

**Basic Information
for
Ethiopian in the
Diaspora**



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"Ethiopian in the Diaspora need to further consolidate their efforts and do their part for the efficient implementation of the GTP, a plan which aims at extricating the country out of poverty."

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H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi



"Ethiopian in the Diaspora should contribute their share, so that they can enjoy a life time experience at the success that the country would register at the completion of the ongoing five year GTP."

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

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1. Introduction

The Government of Ethiopia has been taking different measures to bring the knowledge, experience, skills, and financial resources of Ethiopians in the Diaspora to contribute to national growth. The potential role of the Ethiopian Diaspora in development efforts has, in recent years, gained unprecedented recognition by the Ethiopian government. This interest in the actual and potential contribution of the Diaspora to development in Ethiopia manifests in the explicit reference to Diasporas in the country's poverty reduction program, including recognition of the positive impact that remittances have on the country's service account as well as the need for facilitating mechanisms to encourage direct investment from Ethiopians abroad.

To the meaningful contribution of the Diaspora to the development of the country, the Ethiopian Diaspora needs to overcome the major challenges of lack of accurate and updated information about the country development policies and programs. The main purpose of this "**Basic Information for Ethiopian in the Diaspora**" is to help Ethiopian Diaspora to fill the information gap and get more information in one book to enable them channel their initiatives and efforts; and to understand the national required procedures.

It contains different kinds of information about the Diaspora Engagement Affairs Directorate General, Investment Procedures in Ethiopia, Investment Incentives in Ethiopia, Customs Duty, Tariff and Taxes in Ethiopia, Tax Regulations in Ethiopia, Customs Procedures in Ethiopia, Ethiopian Origin ID card (Yellow Card), Opening Diaspora Account, Millennium Bond, Formal Remittance Service in Ethiopia, Tax ID Number and Finger Print Requirement, Migration for Development in Ethiopia (MIDEth) Program, Contact Address of the Universities, Address for Regional and Federal Offices

2. Diaspora Engagement Affairs Directorate General

Diaspora Engagement Affairs General Directorate, the former Ethiopian Expatriate Affairs General Directorate, was established in January 2002 within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the mission of working closely with Ethiopian Diaspora and facilitating their activities in Ethiopia. Its aim is to ensure that Diaspora issues are considered in the nation building process.

The stated objectives of the General Directorate are to:

- Serve as a liaison between different federal Ministries, regional Diaspora coordinating offices and Ethiopians in Diaspora;
- Encourage the active involvement of the Ethiopians in Diaspora in socio-economic activities of the country;
- Mobilize the Ethiopian community abroad for a sustained and organized image building.

The Directorate seeks to disseminate accurate information to the Ethiopian community abroad through various media outlets and to keep them informed of issues relevant to them. It also conducts research intended to inform policy as regards the Diaspora's increased participation in nation building.

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3. Investment Procedures in Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Investment Agency (EIA) is the government organ responsible for promoting, coordinating and facilitating foreign investment in the country. It is a one-stop-shop for all investors in Ethiopia, and renders the following services:

- Provides the necessary information required by investors;
- Approves and issues investment permits to foreign investors;
- Provides trade registration services to foreign investors;
- Issues operating licenses to approved foreign investments;
- Notarizes Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association;
- Grades construction contractors;
- Approves and registers technology transfer agreements;
- Registers export-oriented non-equity based foreign enterprise collaborations;
- Provides advisory and aftercare services to investors;
- Approves expatriate posts and issues work permits to foreign employees; and
- Facilitates the acquisition of land and utilities by foreign investors.

A foreign investor who plans to engage in Investment in Ethiopia, or a domestic one or a partnership of foreign and domestic investors: all these need to know the investment procedures to follow to apply for investment permit to invest in Ethiopia or to expand or upgrade their existing investments. The investment procedures in Ethiopia are as laid out in the proclamations and regulations.

These procedures have been taken out of

Investment Proclamation No. 280/2002 or 280/1994 E.C.; and its amendment Investment (amendment) Proclamation No. 375/2003 or 375/1996 E.C.

However, it's advisable that a reader gets these documents for a comprehensive understanding of the existing proclamations and regulations.

Investment Permit:

The following investors shall be required to obtain investment permits:

- Foreign investors;
- Foreign nationals, excluding Ethiopians by birth, taken for domestic investors pursuant to Article 2(5) of this Proclamation;
- Domestic investors investing in areas eligible for incentives;
- Domestic and foreign investors making investments in partnerships.

Application for Investment Permit:

By a domestic investor:

The application shall be made in a form designed for such purpose and submitted together with the following documents (the application form the documents have to be submitted in two copies, where they are submitted to the Agency, or in one copy, where they are submitted to Regional Investment Organs).

- Where the application is signed by an agent, a photocopy of his power of attorney;
- Where the investment is to be made by an individual person, a photocopy of his identity card, or a photocopy of the certificate evidencing his domestic investor status and his recent two passport size photographs;
- Where the investment is to be made by a business organization, photocopies of its memorandum of association and Articles of Association; or where the business organization is newly established, in addition, it shall submit photocopies of the shareholders' identity cards, or photocopies of the certificates evidencing their domestic investor status;

- Where the investment is to be made by a public enterprise, a photocopy of the Regulation under which it is established or a photocopy of its memorandum of association and Articles of Association;
- Where the investment is to be made by a cooperative society, a photocopy of its Articles of Association

By a Foreign Investor:

The application shall be made in a form designed for such purpose and submitted together with the following documents:

- Where the application is signed by an agent, a photocopy of his power of attorney;
- Where the investment is to be made by an individual person, a photocopy of the pages of valid passport showing his identity and his recent two passport size photographs;
- Where the investment is to be made by a business organization, photocopies of its memorandum of association and Articles of Association; or where the business organization is newly established, in addition, it shall submit photocopies of the shareholders' valid passports showing their identity
- Where the investment is to be made by a branch of a foreign business organization in Ethiopia, photocopies of its memorandum of association and Articles of Association or a similar document of the parent company; and
- And where it's a joint investment by domestic and domestic foreign investors, in addition to the documents provided in the above third list, photocopies of the identity cards, or photocopies of the certificates evidencing the domestic investor status of the domestic investor status, as the case may be.

For Expansion or Upgrading of an Existing Enterprise:

The application shall be made in a form designed for such purpose and submitted together with the following documents:

- Where the application is signed by an agent, a photocopy of his power of attorney;
- Where the investment is made by a business organization, photocopies of its memorandum of association and Articles of Association; and
- Photocopy of a valid business license of the existing enterprise.

