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Latest publications

- Ethiopia Agriculture is a key pillar of Ethiopia's economy but it faces significant constraints, including soil degradation, nutrient depletion, inefficient fertilizer use, climate risks, weak supply chains, and limited access to location-specific agronomic advice, particularly for smallholder farmers. To address these challenges, a 10-year [Ethiopian Fertilizer and Soil Health \(EFSH\) Roadmap](#) has been developed. It provides a national strategy to restore soil health, enhance fertilizer use efficiency, and strengthen climate-resilient agricultural production.
- The [National Agricultural Mechanization Strategy \(2026-2035\)](#) presents a focused approach to modernizing agriculture through the efficient use of engineering technologies across crop, livestock, and natural resource value chains. Building on the 2014–2024 strategy, the new strategy addresses emerging challenges such as labor shortages, rising costs, increasing food demand, and quality requirements, while aligning with evolving national priorities, technological advances, and expanding private sector involvement.
- [The Ethiopian Strategic Investment Framework II \(ESIF II\)](#) is a long-term framework aimed at enhancing sustainable landscape management (SLsM) practices across Ethiopia. It provides a programmatic and strategic planning framework to guide the prioritization, planning, and implementation of actions and investments by the public, community, and private sectors for scaling up SLsM in Ethiopia. The ESIF-II-SLsM promotes an integrated, landscape-based approach that aligns Ethiopia's development goals with national, regional, and international sustainability commitments.

Did you know?

Did you know?

Ethiopia has recorded a major milestone in its industrial transformation, substituting imported goods worth 4.85 billion US dollars with locally produced alternatives over the past nine months.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has been appointed as the African Union Champion for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health, in recognition of his leadership in advancing digital transformation and emerging technologies across the continent.

Did you know?

The European Union (EU) has officially announced the resumption of budgetary support to Ethiopia, reflecting renewed confidence in the nation's reform agenda and paving the way for increased private sector investment.

Did you know?

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has officially inaugurated major industrial projects focusing on solar energy and industrial gas production at Hawassa Industrial Park, marking a significant step in Ethiopia's push toward clean energy and industrial growth.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has been ranked among the top 10 recipients of European energy financing for SDG 7 projects in Africa, receiving 2.2 billion euros between 2014 and 2024, according to a joint EU–AU report.

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Newsflashes

Horticulture Highlights

What Ethiopia's HortiFlora Expo 2026 Revealed About the Industry's Next Chapter

Ethiopia's horticulture sector is evolving into a broader agribusiness hub, driven by strong export performance, investment interest, and expanding opportunities in logistics, technology, and value chains beyond flowers. Next steps focus on scaling cold-chain systems, improving post-harvest handling, expanding climate-smart farming, and attracting more private investment through stronger infrastructure and partnerships. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopian Horticulture Production Sees Rising Global Demand

Ethiopia's horticulture sector, the country's second-largest foreign exchange earner after coffee, is seeing rising global demand, expanding exports to Europe, America and Asia, while creating thousands of jobs. With continued investment and favorable policies, the horticulture industry is well positioned to sustain its expansion and play an increasingly important role in Ethiopia's economic growth and global trade presence. Read more in [here](#).

Geopolitical challenges and freight dynamics: Ensuring the future of Ethiopia's Floriculture



This article indicates that Ethiopia's floriculture sector is under pressure from rising air freight costs and global logistics disruptions, which are squeezing margins and affecting export competitiveness. With strong reliance on Ethiopian Airlines for cargo, the article stresses the need for better logistics, cold chain investment, and alternative transport solutions to sustain growth. You can read more about the author's perspectives in [this article](#).

Macroeconomic Developments

Ethiopia Unveils Integrated Sustainable Financing Framework to Boost Long-Term Dev't

Ethiopia has launched the Integrated Sustainable Financing Framework (E-ISFF) and a Country Platform to improve coordination of development financing. The framework aligns public, private, and external funding with national priorities, while the Country Platform coordinates stakeholders and mobilizes resources for priority projects. Supported by development partners, it aims to improve funding efficiency. Read more in [this article](#).

Ethiopia Pushes for Climate Finance as CIF Launches New Resilience Program

Ethiopia is stepping up efforts to mobilize climate finance and advance green development as global partners launch a new resilience investment program at the CIF Global Knowledge Exchange, alongside the ARISE initiative. Officials noted that climate finance remains well below required levels despite rising commitments. With COP32 set for 2027, stakeholders called for increased financing and stronger private sector engagement to accelerate climate resilience. Read more on the news of [The Reporter](#) in [here](#).

Ethiopian Government Launches Landmark Macroeconomic and Structural Reform Report

The Government of Ethiopia officially launched the Macroeconomic and Structural Reform Report this month. The report, which highlights 18 months of report performance, was produced by a collaborative team of Ethiopian economists, and tries to provide a rigorous, evidence-based analysis of the nation's economic performance and the gains achieved under the second phase of the Home-Grown Economic Reform program. Read more in [here](#)

Ethiopia's Reform Agenda Gains Strong IMF Backing Amid Global Uncertainty

The International Monetary Fund reaffirmed its support for Ethiopia's reform agenda, citing strong economic growth, easing inflation, and improved fiscal and external balances, while acknowledging intensifying global pressures. As stated in [this article](#), the IMF commended the progress achieved and reaffirmed its readiness to provide continued and coordinated support, in collaboration with the World Bank, to help meet Ethiopia's near-term financing needs and sustain reform momentum.

