



ETHIOPIA



INTRODUCTION

Unique among African countries, the ancient Ethiopian monarchy maintained its freedom from colonial rule with the exception of a short-lived Italian occupation from 1936-41.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President SAHLE-WORK Zewde

Head of Government

Prime Minister ABIY Ahmed

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

Addis Ababa

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Federation or Yefedereshein Mikir Bete (153 seats) and the House of People's Representatives or Yehizb Tewokayoch Mekir Bete (547 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,104,300 sq km

Land: 1,096,570 sq km

Water: 7,730 sq km

Climate

tropical monsoon with wide topographic-induced variation

Natural Resources

small reserves of gold, platinum, copper, potash, natural gas, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

growing Horn of Africa construction- and services-based economy; port access via Djibouti and Eritrea; widespread but declining poverty; COVID-19, locust invasion, and Tigray crisis disruptions; public investment increases; second largest African labor force

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$264.1 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - food processing, beverages, textiles, leather, garments, chemicals, metals processing, cement

Agricultural products - maize, cereals, wheat, sorghum, milk, barley, sweet potatoes, roots/tubers, sugarcane, millet

Exports \$3.23 billion (2017 est.)

coffee, sesame seeds, gold, cut flowers, zinc (2019)

partners: China 17%, US 16%, UAE 8%, Saudi Arabia 6%, South Korea 5%, Germany 5% (2019)

Imports \$15.59 billion (2017 est.)

aircraft, gas turbines, packaged medicines, electric filament, cars (2019)

Partners: China 27%, India 9%, UAE 9%, France 9%, UK 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

110.9 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.5% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Oromo 34.9%, Amhara (Amara) 27.9%, Tigray (Tigrinya) 7.3%, Sidama 4.1%, other 23.9% (2016 est.)

Language

Oromo 33.8%, Amharic 29.3%, Somali 6.2%, Tigrigna 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Aother 16.6%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic (2007 est.)

Religion

Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%, traditional 0.6%, other 0.8% (2016 est.)

