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Latest publications

- The National Bank of Ethiopia has introduced a “franco-valuta” directive allowing foreign embassies, international organizations, and foreign direct investors to import fuel using their own foreign currency for internal use only. The policy, signed by the Ministry of Finance, aims to ease foreign exchange shortages and strengthen macroeconomic stability, while strictly prohibiting resale and enforcing digital monitoring of imports and distribution. The reform marks a shift away from the long-standing state monopoly on fuel imports and is intended to reduce pressure on foreign reserves while supporting essential diplomatic and investment operations.

[IMPORT ON FRANCO VALUTA DIRECTIVE NO. FVD/01/2026](#)

- The National Bank of Ethiopia has issued amendments to Foreign Exchange Directive No. FXD/01/2024, expanding banks' authority to approve letters of credit on acceptance and cash against documents on acceptance for institutions holding foreign currency accounts, including retention account holders, without prior NBE approval. The amendments also allow eligible institutions to order or initiate goods for shipment before bank approval, with payment processing subject to the submission and verification of the required documents.

[AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIRECTIVE NO. FXD/01/2024 DIRECTIVE NO. FXD/05/2026](#)

- Research explores how nature-based solutions can help Ethiopia address water-related climate risks while supporting ecosystem restoration and sustainable development.

[Nature-based solutions for managing water-related climate risks](#)

Did you know?

Did you know?

Ethiopia has secured another significant breakthrough in its bid to join the World Trade Organization (WTO), signing a Bilateral Market Access Protocol with New Zealand at WTO headquarters in Geneva.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Cargo has been named Best Air Cargo Carrier – Africa at the 2026 Asia Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards, earning one of the industry's most respected honors.

Did you know?

Ethiopia's export earnings reached USD 9.8 billion in the first 11 months of FY 2025/26, exceeding the USD 8.48 billion target and marking a 36% increase compared to the same period last year, driven by improved export performance across key sectors.

Did you know?

The Ethiopian Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IDPC) has introduced a major policy shift aimed at accelerating industrialization by supporting domestic manufacturers through reduced service fees and four years of free access to selected industrial parks.

Did you know? Ethiopia is strengthening its digital future through enhanced cyber security. In 2024, the country comprehensively revised its National Cyber security Policy to address emerging technologies, evolving cyber threats, and align with international best practices.

Did you know?

The Ethiopian Electric Utility is systematically integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cutting-edge digital technologies to forge a highly resilient and dependable national power grid.

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Horticulture Highlights

Ethiopia's Inaugurates First Beneficial Insect Breeding Center at Dummen Orange in Koka



Ethiopia has inaugurated East Africa's largest beneficial insect production center, a facility expected to reduce reliance on imported biological pest-control products and lower foreign currency expenditure. The center will produce predatory insects that provide a sustainable alternative to chemical pesticides, supporting safer farming practices, protecting agricultural workers, and strengthening the country's agricultural productivity. You can get more information on the [New Business Ethiopia](#) in [here](#).

Horticulture Exporters Need Better Access to Foreign Currency to Unlock Growth

In an opinion piece, Addis Fortune argues that Ethiopia's horticulture exporters face significant challenges due to limited access to foreign currency, despite their contribution to export earnings. The article highlights that delays in accessing export proceeds and foreign exchange constraints are affecting producers' ability to import inputs, maintain operations, and compete in international markets. It calls for improved foreign currency management and stronger support mechanisms to help the sector realize its export potential. Read more in [this article](#).



Macroeconomic Developments

Prosperity Party Wins Majority in Ethiopia's Election, Signaling Policy and reform Continuity

National Election Board of Ethiopia announced the results of the 7th General Election on June 21, 2026. The ruling Prosperity Party secured a large majority in the House of Peoples' Representatives and performed strongly in several regional council elections, giving it the mandate to form the next federal government and appoint a new cabinet. The election outcome is expected to maintain continuity in Ethiopia's ongoing economic reform agenda & sectoral development priorities. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Reaches Staff-Level Deal with IMF to unlock \$468 million loan

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Ethiopia have reached a staff-level agreement on economic policies under the fifth review of the country's Extended Credit Facility program, paving the way for a potential disbursement of about \$468 million pending review and approval of Executive Board. You can find more information on the news of the [ADDIS Insight](#) on [the topic](#).

