

DAY 1

THEME:
Economic Outlook, Reforms, and
Priority Investment Opportunities

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

08:00 AM – 09:00 AM

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

09:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Tabitha John and Mr. Shimeles Lemma

Welcoming Remarks:

H.E. Zeleke Temesgen (PhD)

Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission, FDRE

Keynote 1:

H.E. Maria Tripodi

Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, ITALY

Keynote 2:

H.E. Amb. Berhanu Tsegaye

State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, FDRE

Keynote 3:

H.E. Ahmed Shide

Minister, Ministry of Finance, FDRE

Forum Opening Remarks:

GUEST OF HONOR

VIDEO PRESENTATION

A visual overview of the investment opportunities in Ethiopia.

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HIGH-LEVEL PANEL 1

10:20 AM – 12:00 PM

ACCELERATING PSD - ETHIOPIA'S REFORM COMMITMENTS AND POLICY DIRECTION

This high-level panel will offer a strategic perspective on Ethiopia's current economic trajectory and reform priorities, highlighting efforts to strengthen macroeconomic stability, modernize the financial sector, and enhance the investment climate.

MODERATOR:

Tilahun Esmael (PhD)

CEO, Ethiopian Securities Exchange

PANELISTS:

H.E. Fitsum Assefa (PhD)

Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development

H.E. Fikadu Digafe

Vice Governor, National Bank of Ethiopia

Ms. Madalo Minofu

Country Manager - Ethiopia, Malawi and Zambia, IFC

Mr. Jemal Ahmed

CEO, MIDROC Investment Group

Mr. Wei Qiangyu

General Manager, CCCC – Ethiopia Branch

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

12:00 PM – 02:00 PM

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BREAK OUT SESSION

02:00 PM – 04:00 PM

BREAK OUT – 1

Advancing Manufacturing
and Fostering Regional
and International Trade

PRESENTER:

Adrian Mertens (PhD.)
Manufacturing Africa

MODERATOR:

Tesfachew Taffere (PhD)
Senior Advisor, TBI

Speakers:

H.E. Sileshi Lemma
DDG, Manufacturing Industry
Development Institute

Amb. Henok Teferra
Managing Director, Boeing Africa

Mr. Ayobambo Kunle Salami
Manager, IFC

K.P. Raju
CEO, Jay Jay Textiles Plc

Mr. Lewi Belay
General Manager, PepsiCo

BREAK OUT – 2

Unlocking Mining and
Energy Potential of
Ethiopia

PRESENTER:

Eyob Bekele (PhD)
Ministry of Mines

MODERATOR:

Ms. Yeabsira Zewdie
CEO, Connect Africa Capital

Speakers:

H.E Dr. Ing. Sultan Welle Ahmed
State Minister, MoWE

H.E. Birhanie Yadessa
State Minister, Ministry of Mines

H.E. Simone Knapp (PhD)
Austrian Ambassador to Ethiopia

Mr. Li Jianjun
Executive President, GCL Africa
Industrial Group

Mr. Harry Anagnostaras Adams
Executive Chairman, Kefi Gold and
Copper

BREAK OUT – 3

Accelerating Investment:
The role of Financial
Institutions and Capital
Markets

PRESENTER:

Ms. Grace Kibuthu Ogola
IFC

MODERATOR:

Ms. Obsitu Sufian Ahmed
UNDP

Speakers:

H.E. Hana Tehelku
Director General, Ethiopian Capital
Market Authority

H.E. Solomon Desta
VG, National Bank

Nathaniel Agola (PhD)
Chief Country Economist for
Ethiopia, AfDB

Amb. Reuben E. Brigety II
President, Busara Advisors

Ms. Brutawit Dawit
CEO, Wegagen Capital

HEALTH BREAK

04:00 PM – 04:20 PM

MATCH MAKING SESSION

04:20 PM – 05:30 PM

DAY 2

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Regional Integration, Digital Transformation &
Practical Deal-Making

RECAP OF DAY 1:
08:45 AM – 09:00 AM

**TAKEAWAYS AND
INSIGHTS**

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL 2

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM

INVESTING AND GROWING IN ETHIOPIA

This dynamic panel brings together visionary investors, both local and international, who have boldly navigated Ethiopia's evolving investment terrain.