4. Investment Incentives in Ethiopia

One of the steps taken by the government to enhance Investment in Ethiopia is the provision of investment incentives. This page contains details on the incentives as laid out by the Council of Ministers.

These Incentives have been taken out of

**Council of Ministers Regulations No. 84/2003 or 84/1995 EC
on Investment Incentives and Investment Areas Reserved for
Domestic Investors and its amendment Regulation No.
146/2008 or 146/2000 EC .**

The Ethiopian Government provides investment incentives. Under Exemption from income tax there are:

Investment Activities Eligible for Income Tax Exemption

1. Where an investor engaged in manufacturing or agro-industrial activities, or investment areas of information and communication technology development or the production of agricultural products to be determined by directives to be issued by the Investment Board;
 - Exports 50% /(fifty percent) of his/her products or services; or
 - Supplies 75% (seventy five percent) of his/her product to an exporter as a production or service input; he/she shall be eligible for income tax exemption for 5 years.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of list 1 above the Board may, under special circumstances, grant income tax exemption for a period not longer than 7 years.

However, the granting of income tax exemption for a period longer than 7 years requires the decision of the Council of Ministers.

3. An investor engaged in activities mentioned in list 1 above who exports less than 50% (fifty percent) of his products or services, supplies his products or services only to the domestic market shall be eligible for income tax exemption for 2 years.
4. Notwithstanding the provision of list 1 above, the Board may, under special circumstances, grant income tax exemption for a period not longer than 5 years.
5. Notwithstanding the provision of list 3 above, directives issued by the Board may prohibit exemption from income tax with respect to an investor who supplies his products or services only to the domestic market.
6. Notwithstanding the provisions of lists 1 and 3 above, an investor who exports hides and skins after processing up to crust level may not be entitled to incentives provided therewith.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of the above lists, where the investment is in relatively under-developed regions such as Gambella, Benishangul and Gumz, South Omo, in Afar Zones to be determined by the Board, Somali and other regions to be determined by the Board, the investor shall be eligible for income tax exemption for an additional 1 year period.
8. The income tax exemption under the provisions of the above lists shall be effective when the investor provides the information for the relevant revenue collecting institution and its validity is ascertained for each income tax period.

Income Tax Exemption for Expansion or Upgrading of an Existing Enterprise:

An investor engaged in activities mentioned under the provisions of list 1 above who exports at least 50% (fifty percent) of his products and services and increases, in value, his/her products or services by 25% shall be eligible for income tax exemption for 2 years.

Commencement of Period of Exemption from Income Tax

The period of exemption from income tax shall begin from the date of commencement of production or the date of provision of services, as the case may be.

Carry Forward of Losses

An investor who has incurred loss within the period of income tax exemption shall be allowed to carry forward his/her loss for half of the income tax exemption period, after the expiry of such period.

Under the Exemption from the payment of customs duty there are:

Exemption from the Payment of Customs Duty

1. An investor shall be allowed to import duty free capital goods and construction materials necessary for the establishment of a new enterprise or for the expansion or upgrading of an existing enterprise.
2. In addition, an investor granted with a customs duty exemption privilege shall be allowed to import duty free capital goods necessary for his enterprise
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of lists 1 and 2 above the Board may, by its directives, bar the duty-free importation of capital goods and construction materials where it finds that they are locally produced with competitive price, quality and quantity.
4. An investor eligible for duty-free importation of capital goods pursuant to these Regulations shall be given the same privilege for spare parts whose value is not greater than 15% (fifteen percent) of the total value of the capital goods to be imported.

Conditions for Importing Vehicles Duty Free:

1. Any investor may import duty free:
 - Ambulances used for emergency case of employees
 - Buses used for tour operation services.

2. Without prejudice to list 1 above, the board may issue directives on conditions of importing duty free:

- up to three 4-wheel drive vehicles for tour operation services
- Vehicles for any other investments depending on the type and nature of the project.

Areas of Investment Not Eligible for Customs duty exemption:

- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Exemption from the Payment of Customs Duty, the following areas of investment are not eligible for exemption from the payment of customs duty.
 - Hotels (excluding star-designated hotels), motels, tea rooms, coffee shops, bars, night clubs and restaurants which do not have international standards;
 - Wholesale, retail and import trade;
 - Maintenance services;
 - Commercial road transport and car-hire services;
 - Postal and courier services;
 - Real estate development;
 - Business and management consultancy services;
 - Advertisement services;
 - Cinematography and similar activities;
 - Radio and television broadcasting services;
 - Theatre and cinema hall operations;
 - Customs clearance services;
 - Laundry services;
 - Travel agency, trade auxiliary and ticket-selling services;
 - Lottery and games of a similar nature;
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- Notwithstanding the provision list 1 above, the Board may, where it finds appropriate, issue directives providing for additional areas of investment which may not be eligible for exemption from the payment of customs duty.

Transfer of Capital Goods Imported Free of Customs Duty

- Capital goods imported free of customs duty shall not be transferred to third parties not entitled to similar duty free privileges, unless prior payment of the customs duty is effected thereon.

Any regulations or directives inconsistent with these Regulations shall not have effect with respect to matters provided for in these Regulations.

5. Customs Duty, Tariff and Taxes in Ethiopia

Importers to Ethiopia are required to pay Import (Customs) duty, Withholding Tax (a fixed rate of 3%), Excise Tax (if applicable), VAT (a fixed rate of 15%) and Surtax (a fixed rate of 10%).

Tariff Calculator:
Total Cost of the goods = FOB Cost + Insurance + Freight
Total Cost of the goods x Import Customs Duty = A
(Total Cost of the goods + A) x Excise Tax Rate (If applicable) = B
(Total Cost of the goods + A + B) x VAT = C
(Total Cost of the goods + A + B + C) x Surtax = D
Total Cost of the goods x Withholding Tax = E
TOTAL PAYABLE at THE TIME OF IMPORT = A+B+C+D+E

Note: There are some goods that may be exempted from one or more of the taxes and duties mentioned above. To find out more, one can visit

<http://www.erca.gov.et/download.php> to download the tariff book, and, <http://www.erca.gov.et/taxcalclient.php> where one can find an online tax calculator. Both are provided by the Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority

6. Tax Regulations in Ethiopia

It's imperative that one knows the existing tax regulations in Ethiopia when one plans to start business in the country and while doing business in Ethiopia. What types of taxes are there in Ethiopia? What are the tax rates in Ethiopia? What are the tax exemptions in Ethiopia (if applicable)? How are taxes filed in Ethiopia? These are important questions on Ethiopian tax regulations.

