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Ethiopia Concludes High-Level Business Forum, Securing Over \$1.6 Billion in Investment Deals Amidst Bold Economic Transformation Push

The Invest in Ethiopia High-Level Business Forum 2025 concluded today in Addis Ababa, marking a significant step in the country's drive to attract foreign investment and foster private sector growth. The two-day event, which gathered global investors and key stakeholders, highlighted Ethiopia's ongoing comprehensive economic reforms and resulted in the signing of five major investment deals totaling over \$1.6 billion USD.



Minister of Finance of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide reaffirmed that the government remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a cohesive environment for private sector growth, ensuring macroeconomic stability, and advancing comprehensive reforms, including the recently launched Macro Reform Program. Minister Ahmed Shide extended a sincere invitation to investors to join Ethiopia on this transformative journey, asserting that "There has never been a more opportune moment to invest in our nation". He emphasized that investment is pivotal to advancing shared goals of resilience, inclusive prosperity, and sustainable development. Investors were urged to take concrete steps by engaging with Ethiopian investment institutions and forging strategic partnerships, exploring high-potential sectors outlined in the prepared "deal book".

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H. E. Mr. Ahmed Shide reflected on the success of the forum, highlighting four key achievements. Firstly, he emphasized how the event effectively communicated Ethiopia's policy reforms and reaffirmed the country's commitment to fostering a vibrant private sector. Secondly, the forum successfully showcased a diverse array of investment, trade, and business opportunities, attracting interest from various stakeholders. Thirdly, it served as a vital platform for networking, which led to the securing of significant investment deals, culminating in the signing of agreements worth over \$1.6 billion USD in investment capital. Lastly, Minister Shide underscored how the forum reinforced investor confidence in Ethiopia's ongoing economic transformation, demonstrating the country's strong dedication to irreversible and forward-looking policy reforms that underpin its development trajectory.



His Excellency Dr. Zeleke, Commissioner of the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC), in his closing remarks, celebrated the success of the forum, noting it served as a vital bridge connecting global investors with the Ethiopian government, private sector, and development community. Dr. Zeleke emphasized that creating a favorable investment climate is one of the central pillars of the Ethiopian government's Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda. He highlighted the country's immense potential across various sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing, services, and ICT. Acknowledging that challenges persist, he reaffirmed the commitment of the EIC, in collaboration with stakeholders, to addressing and resolving concerns raised by investors, with a key priority being improved intergovernmental coordination.

Adding to the positive outlook, His Excellency Ahmed Shide stated his hope that the forum surpassed expectations, delivering comprehensive insights into Ethiopia's investment landscape and fostering meaningful connections, fresh perspectives, and opportunities for impactful collaboration. Minister Shide firmly believes the forum powerfully underscored Ethiopia's vast potential and clearly reflected the government's strong commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment that embraces innovation, nurtures entrepreneurship, and advances sustainable growth.

Minister Ahmed Shide announced that the Invest in Ethiopia High-Level Business Forum is set to become a key annual event, serving as a cornerstone of the national investment promotion strategy, supported by strong public-private dialogue mechanisms. He concluded by reiterating the strong commitment to fostering a vibrant and competitive private sector, offering targeted incentives, and proactively addressing investor concerns.



Ethiopia and Denmark Sign 238.4 million USD Bilateral Development Agreement, Reinforcing a Longstanding Partnership

The Government of Ethiopia and the Royal Danish Government today formalized a significant bilateral development agreement, the Danish–Ethiopian Bilateral Development Programme for the period 2025 to 2029. The signing ceremony, held at the Ministry of Finance, signifies a deepening partnership and enduring commitment between the two nations. This ambitious five-year program, backed by a substantial contribution of USD 238.4 million, stands out as one of Denmark's largest global development aid programs.



Semereta Sewasew, State Minister of Finance, speaking on behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, offered profound gratitude for Denmark's unwavering support. "The programme we are launching today... comes at a very important time for Ethiopia. We are emerging from a difficult period of conflict and global economic challenges, and are now working hard to rebuild what has been lost—homes, livelihoods, and most importantly, hope".

Ambassador Sune Krogstrup of the Royal Danish Embassy to Ethiopia highlighted this, stating, "This is a testament to the strong bilateral relationship between Ethiopia and Denmark and the excellent partnership that we have enjoyed throughout the years".