Moderator:

Mr. Abebe Abebayehu

Deputy Director, Program Advocacy and Communications at the Gates Foundation

Panelists:

Mr. Wim Vanhelleputte

CEO, Safaricom Ethiopia

Mr. Alex Song

CEO, GOBEZ Electric Manufacturing PLC

Mr. Ben Depraetere

Managing Director, Nunhems

Mr. Kishen Raval

Managing Director, Habesha Steel Mills PLC

Mr. Zhang Huarong

CEO, Huajian Group

HEALTH BREAK

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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BREAK OUT SESSION

11:30 AM – 01:00 PM

BREAK OUT – 4

Driving Agriculture &
Agro- Processing
Growth

PRESENTER:

Mandefro Nigussie (PhD)
Ethiopian Agriculture
Transformation Institute (ATI)

Moderator:

Mr. Miraf G. Markos
Regional Director African Leadership
Group (ALG) and ALX

Panelists:

H.E. Sofia Kassa
State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture

Mr. Samuel Kamau Nganga
MAS upstream and advisory, Eastern
and Southern Africa, Manager, IFC

Esrael Degafe (PhD)
CEO and Founder, Kerchanshe Group

Mr. Tewodros Zewdie
Chairman, Ethiopian Horticulture
Exporters and Producers Association

Mr. Eyakem Negussie
Country Field Operations Director-
Ethiopia, Sanku

BREAK OUT – 5

Invest in Ethiopia SEZ –
Export to the World

PRESENTER:

Mr. Alemayehu Seifu
IPDC

Moderator:

Ms. Anna Waldmann
SIC Head- GIZ

Panelists:

H.E. Zinabu Yirga
Deputy Commissionaire, EIC

Mr. Fitsum Ketema
D. CEO, IPDC

Gokhan Akinci (PhD)
IFC – WBG

Mr. Harsh Kothari
CEO, Mohan Group of Companies

Tadesse Mokonnen (PhD)
GM, Africure Pharmaceuticals PLC

BREAK OUT - 6

Scaling Private Sector
Action for NDC Delivery
and COP32

PRESENTER:

Benti Firdissa (PhD)
Ministry of Planning and
Development (MoPD)

Co-moderators:

Mr. Arati Davis
LeadIT

Hampus Holmer (PhD)
Embassy of Sweden

Panelists:

H.E. Rachel Kyte
UK's Special Representative on
Climate

Muktar Abdike (PhD.)
NDCP country facilitatory, Ministry of
Planning and Development

Wale Aboyade (PhD)
Global Vice President of Public Policy
and Government Relations, Sun King

Mr. Tomer Shalit
CPO, ClimateView

Ms. Lamin Trawally
Sustainable Finance Lead for Africa,
Global Green Growth Initiative (GGGI)

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HIGH-LEVEL PANEL 3

02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

CATALYZING INVESTMENT – ETHIOPIA'S SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND

PRESENTER:

Brook Taye (PhD)

CEO, Ethiopian Investment Holding

MODERATOR:

Mr. Henok Assefa

Founder & CEO, Precise Consult

SPEAKERS:

Ms. Meleket Shalu

D.CEO, Ethiopian Investment Holding

Ms. Kalkidan Arega

CEO, Toppan Securities Ethiopia

Mr. Han Zhen Yu

BDM, Tianjin Bohai Chemical Co., Ltd

Mr. Jorgen Evjen

CEO, AKOBO Minerals

REMARKS:

Mr. GUO Xiangjun

Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, China Investment Corporation

CLOSING SESSION

03:30 PM – 04:30 PM

DEAL SIGNING CEREMONY

The forum will conclude with announcements of major deals and commitments

CONCLUDING REMARKS

H.E. Chen Hai

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FDRE

H.E. Zeleke Temesgen (PhD)

Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission

H.E. Ahmed Shide

Minister, Ministry of Finance, FDRE