**INCOME TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 286/2002 OR
286/1994 EC AND ITS AMENDMENT OF THE INCOME
TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 608/2008 OR 608/2000 E.C.**

**VALUE ADDED TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 285/2002
OR 285/1994 EC AND ITS AMENDMENT OF THE
VALUE ADDED TAX PROCLAMATION 609/2008 OR
609/2000 E.C**

**EXCISE TAX PROCLAMATION NO 307/2002 OR
307/1994 EC AND A PROCLAMATION TO AMEND THE
EXCISE TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 610/2008 OR
610/2000 E.C.**

**TURN OVER TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 308/2002 OR
308/1994 EC AND A PROCLAMATION TO AMEND
THE TURNOVER TAX PROCLAMATION NO. 611/2008
E.C.**

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS INCOME TAX
REGULATIONS NO. 78/2002 OR 78/1994 EC.**

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VAT REGULATIONS NO.
79/2002 OR 79/1994 EC**

These documents can be purchased at Berhanena Selam Printing Enterprise Shop at Arat Kilo. One can also visit <http://www.erca.gov.et/index.php> (the Ethiopian Revenues and Customs Authority Website).

Types of Taxes in Ethiopia and their rate in percentage:

Indirect Taxes

1. VAT (Value Added Tax): 15%
2. Excise Tax: varies widely for different goods and one may check the separate category for excise tax on this website.
3. TOT (Turnover Tax): 2% on goods sold locally; for services 2% (two percent) on contractor, grain mills, tractors and combine-harvesters and 10% (ten percent) on others

Direct Taxes

1. Personal Income Tax: progressive and ranges from 10% to 35%.
2. Rental tax: progressive for persons and ranges from 10% to 35% and 30% flat rate on bodies.
3. Business Profit Tax: progressive for unincorporated businesses and ranges from 10% to 35% and 30% flat rate on incorporated businesses (eg. PLC, Share Company).
4. Withholding Tax: On imported goods at 3% of the sum of cost, insurance and freight (CIF). On payments made to taxpayers at 2% on cost of supply goods involving more than Birr 10,000 in any one transaction or contract and services involving more than Birr 500 in one transaction or service.
5. Other Taxes (Taxes from Royalties, Income from Rendering Technical service, Income from Games of chance, Dividends, Income from Rental of property, Interest Income on deposits gain on transfer of certain In-property)

7. Customs Procedures in Ethiopia

These procedures have been taken out of:

**The Re-establishment and Modernization of Customs
Authority Proclamation No. 60/1997 or 60/1989 EC and its
amendment Proclamation No. 368/2003 or 368/1995 EC**

Declaration, Examination and Release of Goods

- Lodgement of Customs declaration
 - Supporting Documents of Customs Declaration
 - Verification of Documents and Examination of Goods
 - Examination at the request of Importer
 - Delivery of Goods
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Lodgement of Customs Declaration

- Except exempted by directives all goods entered in accordance with Article 17 of the proclamation shall forthwith lodged for clearance in aspect copies of customs declaration.
 - Goods exempted form clearance shall be determined by directives issued by the Customs Board
 - Where customs clearing agent applies for hold function and fulfils supporting documents pre lodgement of customs declaration may be allowed for and five days before the arrival of the goods at customs port. However, if the goods do not arrive within the five days, a new declaration shall be lodged at the time of arrival of the goods.
 - The Authority may allow goods to be cleared urgently due to their nature or the reason they are required for. The details and the reasons that justify this procedure shall be prescribed in the directives issued by the authority.
 - All information supplied in the customs declaration shall be filled and signed by the customs clearing agent.
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- Any imported goods registered for home consumption shall be identified and declared in Customs declaration.
- Goods entered for an out right exports or temporary export shall be declared in Customs declaration.
- Customs declaration accepted by the entry reception shall immediately be registered for the accomplishment of customs formalities.
- Customs declaration may be lodged orally, by bodily action or electronically. The ministry may issue directives as to the goods and conditions of lodging Customs declaration orally, by bodily action or electronically.

Supporting Documents of Customs Declaration

- On the lodgement of customs declaration and declaration of facts the following original documents in support shall be supplied to customs in a number of copies fixed by the Authority:
 - Transportation document
 - Price document (commercial invoice)
 - Bank permit
 - Packing list
 - Certificate of origin, and
 - Other necessary documents to be prescribed in the directives issued by the Authority
 - Transportation document that is required in support of export goods shall be a document that is used as evidence for the transpiration of goods up to the customs port of exit.
 - The Authority may require any document to be presented in an Amharic translation made by official translators.
 - Customs declaration shall be acceptable where the necessary documents which are prescribed under this Article are presented and approved by the customs officer.
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Verification of Documents and Examination of Goods

- The proper customs officer shall verify documents and examine goods to assure the accuracy of information supplied in the document.
 - The owner of the goods or his authorized agent shall attend during examination of the goods. Where the owner or his agent fails to appear at the time of examination, the proper Customs Officer shall open and examine the goods in the presence of relevant officials.
 - Procedure of goods examination shall be prescribed by directives issued by the Authority.
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Examination at the request of Importer

- If any importer or his agent believes that the goods have suffered damage, short or pilfered in route may request for prior examination of the goods before the lodgement of goods declaration.
 - Where the request made in accordance with list no. 1 above and its reason are justified by the Authority; goods examination may be carried out upon payment of service charge. Customs declaration shall, therefore, be filled in accordance with the examination report.
 - Service charges for prior examination of goods shall be prescribed by directives issued by the Authority
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Delivery of Goods

- All goods listed in customs declaration shall be removed from the warehouse by the owner or his agent immediately upon the accomplishment of customs formalities.
 - Goods which are not removed from the warehouse within the period specified in sub-Article (3) of Article 43 of the proclamation shall be sold or disposed otherwise as deemed abandoned to the customs.
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8. Ethiopian Origin ID card (Yellow Card) and Guidelines for Processing Ethiopian Origin ID card

The objectives of Ethiopian Origin ID Card

- By identifying foreign nationals of Ethiopian Origin who have acquired foreign nationality due to their life circumstances or other factors, entitle them to various rights and privileges by lifting the legal restrictions imposed on them when they lost their Ethiopian nationalities.
- In order to create a legal framework whereby persons of Ethiopian Origin fulfill their contribution to the development and prosperity of their country of origin

Rights of the holder of the ID card

- S/he shall not be required to have an entry visa or residence permit to live in Ethiopia
- S/he shall have the right to be employed in Ethiopia without a work permit
- S/he shall not be subjected to the exclusion that applies to foreign nationals regarding coverage of pension scheme under the relevant pension law
- The children of the holder of the ID card who are under the age of 18 shall have the right to enjoy facilities granted.