"Our two nations have enjoyed a century of friendship with diplomatic ties dating back to 1967," State Minister Sewasew remarked, emphasizing that beyond formalities, "the relationship has been about partnership—rooted in trust, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to building a better future for our people".

The State Minister underscored the critical timing of the program. She further elaborated on the direct impact, noting, "This partnership will support some of the most vulnerable Ethiopian families who are striving to recover their livelihoods, young people who are looking to work and communities that are adapting with changes in climate". This, she added, "directly aligns with our national plan and reflects the people-centered vision we have for development in Ethiopia".

Ambassador Krogstrup expressed his delight in signing the agreement, which he confirmed was "developed in close partnership with the Ethiopian government". He noted, "Ethiopia and Denmark share many priorities, and most of them are reflected in this program". Key areas of support will include "water, electricity, agriculture, social cohesion and social safety net which is very important in these times of change".

State Minister Semereta Sewasew particularly welcomed the strong emphasis on green growth, stating it "deeply resonates with our ambitions under the Green Legacy Initiative". She explained that "whether through climate-smart agriculture, forestry integration [or] access to clean energy, your support strengthens our long-term sustainability and sovereignty ambitions". Denmark's focus on "peace, human rights, [and] social cohesion" also "speaks to the heart of our nation," especially as "Ethiopia is in the midst of a national dialogue process—bringing together diverse voices and building bridges".

The Ambassador conveyed his confidence that this program will "pave the way for an even deeper cooperation between Ethiopia and Denmark" and that the partnership "will continue to grow over the next five years". He concluded by affirming, "Ethiopia can count on the support of the government of Denmark, of the people of Denmark".

Reaffirming Ethiopia's commitment, State Minister Sewasew stated, "We are fully committed to the success of this program. We will work closely with you to ensure that these programs translate into real and lasting improvement in the lives of our people". She concluded by extending gratitude, saying, "Thank you for believing in Ethiopia".

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ላላፋት ዘጠኝ ዓመታት በስራ ላይ ያለውን የገቢ ግብር ለማሻሻል እንዲቻል በተዘጋጀው ረቂቅ የገቢ ግብር አዋጅ ላይ ከሚመለከታቸው ባለድርሻ አካላት ጋር በገንዘብ ሚኒስቴር የመሰብሰቢያ አዳራሽ ውይይት ተካሄደ።



የውይይት መድረኩ የተዘጋጀው የባለድርሻ አካላትን ሀሳብና አስተያየት በማካተት ረቂቅ አዋጁን ይበልጥ ለመሻሻል መሆኑን የተናገሩት በገንዘብ ሚኒስቴር የህግ ጉዳዮች መመሪያ ኃላፊ አቶ ተወዳጅ መሀመድ ነባሩን የገቢ ግብር አዋጅ ሙሉ በሙሉ መቀየር ሳይሆን ባላፋት ዓመታት በሀገሪቱ ካሉ ለውጦች ጋር ለማጣጣም እንዲቻል በተመረጡ የአዋጁ ክፍሎች ላይ ማሻሻያ ተደረጎ ረቂቅ አዋጁ መዘጋጀቱን ተናግረዋል።

በውይይቱ ላይ የገቢ ግብር አዋጁን ለመሻሻል ያስፈለገበትን ምክንያት፣ ለማሻሻል የተደረጉ ልዩ ልዩ ጥናቶችና በረቂቅ አዋጁ የተካተቱ ዋና ዋና ለውጦች ለተወያዮች ቀርበዋል።

የውይይቱ የተሳታፊ ባለድርሻ አካላት ረቂቅ አዋጁን ይበልጥ ለማሻሻል እንዲቻል አለን ያሉትን ሀሳብ በዝርዝር ያቀረቡ ሲሆን በውይይቱ ላይ ለተነሱ አንዳንድ ጥያቄዎችም በተቋሙ የስራ ኃላፊዎች ማብራሪያ ተሰጥቶባቸዋል።

Kenya and Ethiopia Strengthen Economic and Digital Ties at Landmark HoAGDP Meeting in Addis Ababa

High-level officials from Kenya and Ethiopia gathered today in Addis Ababa to advance the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP), a key initiative aimed at boosting infrastructure, trade, and digital connectivity across the region. Ethiopian Finance Minister Ahmed Shide highlighted the importance of these efforts, stating, “The proposed bridges at Suftu and Rhamu are more than just infrastructure—they embody our joint commitment to economic growth, cross-border trade, and job creation.” He also emphasized the importance of establishing a One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) at Rhamu to streamline customs procedures and promote efficiency.



