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Latest publications

➤ Invest in Ethiopia 2026 Investment Guide

The Ministry of Finance's "Invest in Ethiopia" document provides an overview of Ethiopia's investment opportunities, priority sectors, economic reforms, incentives, and policy frameworks aimed at attracting domestic and foreign investment. It highlights key sectors with investment potential, ongoing economic transformation efforts, and measures being undertaken to improve the business environment.

[Invest in Ethiopia 2026](#)

➤ Ethiopia Carbon Market Proclamation Guide

The document provides an overview of Ethiopia's Carbon Market Proclamation, issued on 30 June 2026, establishing a unified legal framework to regulate carbon trading, operationalize Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and channel green investments into local climate projects.

[Ethiopia Carbon Market Proclamation Guide](#)

➤ World Bank Ethiopia Country Partnership Framework FY2027–2036

The document outlines the World Bank Group's strategic framework for Ethiopia for FY2027–2036, focusing on private sector-led growth, economic transformation, job creation, institutional strengthening, resilience, and improved investment conditions.

[Ethiopia-Country Partnership Framework \(FY2027-2036\)](#)

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More than 10,700 tons of fish were harvested from Lake Nigat, the artificial reservoir created by the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), during the past Ethiopian fiscal year.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Investment Commission reported that Ethiopia attracted 4.32 billion U.S. dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the 2025/26 Ethiopian Fiscal Year; marking an eight percent increase from the previous year.

Did you know?

The East African Community has moved its single currency target to 2031 as member states work toward meeting macroeconomic requirements.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has achieved a historic milestone in its coffee industry, generating a record 3 billion USD in export earnings during the current fiscal year, its highest coffee export revenue on record.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has exported goods worth USD 15 million under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework.

Did you know?

The Ethiopian Petroleum Supply Enterprise (EPSE) will receive a 286 billion Birr recapitalization to improve fuel import financing, reduce foreign exchange pressures, and strengthen the country's fuel supply system as part of broader economic reforms.

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Horticulture Highlights

Ethiopia's Avocado Harvest Opens Path to Global Fruit Markets



Ethiopia's avocado production is expanding, with the country targeting increased fruit exports as part of efforts to diversify agricultural markets. The growing avocado value chain is creating opportunities for farmers, agro-processors, and exporters, while supporting Ethiopia's ambition to strengthen its position in global fruit markets. More information can be found [here](#).

Floriculture Sector Addresses Longstanding Constraints While Seeking Greater Competitiveness



Ethiopia's floriculture sector is entering a new phase following the resolution of long-standing land title issues for major flower exporters and the expansion of horticulture export clusters. The sector, which has generated hundreds of millions of dollars in export revenues, is being called on to strengthen investment frameworks, update industry benchmarks, and address rising input and operational costs to remain globally competitive. Read more in [here](#).

Macroeconomic Developments

National Bank of Ethiopia Lifts Credit Cap as Monetary Reforms Advance

The National Bank of Ethiopia has lifted the temporary credit growth cap on commercial banks and increased its policy interest rate by one percentage point as part of ongoing monetary reforms. The measures aim to curb inflation while supporting economic growth and mark a transition toward an interest rate-based monetary policy framework. More information can be found [here](#).

IMF Outlines Ethiopia's 2026/27 Borrowing Strategy

The IMF projects Ethiopia will contract USD 4.9 billion in new external borrowing during the 2026/27 fiscal year, primarily to finance priority infrastructure and development projects while maintaining debt sustainability. The strategy reflects a shift toward more concessional and carefully managed financing as Ethiopia advances its debt restructuring efforts. [This article](#) of [The Reporter Magazine](#) has more information on the topic.

Federal Auditor Flags Gaps in Transfer Pricing Audits for Multinational Companies

The Federal Auditor highlighted weaknesses in Ethiopia's transfer pricing oversight, noting that multinational companies with cross-border related-party transactions have not been systematically audited. The report identified limited capacity, insufficient int'l experience & lack of reliable price comparison data as key challenges affecting effective implementation. Read more in [here](#).