Authority Issuance the ID card

- The ID card shall be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when abroad and by the Authority for Security, Immigration and Refugee Affairs when in Ethiopia

Exceptions

- S/he shall have no right to vote or be elected to any office at any level of Government
- S/he shall have no right to be employed on a regular basis in the National Defense, Security, Foreign Affairs and other similar political establishments.

- All applications must be made in person
- Applicants must submit two completed ID card application forms
- Photograph
- Four recent passport-size colour photograph, glued to the application form
- Proof of Ethiopian Origin
- Accepted nationality support documents issued in Ethiopia are:
 - Old or damaged previous Passport (if available)
 - Birth certificate
 - ID Cards (from: kebele, and known other Institutions)
 - A letter of community membership or ID authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ethiopia
 - Bank Book
 - Marriage certificates
 - Educational Certifications that state Nationality
 - Social Security Documentation (Pension payment certificate)
 - Court decision documents
 - Car and fixed asset (i.e. land and buildings) property ownership documents and other similar evidentiary documents which state Ethiopian nationality.

Current Nationality

- Passport or valid travel document issued by the country

Other Applicants

- If applicant has children under the age of 18, he/she has to produce:
 - Passport,
 - Birth Certificate and
 - Two current colour passport size photographs of each child attached with his/her application for ID card.

- If applicant has a spouse of foreign national, he/she has to produce:
 - Passport,
 - Marriage certificate and
 - Two current colour passport size photographs of each child attached with his/her application for ID card.

Returning an Ethiopian Origin ID card

A person wishing to return an Ethiopian Origin ID card should complete the following steps.

- Fill out and submit the appropriate form.
- Submit a signed letter that the card is being returned willingly
- Return ID cards belonging to all other family members

Replacing a Lost or Damaged ID card

A person wishing to replace his/her lost or damaged ID card should complete the following steps.

- Fill out and submit the appropriate form
- Provide a police record or affidavit attesting to the loss of the card
- Submit 300.00 USD/ 240.00 EURO/ 240.00 Pound sterling in payment in the form of a money order only.

9. Opening Diaspora Account

What is Diaspora Account?

- It is a deposit account targeted for Ethiopians in Diaspora to open and use foreign currency account at home country.
- Individuals and companies can open this account.
- This account can serve as collateral to get credit in local currency from domestic banks in line with the opening bank's credit policy.
- Deposit is made in one or more of the following currencies:
 - US Dollar
 - Pound Sterling
 - Euro
- Deposits that are made in other convertible currencies such as Canadian Dollar, Saudi Riyal, Japanese Yen, Australian Dollar and UAE Dirham shall be converted to any of the above stated three currencies at spot exchange rate based on the preference of the account opener.

Types of Diaspora Account

I. FIXED (TIME) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- It is an interest bearing account with agreed maturity date. The minimum maturity period is three months.
- It is opened with an initial deposit of US Dollar 5,000 or its equivalent in any of the above stated currencies.
- Interest on such accounts shall be payable only if they are maintained at least for the minimum period.
- Interest income on such accounts is tax-free.

II. CURRENT ACCOUNT

- It is operated by cheque book.
- Withdrawals can be made at any time by writing a cheque.

- It can be opened with an initial deposit of US Dollar 100 or its equivalent in any of the above stated currencies.
- The maximum amount to be deposited shall not exceed US Dollar 50,000 or its equivalent in any of the above stated currencies.
- Interest shall not be paid to a non-resident foreign currency current account.

III. NON-REPATRIABLE BIRR ACCOUNT

- It may take the form of saving deposit account that can be used for local payments only.
- Such account will pay double interest of the minimum saving deposit rate set by the National Bank of Ethiopia.
- Money can neither be transferred from this account to abroad nor converted from the local currency to any foreign currency.

Who are Eligible Applicants?

The following are eligible to use a Diaspora account:

- Non-resident Ethiopian nationals living and working outside Ethiopia.
- Non-resident foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin.
- Companies owned by the above-mentioned non-residents and located outside the Ethiopian territory for more than one year.
- Ethiopian nationals living and working abroad or in due process of living abroad for work for more than one year and who can produce authenticated documents.

How to Open the Account?

- Persons residing abroad can open the account in person or by post in his/her name.
- Applicants who could not be physically presented to open the account in the domestic banks can use the Ethiopian Embassies, Correspondent Banks or nearby remittance service providers to prove their identities.
- Opening of a foreign currency account by Power of Attorney is not allowed. However, Power of Attorneys is allowed to withdraw from these accounts

provided that the Power of Attorney explicitly empowers them to operate these accounts.

- An individual may open current account in only one of the domestic banks whereas he/she may open fixed deposit accounts in more than one bank.

How to Close the Account?

The following conditions may lead to closure of the Diaspora account:

- Upon the request of the account holder.
- When the account holder starts to live in Ethiopia after completion of his/her stay abroad.

What are the Required Documents?

- Application forms properly filled and signed by the applicant.
- Ethiopians or foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin shall present valid passport and/or identification card.
- For businesses, Certificates of ownership /entitlement for the organization and/or Articles and Memorandum of Association.

Non-resident Foreign Currency Account (NR-F/CY)

The balance of this account is kept in foreign currency. The account holders can withdraw money from this account in foreign currency upon presentation of travel documents (VISA and valid Air Ticket), without having a foreign exchange control permit. However, for the purpose of using the money here in Ethiopia, the account holder withdraws in local currency (Birr) only.

Benefits

Gives better services to the diplomatic community and members of international organizations by facilitating payment in both local and hard currencies.

Eligibility

- Foreign Embassies, Legations and consulates.

- United Nations Organizations or African Union
- Official members of Diplomatic Corps, holding diplomatic passports and their equivalent working in different organizations and AU, except Ethiopian nationals
- Staff members of Foreign Embassies, UN organizations, etc

Documents required.

To open foreign currency account, an applicant must fulfill the following:

- His/her salary must be fully paid from foreign sources
- Payments should be from other Non-resident or foreign currency account holders
- Permission is required from National Bank of Ethiopia
- Deposits in local currency or local checks are not acceptable.

