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Latest publications

- Ethiopia's House of Peoples' Representatives (HPR) has officially approved the appointment of 22 federal cabinet ministers nominated by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, marking a key step in the formation of the new Medemer Government.

  The appointments span major sectors, including agriculture, finance, trade, infrastructure, energy and industry. According to the stated selection criteria, candidates were assessed based on their educational qualifications, professional experience and demonstrated capacity to deliver results. The selection process also emphasized gender, ethnic and religious diversity, alongside a commitment to public service and the protection of national interests for more than 54 million citizens who cast their ballots in the June 1 General Election.

  The approved list of executive leaders and federal cabinet ministers with their titles

- The World Bank's 2026 African Economic Update projects stronger economic growth across Sub-Saharan Africa, with Ethiopia among the countries receiving an upward revision to its growth forecast. Economic reforms, infrastructure investment and private-sector expansion are supporting the outlook, but high living costs, limited job creation and unequal access to finance and digital services remain major challenges to ensuring growth benefits households nationwide.

  Africa Economic Update

Did you know?

Did you know?

Mastercard is introducing artificial intelligence (AI) and tokenization technology to strengthen digital payment security in Ethiopia, helping protect electronic transactions against cybercrime and financial fraud.

Did you know?

The Ethiopian Roads Administration (ERA), in partnership with the International Road Assessment Program (iRAP), is advancing a pilot road safety assessment marking a key step toward EthiopiaRAP, a proposed national initiative aimed at improving road safety across Ethiopia.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has joined the PAPSS, a move aimed at reducing the cost and complexity of cross-border payments, connecting Ethiopian banks to the wider African payment network and facilitating trade across the continent.

Did you know?

Ethiopia's Ministry of Mines has signed a tripartite agreement to advance the construction and processing components of the country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, marking a step towards developing Ethiopia's natural gas infrastructure and processing capacity.

Did you know?

Ethiopia has officially launched its National Electrification Program 3.0 (NEP 3.0), a strategic national framework aimed at expanding electricity access, improving service reliability, and harnessing power more effectively to support economic growth, agricultural production, and public services across the country.

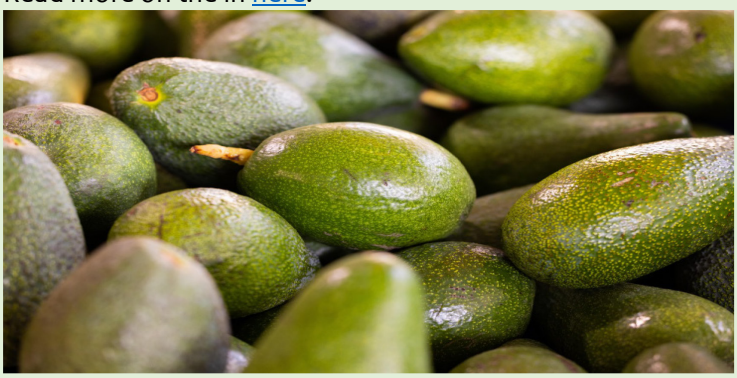
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Newsflashes

Horticulture and Agriculture Highlights

Ethiopia avocado processing plant targets 150T daily

Ethiopia is advancing avocado value addition as Basilea Trading One Member PLC moves forward with plans for a processing plant at Yirgalem Integrated Agro-Industrial Park in Sidama. The facility is expected to process up to 150 tonnes of avocados per day, create jobs, strengthen market access for local farmers and boost exports of higher-value products. Read more on the in here.



Ethiopian Researchers Turn Coffee Waste into High-Purity Cellulose Using Sound Waves



Researchers at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University have developed a sound-wave-assisted method to transform coffee parchment waste into high-purity microfibrillated cellulose as read in here. The innovation could turn agricultural waste into valuable materials for composites, films and coatings, opening opportunities for waste valorization and a circular bioeconomy.

Ethiopia's coffee sector faces $453m risk under EU deforestation rules

Ethiopia could face up to US$453 million in coffee export losses as new EU deforestation regulations threaten market access. An ODI Global study warns that gaps in farm mapping, traceability and legal documentation could exclude a significant share of smallholder producers from the European market. The EU accounts for around 30% of Ethiopia's coffee exports, making compliance critical to safeguarding export revenues and rural livelihoods. Although Ethiopia is advancing farm mapping and digital traceability systems, significant compliance gaps remain as read on the news in here. Meanwhile, the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority maintains that more than 99% of the country's coffee farms are deforestation-free, challenging concerns over Ethiopia's environmental compliance.