On digital connectivity, Shide emphasized the vast opportunities ahead, noting, “We recognize the potential of extending high-capacity fiber optic infrastructure to Ethiopia, with a possible link to Djibouti. This digital backbone will boost trade, improve government services, and connect our people more efficiently.” Dr. Workineh Gebeyehu added that digital transformation is critical, pointing out that “only 23% of the Mendera Triangle currently has reliable internet access,” and stressed that the project supports ICT use for revenue collection, streamlined customs processes, and enhanced transparency.

Discussions focused on infrastructure developments, including bridge construction, Trade Facilitation Centers, and the operationalization of the OSBP—whether unilaterally or jointly. The leaders agreed on conducting site visits for optimal locations, implementing joint inspections during construction, and preparing for the official launch of these projects. Kenya committed to financing the bridge works, with joint mechanisms in place to ensure quality control.

Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, Hon. John Mbadi, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, remarking, “I am pleased to participate in this vital mission under the HoAGDP.” Both leaders reaffirmed their dedication to the project, which is supported by \$750 million from the World Bank and targeted for completion by June 2028.

Shide reaffirmed Ethiopia’s full commitment, stating, “To our Kenyan counterparts: Ethiopia remains fully committed to this partnership. The work we undertake today will help shape a more connected, prosperous, and resilient future for both our nations and the wider Horn of Africa region.” He called for “collaboration, purpose, and determination—because together, we are not just building regional stability and inclusive development; we are building the future.”

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ለ2018 ዓ.ም በቀረበው የፌዴራል መንግስት ረቂቅ በጀት ላይ ይፋዊ የውይይት መድረክ ተካሄደ

ሰኔ 26/2017 - የህዝብ ተወካዮች ምክር ቤት የኢፌዴሪ ጠቅላይ ሚኒስትር ክቡር አብይ አህመድ (ዶ/ር) በተገኙበት የ2018 የፌዴራል መንግስት በጀትን 1 ነጥብ 93 ትሪሊዮን ብር አድርጎ አፀደቀ።



የበጀቱን የውሳኔ ሀሳብ ያቀረቡት በምክር ቤቱ የፕላን፣በጀትና ፋይናንስ ቋሚ ኮሚቴ ሰብሳቢ የተከበሩ አቶ ደሳለኝ ወዳጆ የበጀቱን የውሳኔ ሀሳብ በዝርዝር ያቀረቡ ሲሆን በጀቱ የመካከለኛ ዘመን የልማት ዕቅድንና ሁለተኛውን ሀገር በቀል የኢኮኖሚ ማሻሻያ ተስቦ መዘጋጀቱን አብራርተዋል።

ለ2018 ዓ.ም በቀረበው የፌዴራል መንግስት ረቂቅ በጀት ላይ ይፋዊ የውይይት መድረክ በሕዝብ ተወካዮች ምክር ቤት የፕላን፣ በጀትና ፋይናንስ ጉዳዮች ቋሚ ኮሚቴ አዘጋጅነት ተካሂዷል። የቋሚ ኮሚቴው ሰብሳቢ የተከበሩ አቶ ደሳለኝ ወዳጆ የቀረበው 1.93 ትሪሊዮን ብር በጀት ትልቅ መሆኑን ገልጸው፤ በጀትን ለታለመለት አላማ በቁጠባ መጠቀም እንደሚያስፈልግ በውይይት መድረኩ ላይ ገልጸዋል።

ረቂቅ በጀቱ ተገቢውን የበጀት አዘጋጃጀት ሂደትና የፕሮግራም በጀትን አሰራርን ተከትሎ መዘጋጀቱንም ለምክር ቤቱ አቅርበዋል።

ከአጠቃላይ አገራዊ ኢኮኖሚው የተገለጸው የ1 በመቶ የበጀት ጉድለት በፊት ከነበረው አንጻር ጥሩ ለውጥ ያለው መሆኑንም ጠቁመዋል።

ምክር ቤቱ ተደግፎ የቀረበለትን ረቂቅ የበጀት አዋጅ ቁጥር 1390/2017 በሙሉ ድምፅ አፅድቋል።

ከተቋማት የተነሱ ከዘመናዊ ቴክኖሎጂን ለመጠቀምና ዘመናዊ አሰራሮችን ለመዘርጋት በሚልና ለህንጻዎች እድሳት የሚጠየቁ በጀቶች ከፍተኛ መሆናቸውን አንስተው፤ ቅድሚያ የሚሰጣቸውን ተግባራት በመለየት በአግባቡ ሊሰሩባቸው እንደሚገባ ጠቁመዋል።