To withdraw from the account

- A valid passport or an ID (Yellow Card) for Non-resident foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin.

Non-Resident Transferable birr Account (NR)

This account is the same as that of foreign currency account, except that the balance is kept in local currency and withdrawal is made in Birr.

Benefits

Gives better services to the diplomatic community and members of international organizations by facilitating payment in both local and hard currencies.

Eligibility

- Foreign Embassies, Legations and Consulates.
- United Nations organizations or African Union
- Official members of Diplomatic Corps, holding diplomatic passports and their equivalent working in different organizations and AU, except with Ethiopian nationals
- Staff members of Foreign Embassies, UN organizations, etc.

Documents required

To open NR accounts the following requirements shall be fulfilled:

- The applicant's salary must be fully paid from foreign sources.
- Payments should be from other NR or F/CY account holders.
- Permission is required from NBE.
- Deposits in local currency or local checks are not acceptable.

To withdraw from the account

- A valid passport or an ID (Yellow Card) for Non-resident foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin.

Non-Transferable Birr Account (NT)

This account is a Birr account. The holder of this account can withdraw only in Birr and, upon presentation of a foreign exchange permit. To buy foreign currency from this account, he/she should have got a foreign exchange permit form (OFP) after presenting confirmed air tickets and passports.

Benefits

- Give better services to the diplomatic community and members of international organizations
- Improve the means of payment for goods and services that the International Community may purchase in Ethiopia.

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9.1. Bank Addresses to Open All Diaspora Accounts

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2	የኢትዮጵያ ልማት ባንክ Development Bank of Ethiopia	☎ 011 551 11 88 ☎ 011 551 16 06 ☎ 1900
3	ኮንስትራክሽንና ቢዝነስ ባንክ Construction & Business Bank	☎ 011 551 23 00 ☎ 011 551 51 03 ☎ 3480
4	አዋሽ ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Awash International Bank S.C	☎ 011 662 78 28 ☎ 011 661 29 19 ☎ 011 662 77 65 ☎ 12638
5	ዳሽን ባንክ አ.ማ. Dashen Bank S.C.	☎ 011 466 13 80 ☎ 011 465 30 37 ☎ 12752
6	አቢሲኒያ ባንክ አ.ማ. Bank of Abyssiniya S.C.	☎ 011 551 41 30 ☎ 011 515 99 66 ☎ 12947
7	ወጋገን ባንክ አ.ማ. Wegagen Bank S.C	☎ 011 552 38 00 ☎ 011 552 35 20 ☎ 1018
8	ሕብረት ባንክ አ.ማ. United Bank S.C.	☎ 011 465 52 22 ☎ 011 465 52 43 ☎ 19963
9	ንብ ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Nib International Bank S.C.	☎ 011 550 32 88 ☎ 011 550 33 04 ☎ 011 550 43 49 ☎ 2439
10	አንበላ ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Lion Bank S.C.	☎ 011 662 60 00 ☎ 011 662 60 50 ☎ 251 11 662 71 15
11	የኦሮሚያ ኅብረት ሥራ ባንክ አ.ማ. Cooperative Bank of Oromia S.C.	☎ 011 550 94 27 ☎ 011 515 04 89 ☎ 16936
12	ኦሮሚያ ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Oromia International Bank S.C.	☎ 011 156 17 31 ☎ 011 156 15 85 ☎ 27530/1000
13	ዘመን ባንክ አ.ማ. Zemen Bank S.C.	☎ 011 554 00 69/57 ☎ 011 553 90 40 ☎ 011 554 82 59 ☎ 011 553 90 42 ☎ 1212
14	ቡና ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Bunna International Bank S.C	☎ 011 158 08 28/27 ☎ 011 515 83 14 ☎ 1743Code1110
15	ብርሃን ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Berhan International Bank S.C.	☎ 011 655 47 24 ☎ 011 662 34 31 ☎ 387 Code1110
16	አባይ ባንክ አ.ማ. Abay Bank S.C	☎ 011 830 20 30 ☎ 011 515 89 23 ☎ 0115 54 24 13
17	አዲስ ኢንተርናሽናል ባንክ አ.ማ. Addis International Bank S.C.	☎ 011 662 76 71/91 ☎ 58735

10. Millennium Bond

The potential of Diaspora to invest in the growing Ethiopian Economy is enormous, both in terms of the potential to generate a return and the impact of boosting growth, knowledge and capacity within the country. For those Diaspora who really feel passionate about the future of Ethiopia, they can contribute most to its development by investing in one of the areas identified by the Government of Ethiopia. Among These areas the Ethiopian Electric Power Authority issued Millennium corporate Bond.

Features of the Millennium Bond

Bond type :	Corporate Bond
Issuer of the bond :	Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation(EEPCO)
Agent:	Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE)
Name of the bond:	EEPCO Millennium Bond
Currency :	USD, Pound Sterling, Euro and other convertible currencies
Eligibility :	Non-resident Ethiopians and Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian origin only
Minimum bond issued:	USD 500
Maturity:	5, 7 and 10 years
Payment of bond:	At maturity
Payment of interest:	Annually
Guarantor:	Government guaranteed bond
Additional Benefit:	The bond can be used as a collateral for loans in local currency.
Income Tax:	Interest income earned from the bond is free from any income tax.

Means of Purchase

The buyer can effect payment via:

- **SWIFT Transfer**

Up on payment via SWIFT transfer, the Bank will send the bond certificate to the buyer or keep the certificate under the Bank's custody upon consent of the buyer.

- **Diaspora Foreign Currency Account**

A prospective bond buyer can instruct CBE or other domestic banks to debit his/her Diaspora Foreign Currency account to purchase the bond. The account holder can also purchase the bond through power of attorney holders.

- **Cash**

Ethiopian Diaspora can purchase the bond from CBE in foreign currency. In this case, it is mandatory for the buyer to present a foreign currency declaration form.

Interest Rates and Payments

- The interest rates are 4%, 4.5 % and 5% for 5, 7 and 10 years maturity periods respectively.
- Interest on the bonds will be paid annually and the bond holder can either receive interest payments in foreign currency or in Birr at the prevailing exchange rate.

The interest earned can be:

- Collected in Birr in person or through power of attorney holders,
- Deposited in foreign currency or birr account,
- Transferred abroad,
- Used to repurchase additional bonds, or
- Used as payment for import commitments

Transferability:

- The Bond can be transferred to a second party upon the consent of the bond holder and fulfillment of the required documents.

