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Latest publications

- The latest **IMF review assesses Ethiopia's ongoing economic reform program**, highlighting developments in exchange-rate reform, inflation, fiscal policy, debt sustainability, foreign exchange availability and the business environment.

[IMF Fifth Review and Debt Sustainability Analysis](#)

- A new study on **Ethiopia's cluster farming approach** finds that clustering can support smallholder commercialization, productivity, technology adoption and market participation, while noting that outcomes depend strongly on institutional capacity, coordination, governance and market linkages.

[The Economics of Cluster Farming](#)

- The **2019 E.C. (2026/27 G.C) Federal Budget Proclamation** outlines the Ethiopian government's approved budget and expenditure priorities for the new fiscal year. The document provides useful insight for investors and stakeholders into the government's broader priorities for economic development and public investment, including in agriculture and infrastructure.

[2019 E.C. Ethiopian Federal Budget Proclamation](#)

- A new synthesis of evidence **identifies ecosystem vulnerability and species responses to climate change** in Ethiopia, highlighting priorities for climate-resilient protected areas, ecological monitoring and conservation of climate-sensitive and endemic species.

[Climate risks to Ethiopia's biodiversity](#)

Did you know?

Did you know?

Ethiopia is set to increase its annual contribution to the African Union to about USD 15 million from 2027, placing the country among the AU's top funding contributors.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Electric Utility has inaugurated four solar power projects in Hawe Gudina Woreda, West Hararghe Zone, Oromia Region, expanding access to clean electricity in communities located far from the main national grid.

Did you know?

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has inaugurated a new terminal at Bahir Dar Dejazmach Belay Zeleke International Airport, marking a pivotal milestone for one of Ethiopia's primary aviation gateways.

Did you know?

El Niño has reduced water inflows into Ethiopia's hydropower reservoirs by 20 percent, forcing Ethiopian Electric Power to lower its electricity generation and revenue targets for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

Did you know?

The U.S.-based Cable News Network (CNN) has spotlighted Ethiopia's Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) as one of Africa's most remarkable engineering achievements.

Did you know?

Ethio Telecom's decades-old voice business is no longer its largest revenue source. Data and internet services have taken the lead, emerging as the company's primary engine of revenue growth.

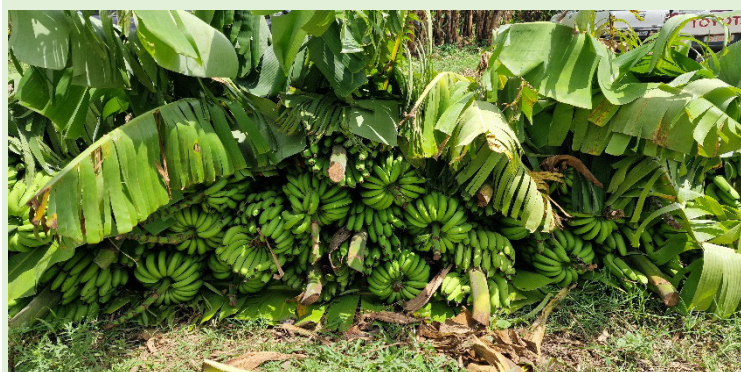
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Horticulture Highlights

New Banana Introduced to Farmers in Gamo South Ethiopia

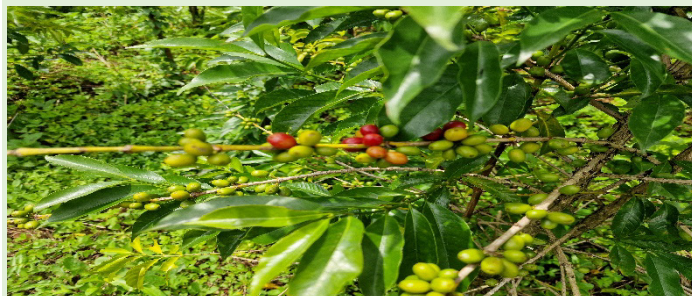
Farmers in Ethiopia's Gamo Zone are being introduced to new banana varieties as part of efforts to increase production and productivity. The zone currently has 75,000 hectares under banana cultivation, supporting more than 28,000 people and producing around 3.8 million tons annually. Authorities are also promoting organic fertilizers to improve yields and strengthen supplies to domestic and export markets. You can get more information on the [New Business Ethiopia](#) in [here](#).