የፕላን፣ በጀትና ፋይናንስ ቋሚ ኮሚቴ ሰብሳቢ የተከበሩ አቶ ደሳለኝ ወዳጆ በጀትን በቁጠባና በውጤታማነት መጠቀም ከሁሉም ይጠበቃል ያሉ ሲሆን፤ የሚመለከታቸው አካላትም ተገቢውን ቁጥጥር ማድረግ አለባቸው ሲሉም አሳስበዋል።

የተጀመሩ ፕሮጀክቶች ላይ በየአመቱ በጀት የሚመደብ ቢሆንም ሳይሰሩ መልሶ በጀት ይመደብላቸዋል፤እነዚህን ፕሮጀክቶች ክትትል በማድረግ የተደራጀ መረጃ እንዲደርሳቸው ማድረግ እንደሚገባም አስተዋል።



የቋሚ ኮሚቴው ምክትል ሰብሳቢ የተከበሩ አብርሃም አለማየሁ (ዶ/ር) በበኩላቸው በጀቱ የመንግስት የልማት ዕቅዶችን ሊያሳካ በሚችል ደረጃ በተለያዩ መልኩ የሚነሱ የልማትና የኑሮ ውድነት ጥያቄዎችን ሊፈታ በሚችል መልኩ መዘጋጀቱን በቋሚ ኮሚቴው እንደሚታይ ገልጸዋል።

በውይይት መድረኩ ከተገኙት ውስጥ ከኢትዮጵያ ብሮድካስቲንግ ኮርፖሬሽን ፣ከፌደራል ዋና ኦዲተር፣ ከውሃና ኢነርጂ ሚኒስቴር፣ ከውጭ ጉዳይ ሚኒስቴር፣ ከተለያዩ የንቨርሲቲዎች፣ ከመንገድ ደህንነትና ፈንድ አገልግሎት እና ሌሎችም ይገኙበታል።



ተቋማቱ ካቀረቧቸው ጥያቄዎች ውስጥ አሰራሮችን ወደ ዘመናዊ የመቀየር፣ ህንጻዎችን የማደስ፣የተጀመሩ ፕሮጀክቶችን ለማጠናቀቅ፣ የኑሮ ውድነት፣ ስራአጥነትን መቀነስ የሚሉት ዋና ዋናዎቹ ናቸው።

በገንዘብ ሚኒስቴር ሚኒስትር ዴኤታ እዮብ ተካልኝ (ዶ/ር) ለተነሱ አስተያየትና ጥያቄዎች ምላሽ በሰጡበት ወቅት የበጀቱ ትኩረት በተረጋጋ ማክሮ ኢኮኖሚ ውስጥ ዘላቂ የሆነ ልማት ለማስቀጠል እና የፊሊካልና የገንዘብ ፖሊሲው ተናገ እንዲሄድ ለማድረግ መሆኑን ገልጸዋል።


በጀቱ መንግስት የተረጋጋ ኢኮኖሚ እንዲኖር ለማድረግ ያለውን ቁርጠኝነት የሚያሳይ መሆኑንም ጠቁመዋል።


የተለያዩ ጉዳዮችን ከግምት ውስጥ በማስገባት በተቋማት ቅድሚያ የሚሰጣቸውን በመለየት ተጨማሪ በጀት ጥያቄ በማያስነሳ መልኩ ለማዘጋጀት ጥረት መደረጉን ገልጸዋል።
ተቋማት የተሰጣቸውን በጀት በአግባቡ ሥራ ላይ ማዋላቸውን ክትትል እንደሚደረግም ተናግረዋል።


ስራ አጥነትን በሚመለከት በየደረጃው ካሉ ከሚመለከታቸው አካላት ጋር በመሆን ክህሎትን የማሳደግና ስራ ፈጠራን ማዕከል ያደረገ ስራ እየተሰራ መሆኑን ገልጸዋል።




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