Upon maturity, the bond holder can:

- Receive the face value of the bond in foreign currency,
- Purchase another bond with the same face value,
- Effect local payments,
- Deposit in foreign currency or birr account, or
- Pay for import commitments.

SWIFT Addresses:

Arada Ghiorgis Branch.....CBETETAAARA
Finfine Branch.....CBETETAAFIN
Temnja Yaj Branch.....CBETETAATEM
Diredawa Branch.....CBETETAADIR
Other Branches and International Banking Department.....CBETETAA

11. Formal Remittance Service in Ethiopia

Objectives

- To improve the operations of the Formal remittance service in Ethiopia
- To reduce the costs of remittance transfer system in Ethiopia
- To increase access of international remittance service for Nationals and make the service reliable, fast and safe.

What Does International Remittance Transfer by Nationals Mean?

- International Remittance Transfer by Nationals means monetary transfers that overseas Ethiopians and foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin make money transfers to their home country through Remittance Service Providers (RSPs).

Who Are Remittance Service Providers (RSPs)?

- Remittance Service Providers are licensed transfer houses that provide remittance service to customers either directly by banks via SWIFT or through money transferring agents working in association with banks.

What does SWIFT mean?

- SWIFT is a secured telecommunication system serving members and the financial community. The word SWIFT represents Society for Worldwide Inter-bank Financial Telecommunication. It is a reliable and less costly method to transfer money. All banks in Ethiopia use the system to effect monetary transaction.

How banks communicate to settle remittance service transfers?

- Banks have two important secret codes called Bank Identifier Code (BIC) and International Bank Account Number (IBAN), which help them to communicate and provide safe service. While the former is the unique address, which helps

banks to identify the financial institutions during telecommunication messages, the latter is a code that uniquely identifies an account held in correspondent banks.

What are the major features of contractual agreements among RSPs and their agents?

- To minimize the cost of international remittance transfer service in Ethiopia and to make market structure more commutative:
- RSPs shall arrange non-exclusive conditions when making agency agreements between them;
- Contractual agreements between RSPs shall be renewed every two years upon receipt of consent from NBE;
- RSPs shall charge zero or minimum tariff on remittance transfer service and shall disclose same including any change thereof to NBE;
- RSPs need to obtain approval from the NBE before entering into new agency agreement with international money transferring operators.

What are the major types of international remittance transfer?

The following are the major transfer types contained in the international remittance transfer: -

- Personal transfers
- Money to be used for investment
- International cash donations
- Deposit and service payments
- Temporary and permanent migrants transfer.

Where shall users of international remittance transfer system get information concerning this service?

- Users of this system can obtain information from Access points such as

- a) Bank branches
- b) Post offices
- c) NBE's and commercial banks' and Ministry of Foreign Affairs websites
- d) Brochures
- e) Telephone etc.

What are the major institutions eligible to provide low cost international remittance service in Ethiopia?

The following institutions/organizations are legally eligible institutions to provide low cost international remittance service in Ethiopia.

- International money transfers operators in association with banks, which are licensed entities to provide money-transferring services internationally. These are Western Union, Money Gram, Maniflo, and Adam Funds etc;
- Commercial banks, which are, licensed business organizations to provide financial intermediation;
- Non-Financial organizations, which are business organizations that are allowed to engage in remittance services through their branches overseas. These are:
 - Ethiopian Airlines (EAL) and
 - Ethiopian Shipping Lines (ESL).

Is there any obligation that Remittance Service Providers should fulfill?

Yes, to protect customers of this service, Remittance Service Providers (RSPs) have the following obligations:

- Reveal terms and tariffs applicable to remittance service including their correspondent bank, agent fees and other different types of service they provide;
- Indicate the estimated time that it will take the money to reach the receiver;
- The exchange rate that RSPs employed to convert the foreign currency to domestic currency and vice-versa;

- Facilitate remittance transfer service to their customers and provide the service within 24hour

What does RSPs present to NBE to get its consent?

- Official business license authenticated by the Ethiopian Embassy/counselor abroad
- Agency agreement signed between RSP and domestic commercial banks

For further information, please visit domestic commercial banks and their branches or call the contact person as indicated here.

National Bank of Ethiopia

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11.1. The tables below shows remittance service providers (RSP'S) who work in collaboration with Local Commercial Banks.

1. Wegagen Bank, S. C

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amount transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
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Dahabshil Express Money Transfer KAAH Express Mustaqubal Transfer Service Amal Express Money Transfer Cosmopolitan Ltd. Bahrain Financing Company Horaizon Exchange Quaran Express . Tewakal money transfer Olympic Ltd. ARY	<\$600	0.5% on amount transferred 3.3% of every transaction
	\$ 601 - 2500	0.5% on amount transferred
	\$2501-5000	0.5% on amount of transferred
		0.5% on amount transferred
		0.25% on amount transferred
		\$4.00
		\$9.00
		\$17.00
		\$1 per transaction
		5% on amount transferred
	0.5% on amount Transferred	
	0.5% on amount transferred	
	<2500	\$2 per transaction
	>2500	\$2.50 per transaction

2. Nib International Bank

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Money gram	<\$1000	22%
	\$1001 and above	2%
Atlantic International	<\$100	1.50%
	\$ 101-500	\$5.00
	\$5,001 and above	4%
		2%
Addis International		\$ 5 flat
		1%
		3%
DERASH HODAN SAGAL Express Money - VIGO	<\$100	\$7.99
	\$100 - 500	\$9.99
	\$ 500 - 1000	\$14.99
	\$1000 and above	2%

3. Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
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LARI Exchange Zenji Exchange Alamoudi Exchange Western Union		20 Drham per transfer To be provided upon receipt 10 Riyal per transfer See Western union's work sheet
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4. United Bank S.C.