National Bank of Ethiopia Strengthens Restrictions on Virtual Assets

The National Bank of Ethiopia has expanded its restrictions on virtual assets, clarifying that the prohibition covers not only cryptocurrencies but also activities such as trading, transferring, custody services, and related financial services. The move reinforces the regulatory framework around digital assets and aims to address associated financial and operational risks. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Accelerates Transition to Electronic Invoicing System

Ethiopia is advancing its digital tax reform agenda through the rollout of electronic invoicing, replacing previous paper-based and QR receipt systems with a more integrated digital platform. The transition has faced implementation challenges, including technical issues, compliance concerns, and adaptation difficulties among businesses. [This article](#) has more information on the topic.

Ethiopia Expands Agricultural Finance Through Warehouse Receipt System

A new federal regulation introduces a warehouse receipt system that allows farmers, cooperatives, and agro-processors to use stored agricultural commodities as collateral to access finance. The system aims to improve access to credit, strengthen agricultural marketing, and reduce challenges related to seasonal financing. [Addisfortune](#) has more for you in [here](#).

Ethiopia Advances WTO Accession with Thailand Trade Agreement

Ethiopia signed a Bilateral Market Access Protocol with Thailand, bringing the country closer to WTO membership after years of accession negotiations. The agreement is expected to strengthen trade and investment opportunities, support integration into global markets, and reinforce Ethiopia's efforts to establish a more predictable and rules-based economic environment under its ongoing reforms. More information can be found [here](#).

Biodiversity & Climate Watch

Addis Ababa Prepares to Host COP32 and Strengthen Ethiopia's Climate Role



Ethiopia is preparing to host COP32. The government aims to use the global platform to promote Ethiopia's climate initiatives and attract further international collaboration and investment. Preparations are underway in Addis Ababa to support the hosting of the international climate conference. [This article](#) of [Capital Newspaper](#) has more for you.

Digital Platform for Wildlife Protection

Ethiopia validated a digital wildlife management platform that uses satellite, geospatial, and drone technologies to improve monitoring of protected areas, biodiversity conservation, and tourism planning. Piloted in 106 protected areas, the system aims to strengthen evidence-based decision-making, support early warning mechanisms, and enhance the management of Ethiopia's natural assets. Read more in [this article](#).

Ethiopia's Walia Ibex Reclassified as Critically Endangered



Ethiopia's endemic Walia ibex has been reclassified as critically endangered following a significant decline in its population. The species, found only in the Simien Mountains, continues to face threats from habitat loss, human activity, and other environmental pressures. Conservation efforts are being strengthened to protect this unique species and its fragile ecosystem. More information can be found [here](#).

Livestock Lens

Ethiopia's Livestock Production Growth Highlights Feed Supply Challenges

Ethiopia's livestock production has increased under the "Bounty of the Basket" initiative, with growth reported in poultry, dairy, and other animal-source food sectors. However, rising feed costs and shortages of key inputs are creating challenges for producers and feed businesses. Stakeholders emphasize the need to strengthen local feed production and improve supply chains. Read more in [here](#).

Lake Tana Faces Growing Threat from Water Hyacinth



Lake Tana, Ethiopia's largest freshwater lake, is nearing an ecological tipping point as the spread of water hyacinth threatens biodiversity, fisheries, water transport, tourism, and the livelihoods of millions of people, prompting renewed calls for urgent intervention. Read more in [here](#)

Renewable Energy Remains Central to Ethiopia's Green Economy Agenda

Ethiopia continues to prioritize renewable energy as a cornerstone of its green economy strategy, with over 90% of its electricity generated from renewable sources, primarily hydropower. The government is also expanding investments in wind, solar, and geothermal energy to diversify the energy mix, strengthen energy security, and support sustainable economic growth. More information can be found in [this link](#).

Ethiopia Investigates Unauthorized Meat Imports from Uganda

The Ministry of Agriculture has launched an investigation after processed meat products from Uganda entered Ethiopia without official import authorization. The case has drawn attention to import control procedures, food safety oversight, and the enforcement of livestock trade regulations. More information can be found here: [This article](#).