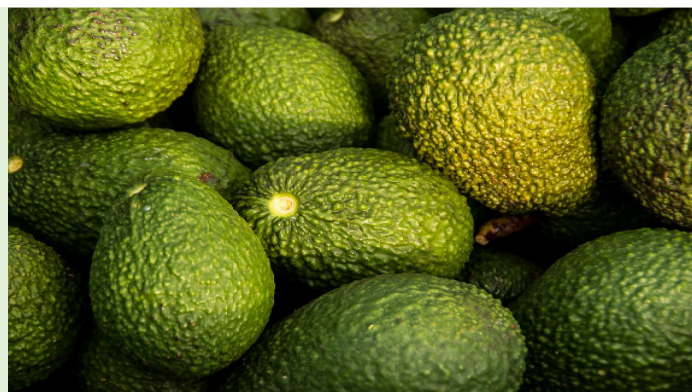
Green Legacy's Avocado Harvest Opens Ethiopia's Path To Global Fruit Markets

Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative is evolving from an environmental restoration campaign into a driver of agricultural and export growth, with fruit trees planted under the program now entering production and reaching international markets. Improved avocado, mango and papaya varieties are helping diversify agriculture, create new opportunities for farmers and strengthen Ethiopia's position in global fruit markets, while supporting soil conservation and climate resilience. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia may not be ready to catch coffee price spike



Rising global Arabica prices are creating a short-term opportunity for Ethiopia's coffee exporters as tight inventories and supply disruptions lift demand. However, industry stakeholders warn that high domestic procurement costs, weak logistics, limited financing and inadequate branding could prevent Ethiopia from fully benefiting. Industry stakeholders are therefore urging Ethiopia to use the opportunity to strengthen long-term market access, processing, branding, logistics and farmer financing rather than rely on temporary price increases. Read more in [here](#).



Macroeconomic Developments

IMF to Revisit Ethiopia's Economic Forecasting Model in Coming Weeks

The IMF is supporting Ethiopia in replacing its existing macroeconomic forecasting system with a more advanced model. The new framework will be tailored to Ethiopia's economic conditions and aims to improve near-term forecasting and provide more frequent economic updates despite gaps in official data, while building government capacity through stronger data systems, analytical tools and staff skills. [The Reporter](#) has more on the topic in [here](#).

Ethiopia minister threatens to blacklist traders who break export deals

Ethiopia is moving to toughen enforcement against export contract defaults as complaints, with the Trade Ministry planning measures to penalize repeat offenders and establish a permanent contract-monitoring system. The proposed framework would blacklist and suspend or revoke the permits of non-compliant exporters, while strengthening buyer verification, legal oversight and dispute resolution. [AddisFortune News](#) has more in [here](#).

Central Bank writes rulebooks for billion birr market already exists

Ethiopia is preparing a new national strategy to accelerate the growth of interest-free finance, with proposed tax neutrality, Sharia-compliant government securities, stronger national Sharia oversight and a pathway for large banking windows to become full-fledged institutions. The strategy aims to strengthen regulation, financial inclusion, product development and competition as interest-free banking expands rapidly across the banking sector, while also extending support to microfinance, digital finance and public development programs. Read more in [here](#)

Biodiversity & Climate Watch

Ethiopia launches new GEF-funded biodiversity and landscape conservation project

The Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute and UNDP have launched a seven-year GEF-funded project (2026–2033) to strengthen wildlife conservation, restore degraded ecosystems, combat illegal wildlife trafficking and promote sustainable landscape management. The initiative aims to enhance biodiversity conservation and community resilience across Ethiopia through more integrated approaches to wildlife and landscape management. Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority has more on this topic on their website in [this article](#).

New €4 million climate-risk insurance initiative targets 210,000 Ethiopian farmers

The European Investment Bank is providing up to €4 million to support climate-risk insurance for smallholder farmers in Ethiopia, helping protect rural livelihoods from weather-related losses. Implemented with the World Food Programme and linked to the country's rural finance program, the initiative will develop index-based insurance; strengthen rural financial institutions and help farmers access finance with greater confidence. Read more in [here](#).



Ethiopia moves into implementation of its circular economy agenda.

The country has entered the active implementation phase of the African Circular Economy Facility, with agriculture identified as a priority sector for circular practices including nutrient cycling, organic waste recovery, food-loss reduction and converting agricultural residues into compost or bioenergy. This transition forms part of the second phase of the African Circular Economy Facility (ACEF), a multi-donor trust fund established to transform waste into economic value, foster green industrial development, and strengthen domestic value chains. Read more in [here](#).

Livestock Lens

Livestock disease outbreak kills goats, sheep in Borana; residents report mounting losses

A severe outbreak of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) is affecting goats and sheep in Ethiopia's Borana Zone, threatening pastoralist livelihoods already weakened by prolonged drought. The highly contagious disease has caused significant livestock deaths in border districts, with cross-border movement between Ethiopia and Kenya contributing to transmission risks. Authorities have launched emergency free vaccination campaigns and are urging pastoralists to vaccinate livestock, report symptoms promptly and take measures to limit further spread as read on the News of [Addis Standard](#) in [here](#).

Building Rapid Animal Health Emergency Response to Protect Ethiopia's Pastoral and Farmers

The Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with FAO and the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), held a consultative workshop in Adama to review and endorse a national standard operating guide for rapid, coordinated responses to animal health emergencies. The guideline, aligned with the new Animal Health and Welfare Proclamation (No. 1376/2017) and the One Health approach, strengthens disease reporting, resource-sharing, and coordination among federal and regional authorities to detect and contain outbreaks before they cause wider health and economic impacts as read in [here](#).

