrid seeds notably wheat and barley have yielded increased production and productivity, according to the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR). As reported in [this article](#), the institute is playing crucial role to boost production by releasing improved hybrid crop varieties of wheat and maize barley among others and disseminating to farmers across the country.

### Ethiopia Nets USD 14.9M from Spice Exports

Ethiopia exported 15,612 tons of spices in the past fiscal year, generating USD 14.94 million, according to the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA). This growth in spice exports strengthens Ethiopia's foreign exchange earnings and supports economic diversification. Read more in [this article](#).



### Sidama Region Reports USD 3.3 Million from Avocado Oil Exports

The Sidama Regional Industrial Parks Development Corporation reported over USD 3.3 million in avocado oil exports for the fiscal year ending March 31, with the Yirgalem Agro-Industrial Park processing 16,000 tons of raw materials. While avocado oil remains the park's primary product, new ventures in milk, honey, bananas, coffee, and juice processing have recently been launched. Read more on the topic in [here](#).



### Ethiopia Unlocking Irrigation Potential to Secure Food Self-Sufficiency

Ethiopia's Ministry of Irrigation and Lowlands has drafted a national irrigation standard and implementation regulation, developed with FAO and Addis Ababa University support. As stated in [this article](#), the framework aims to enhance efficiency, close planning gaps, strengthen oversight, and ensure timely completion of irrigation projects, addressing long-standing challenges of inefficiency, weak feasibility studies, and delays in the sector.

## Bounty of Basket Initiative Triples Fishery Productivity in Ethiopia

The Bounty of Basket Initiative has tripled fish productivity in the country. The initiative registered tangible yields and productivity in livestock and fish resources as well as vegetables and fruits, enhancing the livelihoods of farmers and pastoralists in the country. Overall fish production has surpassed 255,000 tons, with many citizens engaging in backyard fish farming to strengthen food security as stated on the [Ethiopian News Agency](#) in [here](#).



## Financial Institutions Meet Only 2pct of Agriculture Credit Demand

Ethiopia's financial institutions meet only two percent of an estimated 2.5 trillion Birr in annual demand for credit in the country's agriculture sector, according to [this article](#).

Banks and microfinance institutions (MFIs) disbursed just 52 billion Birr in loans to the sector in 2024, far less than total demand. Even counting the 73 billion Birr in credit allocated by the state-owned Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) for fertilizer purchases, the proportion of disbursements to demand sits at a measly five percent.

## Gov't Plugs 262.3 Billion Birr Budget Deficit Through Domestic Borrowing

The Ministry of Finance has revealed that the government plugged a massive 262.3 billion Birr budget deficit in the 2024/25 fiscal year through domestic borrowing instruments while also securing international debt relief commitments worth USD 3.5 billion. The Ministry annual performance report published details fiscal discipline measures, external financing inflows, and a tightened audit and digital oversight framework. Read more [here](#).

## Ethiopia streamlining coffee production, market destination

Coffee occupies a crucial position in the Ethiopian economy, being the main revenue generator among exported commodities. Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority announced that it has been working to enhance income from the sector, through supporting the sector by technology, expanding coffee land area and market destinations across the globe. Read more in [here](#).

## Ethiopia Records USD 4 Billion FDI in FY 2024/25

Ethiopia attracted about USD 4.0 billion in foreign direct investment in FY 2024/25, a rise from last year that the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) links to ongoing business-climate reforms and faster service delivery. The outcome signals steady investor confidence as the country pushes private-sector-led, export-oriented growth and job creation. [This article](#) has more on the topic.

## Ethiopia Gazettes Provisional Tariff Concessions, Advancing AfCFTA Implementation.

Ethiopia has officially gazetted its Provisional Schedule of Tariff Concessions (PSTCs), marking a significant step toward the full implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement. The gazettement process serves as an official government announcement, enhancing transparency and ensuring that businesses, organizations, and citizens are informed about new trade regulations coming into force, according to Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. More information can be found in [here](#).

## Ethiopia Freezes New Power Permits for Crypto Miners Amid Capacity Saturation

Ethiopia has suspended new electric power permits for crypto-mining companies due to limited capacity, halting further expansion. Crypto-mining, categorized under data mining in Ethiopia's legal framework, is highly energy-intensive. The freeze follows a surge in demand, with 25 crypto-mining companies already operational and 20 more on a waiting list. EEP had marketed electricity to miners in foreign currency to monetize excess power, though experts have raised concerns about the real energy consumption and its impact on local access. You can read more in [here](#).

## Private sector boosting role in fruit, vegetable processing industries

Ethiopia's diverse fruit and vegetable production holds strong potential in the European market. To enhance export readiness, the Centre for the Promotion of Imports (CBI) launched the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Ethiopia project, supporting SMEs in accessing EU and Middle Eastern markets. A key milestone was the recent launch of refrigerated shipments to Europe, marking significant progress in Ethiopia's efforts to build a sustainable horticulture export sector. Read more in [here](#).



# Events & Development

## Past event

### Ethiopia Determined to Tap Into Its Potential for Date Palm

Ethiopia hosted its first International Date Palm Festival from August 26 to 28, 2025, in Semera City, Afar region. This landmark event marks a major milestone in the country's agricultural development, spotlighting Ethiopia's significant potential for date palm cultivation. The festival fostered a dynamic environment for industry growth and collaboration, paving the way for the expansion of the date palm sector and boosting the nation's agricultural prospects.

## Upcoming events

### Netherlands Pavilion at the African Livestock Exhibition and Congress (ALEC) from Oct 30 to Nov 1, 2025



### 5th All Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition

For the second consecutive time, the Netherlands will serve as a key sponsor of the 5th All Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition (AAPHCE), hosted by the African Union Commission. The four-day program will feature plenary and breakout sessions across various thematic areas. Dutch experts in postharvest management will deliver presentations and participate in panel discussions, aligning their contributions with progress made toward global and regional food loss and waste (FLW) reduction targets.

### GERD Inauguration Scheduled for September 2025

After more than a decade of construction, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)



will be inaugurated in September 2025, according to Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. Ethiopia has been building the GERD since 2011 on Abbay River [Blue Nile] with ambitions to generate more than 5,000MW of electricity.

### Dedicated Plenary Session Organized by the Netherlands Embassy – “Innovative Solutions for Better Postharvest Management towards Food Loss and Waste Reduction” on 17<sup>th</sup> of Sep. at the AU Headquarters

Join us for a dynamic session highlighting the Netherlands' commitment to reducing food loss and waste in Africa. Key Dutch partners will share practical solutions, business models, and technologies driving innovation in areas like agrologistics, cold chains, and circular agribusiness. Discover how these efforts are strengthening supply chains, boosting productivity, and creating economic and social value. The session offers valuable insights and partnership opportunities to advance sustainable, resilient food systems across the continent.

### Africa Climate Summit (ACS2), September 8–10, 2025 (Pre-Summit: September 5–7)

The Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) brings together African Heads of State, youth, innovators, financiers, and global partners under the theme “Accelerating Global Climate Solutions: Financing for Africa’s Resilient and Green Development.” Hosted at the Addis International Convention Center, it will showcase Africa-led climate solutions, unlock bold climate financing, and culminate in the Addis Ababa Declaration on Climate Change, a unified African stance ahead of COP30. [ACS2 - Africa Climate Summit 2 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)

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