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Maniflo Money Exchange	INC 150	5%
	150.01 - 300.00	7%
	300.01 - 400.00	9%
	400.01 - 500.00	10%
	500.01 - 700.00	13%
	700.01 - 900.00	15%
	900.01 - 1,000.00	17%
	1,000.01 - 2,000.00	25%
	3,000.01 - 4,000.00	40%
	4,000.00 and above	1.20%

5. Bank of Abyssinia

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Adams Funds Transfer	\$ 1.00 - \$300.00	\$10.00 Services, LLC
	\$300.01 - \$500.00	\$15
	\$500.01 - \$700.00	\$20.00
	\$700.01 - \$900.00	\$25.00
	\$900.01 - \$1,200.00	\$35.00
	\$1,201.01 - \$ 1,500.00	\$40.00
	\$1,501.01 - \$2,000.00	\$50.00
	\$2,001.01 - \$2,500.00	\$60.00
	\$2,501.01 - \$3,000.00	\$70.00
	\$3,001.01 - \$4,000.00	\$80.00
	\$4,001.01 - \$5,000.00	\$100.00

6. Construction & Business Bank S.C.

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Western Union Money Transfer		15%

7. Dashen Bank

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Western Union Money Transfer		See western Union's work she

8. Cooperative Bank of Oromia (S.C.)

Remittance service providers (RSP'S)	Dollar range of amounts transferred	Charges levied by the transfer agents
Global Financial Exchange Holding PLC		0.75%

12. Tax ID Number and Finger Print Requirement

The Ethiopian government proclamation number 286/94 required all tax payers to register their businesses with the Ethiopian Custom and Revenue Authority (ECRA) office, submit the business owner's finger print, and obtain a Tax Identification Number (TIN). For Ethiopians living outside of Ethiopia obtaining accurate and timely information to comply with this proclamation has been rather difficult. This is an attempt to clarify the requirement, the timeline for compliance, and provide other relevant information.

What is a Tax ID Number (TIN)?

TIN is a single unique Federal level Tax ID Number (much like a US SSN or Employer ID Number) issued by the ERCA office in Ethiopia. Only one Tax ID Number is required in Ethiopia regardless of the number or location of businesses owned and operated.

Who needs to get a Tax ID Number?

The short answer is: every Ethiopian needs to get a TIN. More specifically, in the short run, people who are earning a taxable income on a business or a rental property in Ethiopia need to get a TIN and pay taxes. If you don't earn a taxable income in Ethiopia now but you are entertaining opening a business or renting a real estate property in Ethiopia in the future, you are better off submitting a finger print and getting a TIN at the earliest convenience.

Where does one get a Tax ID Number?

A TIN can be obtained by filling out a form and submitting a finger print at one of the many ERCA branch offices located throughout the country.

What is the current finger print requirement status?

If you are an Ethiopian or Ethiopian origin living outside of Ethiopia and if you already earn a taxable income in Ethiopia, meaning you are an owner of a business currently operating in Ethiopia under your name, then you should already have some kind of TIN. The only thing missing is scanning your finger print and attaching it to your existing TIN. The requirement for you to submit your finger print has been waived until June 30, 2011.

If you are an Ethiopian or Ethiopian origin living outside of Ethiopia and you are in the process of making a new investment to open a new business in Ethiopia, then you are required to submit a finger print scan and get a TIN first. This has to be done as part of getting your business license.

13. Migration for Development in Ethiopia (MIDEth) Program

Migration for Development in Ethiopia (MIDEth) Program was formulated to contribute to strengthening the institutional capacities of the government to facilitate the contribution by Ethiopian professionals through various return and skills transfer options to address acute human resources constraints in the country.

The project will institutionalize a system for mobilization and utilization of relevant human, financial and other resources of the Ethiopian Diaspora and other suitably qualified Professionals towards Ethiopia's development.

A particular focus will be placed on the health, higher education and water and sanitation sectors human resource constraints.

For the last three years the project is funded by UNDP and has been implementing by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its Diaspora Engagement Directorate General in collaboration with International Organization for Migration (IOM) Addis Ababa.

Since the start of the programme the following activities have been accomplished in order to achieve the programme expected outputs;

Within the framework of the Migration for Development in Ethiopia (MIDEth) the programme enhanced the institutional capacity in the health sector through by supporting the skills transfer of 119 Health professionals comprising of Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA) team and the Operation Heart Beat (OHB) composed of highly skilled and specialized health professionals in Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Specialists including Friends of Ethiopia (Non Ethiopian Nationals).

The group of specialized medical professionals were instrumental in delivering specialized health services including cardiac surgery, pace maker implants, oral and maxillofacial and reconstructive surgery, neurosurgery, ENT (ear nose and throat) surgery and tele-opthamology and others to the government hospitals including; Black Lion, Yekatit, Menelik the Military (Army) Hospitals in Addis Ababa and Mekele Hospital in Mekele.

More than 200 skill gaps in priority sectors have been identified in various regions including; Oromia, Deri Dawa, Tigrai, Amahara and Harar Health, Capacity, and Water Bureaus as well as more than 600 skill gaps identified in 9 government owned Universities including: Gonder, Bahar Dar, Dre Dawa, Mekele, Haromaya, Hawasa, Wolita, Arbaminch, and Jimma universities. Universities are identified their critical human resources and skill gaps.

Procedures to participate to this program

- Apply to the Ethiopian Embassies mentioning the interest to teach in one of those universities. The time the applicant to serve (6 to 12 months), qualification and which university the applicant wants to serve should be mentioned in the application paper.
- The application as well as the resume will be sent to the Universities to which the applicant requested to serve
- The application and CV will be evaluated to insure that the applicant is appropriate to the demand of the University.
- If the applicant is accepted by the respective University, the processes will begin to bring the applicant to the university from wherever he/she lives.

The program covers:

The round ticket cost for the applicant only and the top up 300USD. The top up does not include the incentives provided by the universities. Each university may have its own incentives such as housing, local salary, local transport etc...

You can contact the universities with the following contact address and communicate your interest to work with the universities.

Contact Address of the Universities

Arbaminch University

Tel. 251468810070
Fax. 251468810279
P.O.Box 21,

Wolaita University

Mob. 251911723965
P.O.Box. 138

Dire Dawa University

Tel. 251251118682
Fax. 251251127971
e:mail:ddu1@ethionet.et
P.O.Box 1362,

Bahir Dar University

Tel. 251582200143
Fax. 251582202025
P.O.Box. 79, e.mail:bdt@ethionet.et
www.bdu.edu.et

Hawasa University

Tel. 251462204730
P.O.Box 05

Haramaya University

Tel. 251255530320
Fax. 251255530331
P.O.Box 138,
e:mail:haramaya@haramaya.edu.et
www.haramaya.edu.et

Gonder University

Tel. 251581141231
Fax. 251581141240
P.O.Box 196
e.mail:desmengb@yahoo.com
www.ugonder.edu.et