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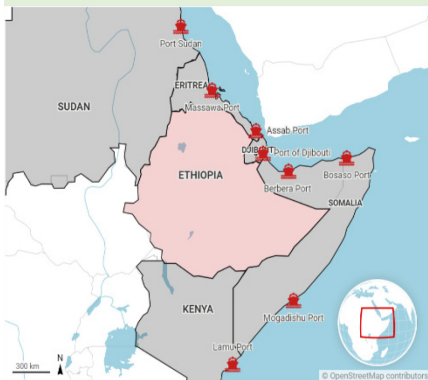
Ethiopia Expands Cold Chain Infrastructure to Reduce Post-Harvest Losses

Ethiopia is expanding cold chain infrastructure in major fruit and vegetable production areas to reduce post-harvest losses, improve product quality, and strengthen agricultural value chains. The Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI) has introduced refrigerated storage & transport solutions, with pilots with positive results & plans for expansion to additional production corridors. Read more in [here](#)

ATI Launches First Agribusiness Company in Amhara Region

The Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI) launched Ethiopia's first Agribusiness Company in Amhara Region, marking a step toward transforming smallholder farmers into commercially oriented enterprises through collective production, value addition, and market integration. The initiative aims to strengthen farmers' linkages to markets, improve productivity, enhance access to services and inputs, and promote sustainable agricultural value chains. [This article](#) from the [ATI Website](#) has more information on the topic.

Ethiopia Highlights Strategic Importance of Sea Access for Economic Integration



Ethiopia continues to pursue secure and sustainable sea access through diplomatic engagement and regional cooperation, with scholars highlighting its importance for trade, economic transformation, and regional connectivity.

The issue remains a key policy priority as Ethiopia seeks to strengthen economic resilience and integration with neighboring countries through mutually beneficial arrangements. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia Calls for EU on Trade and Investment

Ethiopian officials met with European Union representatives to discuss opportunities for deeper cooperation in trade, investment, and sustainable economic transformation. The discussions highlighted priority areas including renewable energy, agro-processing, manufacturing, logistics, and digital transformation. [Fana Media Corporation S.C](#) has more detail on the topic in [here](#).

National Dialogue Aims to Strengthen Stability and National Consensus

Ethiopia's National Dialogue process continues to bring together representatives from across the country to build consensus on key governance, peacebuilding, and socio-economic issues. The dialogue is intended to support long-term political stability, strengthen national cohesion, and create a more predictable environment for economic development and investment. Read more [here](#).

Events & Development

Past event

7 July 2026 | Strategic Partnership Forum for the African Phytosanitary Programme (APP), Addis Ababa

Ethiopia hosted the Strategic Partnership Forum for the African Phytosanitary Programme (APP), bringing together African and international stakeholders. The APP, initiated by IPPC, is active in 20 African countries, focuses on digital pest surveillance, harmonized monitoring, and stronger plant protection capacity. [AAP forum](#)

13–17 July 2026 | Africa Pastoral Markets Forum: Unlocking Livestock as a Driver of Economic Growth

The first Africa Pastoral Markets Forum brought together stakeholders from 15 African Union member states, investors, policymakers, and private sector actors to explore opportunities for strengthening livestock markets, improving value chains, and increasing investment in Africa's pastoral economy.

8 July 2026 | Export and Economic Diplomacy Forum

The High-Level Export and Economic Diplomacy Forum brought together Ethiopian government representatives, business leaders, and partners to discuss opportunities for strengthening trade, investment, and economic cooperation. The forum highlighted Ethiopia's export ambitions, investment opportunities, and the role of stronger public-private partnerships. Read more in [this LAN Addis's post](#).

21 July 2026 | Conference on Agricultural Certification

EHPEA organized a national conference on agricultural certification, bringing together relevant stakeholders to discuss certification challenges, opportunities, and the role of sustainable production, food safety, and market access in strengthening Ethiopia's agricultural competitiveness. Read more in this [LAN Addis Post](#)

Upcoming events

LAST CALL: Dutch Potato Sector Fact-Finding Mission to Ethiopia (5–8 October 2026)

Interested in Ethiopia's Potato Sector? The Netherlands Embassy in Ethiopia is organizing a Potato Sector Fact-Finding Mission bringing together Dutch stakeholders and Ethiopian actors to explore value chain opportunities, exchange knowledge, and identify collaboration areas in seed systems, production, technology, storage, processing, and market development. Interested organizations are invited to contact ADD-LVVN@minbuza.nl.

Last Call: Join the Netherlands Pavilion at ALEC 2026 | Oct 29–Nov 1, 2026

Are you active in the livestock sector and interested in opportunities in Ethiopia and the wider African market? The Netherlands Embassy in Ethiopia is organizing a Netherlands Pavilion at the African Livestock Exhibition & Congress (ALEC) 2026, bringing together Dutch companies and stakeholders to showcase solutions and explore business opportunities across the livestock value chain. Reach out to ADD-LVVN@minbuza.nl if you are interested in participating.

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