Macroeconomic Developments

Ethiopia Processes Over 1 Million Business Registration and Licensing Services Online in Three Months

Ethiopia has processed more than 1 million business registration and licensing services, as digital platforms help simplify administrative procedures, reduce bureaucratic hurdles and improve access to government services. The milestone reflects the country's broader digital transformation agenda to modernize public services, enhance transparency and create a more business-friendly regulatory environment. Read more in here

Ethiopia -World Bank Discuss New Partnership Framework

Ethiopia and the World Bank have reviewed their partnership and outlined priorities for future cooperation, including agricultural modernization, private sector growth, export expansion, sustainable infrastructure and social protection. Discussions also covered macroeconomic stability, regional energy integration and technical support for COP32 preparations, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to accelerating development and delivering tangible results. Read in here

Ethiopia, IFC Explore Private Investment in Key Economic Sectors

Ethiopia and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) are exploring ways to attract private investment into affordable housing, energy transmission and agribusiness. Discussions held during the 2026 IMF–World Bank Group Annual Meetings focused on strengthening private sector participation, expanding infrastructure and supporting Ethiopia's economic transformation and sustainable growth.as read in here.

IMF says Ethiopia Review Talks Expected in November, Board Decision Slated For Early 2027

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has scheduled discussions on Ethiopia's sixth review under its $3.4 billion Extended Credit Facility (ECF) for November 2026, with an Executive Board decision expected in early 2027. The review will determine eligibility for the next disbursement, as Ethiopia continues economic reforms focused on domestic revenue mobilization, foreign-exchange market liberalization and fiscal stability. Read more in here.

Biodiversity & Climate Watch

Ethiopia Advances Soil Health to Boost Farm Productivity

Ethiopia is promoting sustainable soil-management practices to restore soil fertility and improve crop yields through a three-year partnership between the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) and Korea's KOPIA. The initiative focuses on soil amendments, compost, biofertilizers, drainage and integrated soil management to improve productivity and support sustainable farming, with field demonstrations helping farmers adopt practical, locally tested technologies. Read more in here.

Ethiopia Seeking Renewable Energy Investment, Stronger Public-Private Partnerships

Ethiopia is calling for increased investment and stronger public-private partnerships to expand renewable energy and accelerate economic growth. The Second Ethiopian Renewable Energy Summit 2026 highlights opportunities in solar-powered irrigation, cold storage, agricultural processing and rural electrification to improve farm productivity, reduce post-harvest losses and strengthen rural livelihoods as read in news in here.

Ethiopian carbon payments reach 300 smallholder farmers

Nearly 300 Ethiopian smallholder farmers are receiving their first carbon-credit payments under the ETH-Soil project, with an average of ETB 1,700 per farmer. The initiative promotes biochar-based fertilizers and sustainable soil management to improve crop yields, restore degraded land and generate new income for farmers. Read more on the news of the Ethiopian Business Daily in this article.

Ethiopia Approves $145.8 Million Power Sector Loan

Ethiopia's Parliament has unanimously approved a $145.8 million concessional loan from the World Bank's IDA to modernize the country's power infrastructure. The project will upgrade Addis Ababa's electricity transmission network, build new substations and expand underground power lines, supporting a more reliable electricity supply ahead of COP32 in 2027 as read here.

Livestock Lens

The Netherlands Pavilion at ALEC 2026 | 29–31 October 2026 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ethiopia organized the Netherlands Pavilion at the African Livestock Exhibition & Congress (ALEC) 2026, bringing together Dutch companies and stakeholders to showcase innovative solutions, strengthen connections with Ethiopian and regional partners, and explore new business opportunities across the livestock value chain. This reflects the Embassy's longstanding commitment to strengthening partnerships and unlocking opportunities throughout Ethiopia's livestock sector.