Ethiopia Targets 730 Million Quintals of Crop Production in Main Agricultural Production Season

The Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture announced a target of 730 million quintals of crop production for the 2026 main agricultural season. The plan includes cultivation of 22.3 million hectares, fertilizer supply and improved seed distribution, relevant for input suppliers, mechanization and agricultural service providers. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia reaches preliminary agreement on sovereign debt restructuring

Ethiopia has reached a preliminary agreement with international bondholders to restructure its defaulted USD 1 billion Eurobond, marking a major step toward restoring debt sustainability after more than two years of negotiations. Under the proposed agreement, Ethiopia will replace the existing bond with a new USD 880 million bond to be repaid in installments by 2029, alongside payments for missed interest obligations. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia's New Budget Highlights Fiscal Constraints and Investment Priorities

Ethiopia's Parliament has received the country's largest proposed federal budget, amounting to ETB 2.34 trillion, which focuses on maintaining essential services, financing development priorities, and supporting ongoing economic reforms. However, debt servicing remains a major pressure, with ETB 542.1 billion allocated for debt repayment, highlighting the limited fiscal space available for new investments. Read more in [here](#).

CBE and EIC Forge Historic Partnership to Advance Ethiopia's Financial Sector

The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Insurance Corporation have signed a strategic partnership to integrate banking and insurance services. The collaboration includes crop insurance products, digital integration of insurance services into banking platforms, and customers to access loans for insurance premium payments as read in [this article](#).

Biodiversity & Climate Watch

Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative Expands Forest Restoration with 8 Billion Seedling Target for 2026

Ethiopia launched its 2026 Green Legacy planting season with a target of planting 8 billion seedlings. Since its launch in 2019, the initiative has expanded forest coverage to 11.2 million hectares, with a focus on ecosystem restoration, agroforestry and sustainable land management. Read more in [here](#) and [here](#).

Ethiopia Advances on National Agroecology Strategy

Stakeholders discussed implementation of Ethiopia's National Agroecology Strategy for Food Systems Transformation (2026–2040), highlighting sustainable farming practices, indigenous knowledge, soil health, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and reduced dependence on external inputs. This may create opportunities for companies working on regenerative agriculture, nature-based solutions, sustainable inputs, and climate-smart technologies. Read more in [here](#)

House Approves Ethiopia's Carbon Market Proclamation

Ethiopia's Parliament has approved the Carbon Market Proclamation, creating a legal framework to regulate carbon trading, attract green investment, and strengthen transparency in carbon credit management. It is expected to support climate finance mobilization and create opportunities for sectors involved in sustainable land management, forestry, and climate-resilient agriculture. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Showcases Renewable Energy Progress at BRICS Energy Summit

Ethiopia presented its renewable energy progress at the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in India, reaffirming its goal of universal electricity access by 2030. The country highlighted investments in grid modernization, energy storage, and off-grid electrification, and outlined plans for peaceful nuclear energy and green hydrogen for fertilizer production, e-mobility, and exports. It also reiterated efforts to attract private investment and strengthen regional energy connectivity within BRICS vision. Read more in [here](#).

Livestock Lens

\$10M Contract Signed to Build Massive 63-Million Egg Poultry Hatchery in Ethiopia



Ethiopia's Ministry of Agriculture has signed a \$10.15 million contract to construct a state-of-the-art poultry hatchery with the capacity to incubate 63 million eggs annually, financed through a development loan from the African Development Bank. The project, implemented under the Ethiopia Poultry Value Chain Development Program, is expected to significantly modernize the livestock value chain as read in [here](#).

Middle East Conflict Strains Ethiopia's Meat and Livestock Export Sector



Ethiopia's livestock export sector is facing logistical pressures due to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which have contributed to fuel price increases and diesel shortages affecting transport and supply chains. Authorities are implementing measures to stabilize processing operations while diversifying export destinations beyond traditional Gulf markets to ensure longer-term resilience. Read more the topic [here](#).