Biodiversity & Climate Watch

Ethiopia Advances Toward Climate-Compatible Dev't

Ethiopia is advancing climate-resilient development through an integrated national strategy combining environmental restoration, climate-smart agriculture, and clean energy expansion. These efforts are reinforced by improved water management and climate-smart farming practices that are strengthening food security and rural resilience according to [this article](#).

Ethiopian Inaugurates 100 MW Assela Wind Farm

Ethiopia has inaugurated the Assela Wind Farm, a 100-megawatt project that adds new renewable capacity to the national grid. The project is part of the country's broader push to expand clean energy, strengthen electricity supply, and support long-term economic development. It is expected to contribute to a more diversified and sustainable energy mix as reported in the article in [here](#).

Carbon Market Plan Sparks A Bureaucratic Bickering

Ethiopia's forest carbon market governance is facing institutional overlap after the Ministry of Agriculture issued a directive on carbon credits, while a national carbon market proclamation is still under review by the Ministry of Planning and Development. Planning authorities have raised concerns over mandate duplication, arguing that national coordination should be centralized under the pending proclamation. Meanwhile, technical agencies are working to integrate measurement and reporting into a single national carbon registry to ensure consistency and credibility in carbon accounting and international trading. Read more on [Addis Fortune News](#) in [here](#).

How BIODIV2030 built the evidence base for policy reform in Ethiopia

BIODIV2030 Phase II supports Ethiopia in aligning economic growth with biodiversity protection by reviewing key sectors like agriculture, livestock, coffee, and energy. It identifies how existing incentives can unintentionally drive environmental degradation and proposes policy reforms to address these gaps. The initiative has already influenced policymaking by bringing stakeholders together and establishing working groups to develop practical reform actions and tools for monitoring biodiversity impacts.

Read more in [here](#).



Livestock Lens

Brazil authorized to sell meat products, other goods to Ethiopia



Brazil has been authorized to export 17 agricultural products to Ethiopia, including key meat products such as beef, poultry, and pork, marking a major

expansion of trade ties between the two countries. The decision reflects Ethiopia's growing role as an import market for agricultural goods amid rising domestic demand. It is expected to improve supply availability and support food and livestock product flows in the country.

[Reuters](#) has more the topic [here](#).

Leather Industry Struggles To Balance Tax Policy Capacity Export Performance

Ethiopia's 150% tax on raw hide exports has reduced leather export volumes by about 22% in the first eight months, while increasing export earnings by 35% due to higher prices. Despite abundant



livestock resources, domestic tanneries remain underutilized due to inconsistent supply and quality issues, limiting processing capacity. The government is reviewing the policy amid ongoing concerns over its impact on exports, industrial utilization, and value chain development as read in [here](#).

Other Related News

PM Abiy Highlights Progress in Irrigated Maize as Ethiopia Pushes for Food Self-Sufficiency

Ethiopia is recording encouraging progress in agricultural productivity, with irrigated maize production emerging as a key area of success. The expansion of irrigation-based farming is already yielding strong early results and forms part of broader efforts to enhance food security, reduce reliance on rainfall, and build resilience to climate variability. Read in [here](#).

Sustainable watershed development for enhanced agricultural productivity

In response, Ethiopia has expanded community-led watershed development initiatives to restore degraded landscapes and conserve soil and water resources. These efforts have rehabilitated over 38 million hectares, reduced soil erosion, revived dried water bodies, and improved water flow, soil moisture, and agricultural productivity. Rear more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Launches Nationwide Crop Development Campaign to Boost Food Sovereignty

The Ministry of Agriculture has officially launched the 2018/19 Ethiopian fiscal year (2026) Nationwide Crop Development Campaign, setting out priorities aimed at strengthening productivity, ensuring input supply, and advancing the country's food sovereignty agenda. Please read more in [here](#).

Events & Development

Past event

The EU–Ethiopia Business Forum 2026

The EU–Ethiopia Business Forum 2026 opened in Addis Ababa under the theme “Unlocking the Global Gateway Potential,” bringing together public and private stakeholders to boost economic cooperation and investment. Ethiopia called for increased European investment in priority sectors, citing ongoing reforms to build a competitive, private sector–led economy, alongside progress under the African Continental Free Trade Area and its progress toward World Trade Organization accession.

International Conference on Integrated Pest Management and Sustainable Crop Protection on 18 April 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The 26th International Conference on Integrated Pest Management and Sustainable Crop Protection (ICIPMSCP-26) was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 18–19 April 2026. The event brought together researchers, educators, industry professionals, and entrepreneurs from around the world to share knowledge, exchange expertise, and advance policies supporting the development of Integrated Pest Management and sustainable crop protection.

The 12th session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

The 12th session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development held in Addis Ababa under the theme “Turning the Tide: Transformative and Coordinated Actions for the 2030 Agenda and African Union’s Agenda 2063,” bringing together policymakers and partners to assess progress and define next steps. Participants called for urgent, coordinated action to accelerate delivery of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, warning that economic, social, and climate pressures are threatening progress. The forum highlighted priority sectors and emphasized the need for scaled-up investment, stronger regional cooperation, and practical, results-driven solutions.



Upcoming events

International Conference on Digital Agriculture and Data-Driven Farming (ICDADDF-26) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 8th - 9th May 2026.

The ICDADDF Conference is a highly anticipated international event that brings together researchers, industry experts, and public sector representatives working in Digital Agriculture and Data-Driven Farming. The conference provides a platform to engage with the latest research insights, build professional networks, and explore opportunities for career development in this field. The program features a wide range of activities, including paper presentations, keynote speeches, technical sessions, interactive Q&A discussions, and workshops. You can get more information in [here](#).

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