From Waste to Feed: Exploring Circular Solutions for Ethiopia's Livestock Sector | 30 October 2026

The Agricultural team together with the SNV team organized a successful side-event during the International African Livestock Exhibition and Congress (ALEC) in Addis Ababa. The session explored opportunities, practical experiences, and challenges in valorizing agro-industrial and food by-products as livestock feed ingredients in Ethiopia, with particular attention to feed safety, quality assurance, and opportunities for collaboration.



Other Related News

Ethiopia Prime Minister Inaugurates Megech Dam to Boost Irrigation, Water Security

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has officially inaugurated the Megech Irrigation Dam, a major project with a storage capacity of 185 million cubic metres. The dam is expected to irrigate over 17,000 hectares of farmland, provide clean drinking water to Gondar and nearby towns, and create new opportunities in fisheries, urban agriculture and tourism, supporting farmers' livelihoods and regional economic growth. Read more in here.

Ethiopia's State Minister Stresses Need for Empowering Women in Agriculture

Ethiopia is stepping up efforts to empower women farmers and pastoralists through improved access to finance, land ownership, digital technologies, climate-resilient seeds and labor-saving equipment. As part of the initiative, 33 water pumps and 150 knapsack sprayers were distributed to model women farmers, supporting agricultural productivity, food security and inclusive rural development. Read more in here.

Ethiopia Records Tangible Progress in Building Sustainable, Healthy Food System

Ethiopia is advancing agricultural innovation to improve access to affordable, nutritious food, create jobs and protect natural resources. Efforts are focused on expanding irrigation, accelerating mechanization, adopting digital technologies and promoting climate-smart farming, with stronger collaboration among government, researchers and development partners to build a sustainable and resilient food system. Read more in here.

Aliko Dangote Pledges to List 10pct of Gode Fertilizer Venture on Ethiopian Securities Exchange

Dangote Group plans to offer at least 10% of its Gode fertilizer business on the Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESX), giving Ethiopian investors an opportunity to own shares in the venture. The proposed listing is expected to follow production stabilization at the $2.5 billion urea fertilizer complex, which aims to produce 3 million tonnes annually and position Ethiopia as a regional fertilizer supplier. The Reporter has more in here.

Dangote IPO Opens New Investment Path for Qualified Ethiopian Investors

Dangote Petroleum & Petrochemicals has launched investor engagement in Addis Ababa for its cross-border IPO, allowing eligible Ethiopian investors to access shares through Ethiopian Depository Receipts priced at ETB 74.90 per share. Participation is restricted to qualified investors through approved local distributors, marking a step toward deeper integration of African capital markets and expanded cross-border investment opportunities. The Reporter has more in here.

No African Country Meets Agricultural Development Benchmark

The fifth Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Biennial Review reveals that none of the 45 African countries assessed met the overall agricultural development targets under the Malabo Declaration. The findings highlight the urgent need for stronger investment, innovation, digital technology and support for smallholder farmers to boost productivity and food security across Africa. Read in here

Events & Development

Past event

Ethiopia marks World Food Day with call to scale agrifood innovation

Ethiopia marked World Food Day in Addis Ababa under the theme "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow," calling for practical, inclusive & locally driven innovations to strengthen food security, improve nutrition and build resilient agrifood systems. Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, FAO & WFP, the event showcased agricultural technologies, digital solutions & local innovations, while recognizing Ethiopian contributions & emphasizing partnerships to scale sustainable solutions for farmers, pastoralists and youth.

The Third Africa Policy Forum on Natural Capital

The Africa Policy Forum on Natural Capital concluded in Addis Ababa on October 8, 2026, bringing together policymakers, development partners, and financial experts to explore investment opportunities in Africa's natural resources. The forum highlighted the need to integrate forests, water, minerals, and biodiversity into economic planning and investment decisions. Participants called for stronger policies and financing mechanisms to turn Africa's natural wealth into sustainable economic growth.

Upcoming events

15th International Pulses and Oil Seeds Conference in Asddis Ababa

The 15th International Pulses and Oil Seeds Conference, taking place on 24–25 November 2026 at the Addis International Convention Center (AICC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Under the theme "Resilient Trade and Sustainable Value Chains," the conference will bring together international buyers, Ethiopian exporters, and industry stakeholders for market insights, networking, product showcases, and business opportunities. Learn more: ICOPOS 15th



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