Other Related News

Cluster Farm by Smallholder Farmers in Ethiopia Reaches 13 Million Hectares

Ethiopia's cluster farming system expanded to 13 million hectares by July 2026, involving about 9.5 million smallholder farmers and raising productivity by 29%. This enables farmers to jointly access mechanization, improved seeds, fertilizers and other inputs while retaining individual land ownership. The government is working to transform cluster farms into legally registered, professionally managed agribusiness, helping farmers aggregate and add value to produce, strengthen market bargaining power and transition toward larger-scale farming and agro-processing. Read more in [here](#).

Ethiopia accelerates agricultural transformation through private investment and mechanization

Ethiopia is accelerating agricultural transformation by expanding private investment, mechanization and cluster farming while linking land restoration to food production and job creation. The approach aims to increase productivity, improve farmers' access to technology and strengthen market-oriented agriculture, with growing investment in livestock and the rehabilitation of degraded land supporting broader efforts to build a more productive and sustainable sector. New Business Ethiopia has more in [here](#).

Export performance remains concentrated despite record earnings

Ethiopia generated USD 11.2 billion in exports in 2025/26, but gold and coffee accounted for nearly 80% of earnings, while oilseed and pulse export earnings declined despite higher export volumes. [The article of Capital Newspaper](#) highlights the need for greater export diversification and value addition.

How Foreign Investment Is Reshaping Batu's Small-Town in Ethiopia

Batu is emerging as a local example of Ethiopia's broader shift toward investment-led economic growth, with international agribusiness helping transform the lakeside town into a growing commercial and tourism hub. The transformation reflects Ethiopia's broader economic opening and growing focus on foreign investment, infrastructure, technology and commercial partnerships as read in [here](#).

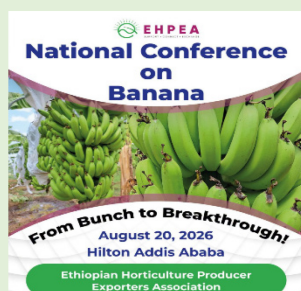
Dangote Offers East African States Stake in Planned Refinery

Dangote Group is seeking investment from East African countries in a planned large-scale oil refinery in Kenya, with Ethiopia and Rwanda reportedly among those showing interest. The project could reduce the region's reliance on imported refined petroleum, strengthen energy security and support broader regional investment and economic integration. Read more in [here](#).

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Past event

National Banana Conference Held in Addis Ababa



The National Banana Conference, organized by the Ethiopian Horticulture Producer Exporters Association (EHPEA) was held on August 20, 2026, at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa. The conference brought together stakeholders across the banana value chain to discuss market opportunities,

production and export challenges, quality standards, financing, logistics, value addition and policy support, with the aim of strengthening Ethiopia's competitiveness and sustainability in the global banana market.

6th Annual Youth Leadership and Diplomacy Conference Opens at Ministry of Agriculture

The Conference concluded after a three-day gathering at the Ministry of Agriculture Conference Center. The conference brought together government officials, diplomats and youth delegates to discuss sustainable agriculture, environmental protection and green innovation, with officials emphasizing youth participation, agricultural modernization and the advancement of Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative.

High-level validation workshop on Biodiversity Mainstreaming in Ethiopia's Agricultural Sector Roadmap.

Organized by the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI) in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, a High-Level Validation Workshop was held on August 31, 2026, in Addis Ababa, bringing together senior officials and key stakeholders to review, assess and validate the Roadmap that was developed along with relevant stakeholders as well as the bankable project concepts notes to implement the roadmap.



High-Level Learning Event on Agrifood Systems

The Event on Agrifood Systems, held on August 21, 2026, in Addis Ababa, brought together regional and national stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the Kampala Declaration on Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa and its 2026–2035 Strategy and Action Plan. Discussions focused on strengthening political commitment, regional cooperation and investment to accelerate resilient and sustainable agrifood systems in Africa.

Upcoming events

Ethiopia to Host 2nd International Date Palm Festival

Ethiopia will host the 2nd International Date Palm Festival in Semera, Afar Regional State, from September 20–22, 2026, bringing together growers, researchers, industry experts and innovators to showcase modern technologies, improved date palm varieties and agricultural innovations. The festival, organized in collaboration with the Khalifa International Award for Date Palm and Agricultural Innovation, aims to promote knowledge sharing, boost productivity, strengthen food security and support the growth of Ethiopia's emerging date palm sector.

International Conference on Sustainable Green Technology and Renewable Energy (ICSGTRE)

Addis Ababa will host the International Conference on Sustainable Green Technology and Renewable Energy (ICSGTRE) on September 1, 2026, bringing together researchers, academics and industry professionals to share emerging research, innovations and practical solutions in green technology, renewable energy and sustainable urban development. The events aim to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and global partnerships

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