World Milk Day Connects Actors in the Dairy Development Value Chain

Ethiopia marked World Milk Day with a high-level stakeholder forum focused on advancing dairy development and strengthening value chain integration. The event highlighted the *Yelemat Tirufat* initiative and the need to improve dairy productivity through better inputs, animal health services, market linkages, and collaboration among public and private actors. Read more in [here](#).

Dairy Farm Schools to Boost Dairy Development in Ethiopia

Ethiopia's Ministry of Agriculture and SNV have launched the Dairy Farm Schools (DFS) extension framework to improve dairy productivity through structured farmer training and advisory services. The model focuses on improving dairy management practices along the lactation cycle, emphasizing key animal welfare and productivity factors, as reported in [this article](#).

Other Related News

Public Hearing on Draft Proclamation for Farmers' Agribusiness Companies (ABCs)

The House of People's Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture Affairs held a public hearing on the draft proclamation for Farmers' Agribusiness Companies (ABCs), advancing efforts to formalize smallholder farmers into structured business entities. The legal framework aims to strengthen agricultural input supply, marketing, and service delivery. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Strengthens National Efforts to Address Soil Degradation

Ethiopia is establishing a national coordination platform to address growing soil degradation challenges, with around 18 million hectares affected by acidity and salinity. The initiative aims to improve coordination among stakeholders and promote evidence-based soil management approaches to restore agricultural productivity. Read more in this article [here](#).

Rice Production in Ethiopia Rose to 62.9 Million Quintals From Less than 2 Million



Ethiopia's rice production has increased significantly following its designation as a National Flagship Program under the Ten-Year Agricultural Development Plan. The expansion of cultivated land and the corresponding decline in imports have contributed to substantial foreign exchange savings as read in [here](#).

Frankincense, Natural Gum Production in Ethiopia's Amhara Region

Security challenges in Ethiopia's West Gondar Zone have reduced frankincense and gum resin production, with only 5,625 of the targeted 11,000 quintals collected this fiscal year due to labor shortages and restricted access. Despite the shortfall, strong prices generated over ETB 14.5 million in government royalties. [New Business Ethiopia](#) has more in [here](#).

Oilseed Exporters Decry New Tax Procedures, Warn of Imminent Liquidity Crisis



Nearly one-third of Ethiopia's pulses and oilseeds exporters are reportedly considering shutting down operations, while others plan to raise prices to offset higher tax obligations following recent income tax reforms. The pressure is linked to new requirements introducing quarterly advance tax payments and a minimum alternative tax on turnover, which applies even in loss-making periods. Read more in [here](#).

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Past event

The 8th agrofood & plastprintpack Ethiopia and the 2nd Ethiopia food & Ethiopica coffee show

The event brought together 153 exhibitors from 18 countries. The event showcased Ethiopia's growing agro-industrial, food processing, packaging, printing, and coffee sectors while providing a platform to promote trade, investment, and international business partnerships.

"Made in Ethiopia" Movement Key to Advancing Economic Sovereignty

The regional phase of the Made in Ethiopia initiative concluded in Kombolcha, reaffirming the government's commitment to expanding domestic manufacturing and value addition. The event highlighted progress in import substitution and export promotion while emphasizing the need to strengthen medium-scale industries.

Digital for Excellence exhibition and MESOB Application

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the four-day Digital for Excellence exhibition and launched the Unified MESOB Application, Africa's first integrated digital platform providing 27 government services through a single mobile application. He highlighted the government's progress in modernizing public services and the role of digital innovation and artificial intelligence.

International Conference On Soil Carbon Sequestration And Sustainable Farming (ICSCSSF)

The ICSCSSF brought together stakeholders to advance knowledge and innovation in sustainable agriculture, soil carbon management, and climate resilience. The conference provided a platform for sharing scientific research, technological developments, and collaborative approaches to addressing global environmental and agricultural challenges.

Upcoming events

[International Conference on Agriculture \(AGRICO\), on 16th Jul 2026 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.](#)

The key intention of AGRICO is to provide opportunity for the global participants to share their ideas and experience in person with their peers expected to join from different parts on the world. In addition this gathering will help the delegates to establish research or business relations as well as to find international linkage for future collaborations in their career path. This event will be organized by International Institute for Technology & Research at the city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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