Mekelle University

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Fax.251344409304
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1	Afar Regional State President	+251336660056	Semera	
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3	Afar Regional State President Office	+251336660058	Semera	
4	Tigray Regional State President Office	+251344409192 +251344407723	Mekele	
5	Tigray Regional State Investment Office	+251344408522 +251914720348 +251344408403	Mekele	e.mail invest@ethionet.et
6	Harari Regional State President Office	+251256660452 +251915743096 +251256661799	Harari	
7	Harari Regional State Investment Office	+251256663033 +251915745833 +251256671427	Harari	
8	Harari Regional State Trade and Industry Office	+251256660110 +251915743619 +251256664254	Harari	

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9	Amhara Regional State President	+251582200923 +251582201068	Bahar Dar	
10	Amhara Regional State Vice President Office	+251582200222 +251582201068	Bahar Dar	
11	Amhara Regional State President Office	+251582200499 +251582201665	Bahar Dar	
12	Amhara Regional State Environment and Land Administration Authority	+251582182164 +251582202275	Bahar Dar	
13	Amhara Regional State Trade and Industry Office	+251582204122 +251582201063	Bahar Dar	
14	Amhara Regional State Investment Promotion Office	+251582200640 +251582202033	Bahar Dar	
15	Amhara Regional State Urban and Development Office	+251582200630 +251582202457	Bahar Dar	
16	Amhara Regional State Culture and Tourism Office	+251582201133 +251582202650	Bahar Dar	
17	SNNP Regional State Diaspora and communication Office	+251462202407 +251462206189	Hawassa	
18	Oromia Regional State Diaspora coordination Office		Addis Ababa	
19	Oromia Regional State Investment Commission	+251115531521 +251115531520	Addis Ababa	P.O.Box 8770
20	Benishangul Gumuz Regional State President Office	+251577750109 +251577750841	Assosa	P.O.Box .44
21	Benishangul Gumuz Regional State Vice President Office	+251577750117 +25157775084	Assosa	
22	Benishangul Gumuz Regional State Investment Office	+251577750128 +251577750271	Assosa	P.O.Box 120
23	Benishangul Gumuz Regional State Communication, Culture Tourism and Social Affairs Office	+251577750873 +251577750286	Assosa	P.O.Box 289/49
24	Benishangul Gumuz Regional State Investment promotion and Research Office	+251577750910 +251577750271	Assosa	P.O.Box 120
25	Gambela Regional State Diaspora Coordination Office	+251475511549	Gambela	
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27	Dre Dawa City Administration Diaspora Coordination Office	+251251113562 +251251115243 +251251111072	Dre Dawa	
28	Dre Dawa City Administration Mayer	+251251111358 +251251111072	Dre Dawa	P.O.Box 248
29	Dre Dawa City Administration Mayer Office	+251251120971 +251251111072	Dre Dawa	P.O.Box 240
30	Dre Dawa City Administration Trade and Industry Office	+251251110241 +251251125941	Dre Dawa	
31	Dre Dawa City Administration Manager Office	+251251111463 +251251112772	Dre Dawa	
32	Dre Dawa City Administration Land Development Authority	+251251114137	Dre Dawa	

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34	Dre Dawa City Administration Investment Department	+251251113234	Dre Dawa	
35	Addis Ababa City Administration Investment	+251111578208 +251111578209	Addis Ababa	

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4.	Counsel of Federation	+251 111 22 33 22 +251 111 24 23 06	
5.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	+251 115 51 73 45	+251 115 51 43 00
6	Ministry of Finance and Economy	+251 111 55 24 00 +251 112 55 01 07	+251 111 56 01 24 +251 111 55 13 55
7.	Ministry of Defense	+251 115 51 17 72 +251 115 53 46 14	+251 115 51 12 00
8.	Ministry of Agriculture	+251 115 51 80 40 +251 115 52 22 61	+251 115 53 63 41
9.	Ministry of Works and Urban Development	+251 111 55 28 00	+251 115 54 12 68
	Ministry of Industry		
10.	Ministry of Trade	+251 115 51 80 25 +251 115 51 39 90	+251 115 51 54 11
11.	Communication Affairs Office	+251 115 53 53 63	
12.	Ministry of Civil Service	+251 111 55 28 00 +251 111 56 47 78	+251 111 23 98 89
13.	Ministry of Justice	+251 115 51 50 99 +251 115 51 36 20	+251 115 51 77 75
14.	Ministry of Education	+251 111 55 31 33 +251 111 55 29 22	+251 111 55 08 77
15.	Ministry of Health	+251 115 51 70 11 +251 115 51 63 78	+251 115 51 63 78 +251 115 51 33 01
16.	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	+251 115 51 70/ 80-84 +251 115 53 48 06	+251 115 51 53 16
17.	Ministry of Mine	+251 116 46 33 57	+251 116 46 33 64
18.	Sport Commission	+251 115 51 93 99	+251 115 51 38 99
19.	Ministry of Culture and Tourism	+251 115 51 70 20	+251 115 51 28 89
20.	Ministry of Energy	+251 116 46 31 66	
21.	Ministry of Science and Technology	+251 115 52 69 62	+251 115 51 83 29
22.	Ministry of Transport	+251 115 51 82 92 +251 115 53 17 70	+251 115 51 56 65
23.	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	+251 114 16 63 75	+251 114 66 39 95
24.	Ministry of Federal Affairs	+251 111 24 10 36	+251 111 24 10 07 +251 111 24 10 09
25.	Inland Revenue and Custom Authority	+251 114 66 74 66 +251 115 52 03 32	+251 114 66 26 28

No	Office Name	Telephone Numbers	Fax Numbers
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27	Federal Police Commission	+251 115 51 03 80	
28.	Investment Agency	+251 115 51 00 33	
29.	Ethiopian Quality And standard Authority	+251 116 46 01 11	
30.	Privatization Agency	+251 115 52 18 33	
31.	Commercial Bank of Ethiopia	+251 115 51 50 04	
32.	Ethiopian Airlines	+251 116 65 22 22	
33.	National Bank of Ethiopia	+251 115 51 38 59	
34.	Ethiopian Radio and Television Organization	+251 115 51 69 77 /15 72 15 +251 113 49 62 62	
35.	Ethiopian Press Organization	+251 111 57 25 25 +251 111 56 98 83	
36.	Ethiopian News agency	+251 111 55 00 11	

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3	Ministry of Trade	Amakel Yimam	Head	0913707885
4	Ministry of Water and Energy	Tamitu Mersha	D/Head	0911689969
5	Ministry of Education	Mitiku Berecha Abera Mulat	Head	0913605989
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