

PMO Newsletter | December 2024 Issue

## New Horizon of Hope

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's (PhD) Key Activities of the Month

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**On November 1, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, in the early hours of the morning, received the Special Envoy of President Salva Kiir of South Sudan, Dr. Martin Elia Lemuro who came to deliver a message. Prime Minister Abiy also held discussions with the Special Envoy on bilateral and regional issues.



**On November 4, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi at Bole International Airport.

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On November 5, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, shared his remarks at the World Without Hunger Conference opening underscoring that in a crisis-prone world with a growing population, ensuring food security demands innovative solutions. Prime Minister Abiy further stressed the need for adopting sustainable practices, advancing modern farming, expanding access to essential agricultural inputs, and addressing climate change to enhance productivity.

Mentioning Ethiopia's success stories, the Prime Minister revealed that "through expanded irrigated farming and modernized agricultural practices, the country produced 230 million quintals of wheat in the past year. Of this, irrigated wheat alone contributed 107 million quintals, cultivated across 3 million hectares. These off-season interventions have been pivotal to our success, he pointed out.



**On November 5, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed his counterpart Amadou Oury Bah, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea.

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**On November 6, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, received President Julius Maada Bio of the Republic of Sierra Leone at his office for discussions on bilateral relations.



**On the same evening,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed President William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya at Bole International Airport.

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Speaking at the conclusion of the 'World Without Hunger' Conference, on November 7, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed indicated that Ethiopia's strides in sustainable agriculture were showcased through productivity-boosting reforms, drought-resistant crops, and the Green Legacy initiative, with over 40 billion trees planted. According to the Premier, investments like the Made in Ethiopia initiative and Integrated Agro-Industrial Parks drive job creation, income growth, and resilience, solidifying Ethiopia's role in global agriculture. Tackling hunger demands a unified response, with key commitments to a Global Fund for Food Security, cross-border knowledge sharing, aligned policies for fair access, and support for smallholder farmers, especially women, he elaborated.

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On November 10, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated 'Beynouna Village' located near the town of Metehara, and proximate to Awash National Park, Beynouna Village. During the inaugural ceremony, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed indicated that Ethiopia will build on efforts in the tourism sector and continue showcasing Ethiopia to the world.

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On November 13, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared through social media channels that as #COP29 unfolds, Ethiopia emphasizes that addressing the climate crisis requires more than financial targets; it demands equity, common but differentiated responsibility, and historical accountability. The Prime Minister added that Clear climate finance definitions are essential to track progress, with new goals prioritizing vulnerable regions, especially least developed countries like those in Africa.

Ethiopia is advancing its Paris Agreement and COP28 commitments of last year through three initiatives: the Green Legacy Initiative, which has increased forest cover by 6% with 40 billion seedlings planted to date; an irrigated wheat program that transformed a grain deficit into surplus by 2023; and climate-smart urban projects creating sustainable, greener cities with renewable energy, pedestrian pathways, and electric vehicles, he pointed out.

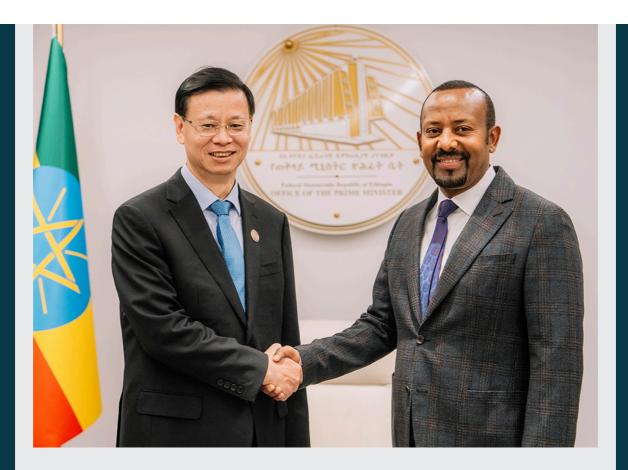
At the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, Ethiopia has called for adequate financial support for its climate change prevention efforts. The country is showcasing its flagship #GreenLegacy Initiative, renewable energy projects, and summer wheat production as key components of its commitment to combating climate change. Ethiopia's achievements through the Green Legacy Initiative are also featured at the Ethiopian pavilion at COP29.

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On the same day of **November 13, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviewed reports on the second phase of the Addis Ababa Corridor development, which is working on eight corridor pathways across 2,879 hectares in the city. The Prime Minister shared that significant progress has been made so far, drawing from the experiences of the first phase to make our cities more conducive to growth and liveability.

"We must focus on three essential tasks: first, building cities that are fit for the next generation; second, nurturing a generation capable of thriving in transforming cities; and third, cultivating leadership equipped to guide these cities effectively," he said.



**On November 14, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed a high-level government delegation from China's Jiangsu Province, led by Xu Kunlin. During their courtesy call, key members of the delegation discussed various matters with the Prime Minister.



On November 16, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the Federal Police Forensic Investigation and Research Centre of Excellence. Just a year and a half ago, when DNA testing was needed, we had to rely on external resources, the Prime Minister recalled. The Premier added that Ethiopia has established an institution capable of addressing DNA-related challenges domestically while also serving neighbouring countries. This achievement reflects the significant reforms we have undertaken in the security and safety sector over the years, he emphasized. Finally, the Prime Minister underscored the need for fulfilling responsibility by building, protecting, and sustaining institutions to bequeath a strong Ethiopia to the next generation.

On November 18, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced that the wheat harvesting period has begun across the country in this season. And

he said "we must expedite this process nationwide through collaboration, as we have a bountiful harvest this year. Additionally, we should prepare for the upcoming summer wheat cultivation."



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited large-scale industries that are driving the Made in Ethiopia movement. Following his visit, the Prime Minister revealed that local private sector productivity plays a crucial role in achieving our national industrialization goals and

strengthening our economy. The Premier explained that AMG Holdings Industry Park, which specializes in value-added coffee exports and steel production, and Andinet Glass Technology, known for its glass and aluminum works, are commendable examples of the private sector's contribution to industrial expansion.

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On November 20, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated a state-of-the-art gold exploration and mining factory in Dima Woreda, Gambella Region of Ethiopia. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy said ETNO Mining, a subsidiary of Akobo Minerals, is a Scandinavian-based gold exploration and mining company operating in partnership with the Ethiopian Government through Ethiopian Investment Holdings.

On November 21, 2024, the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed at its  $40^{\rm th}$  session, passed various decisions.

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On November 23, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed officially inaugurated the state-of-the-art Quality Village, constructed in Addis Ababa at a cost exceeding 5.3 billion Birr. The newly inaugurated "Quality Village" is a landmark national quality infrastructure project initiated several years ago during Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's tenure as Minister of Science and Technology. The institutions housed within Quality Village include the Ethiopian Standards Institute, Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise, Ethiopian Metrology Institute, Ethiopian Accreditation Service, and Ethiopian Technology Authority.

Ethiopia's National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) aims to enhance the quality assurance services available to businesses by strengthening the country's overall quality framework. The NQI encompasses standards development, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment, market surveillance, and quality promotion. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and enhanced capabilities, Quality Village positions Ethiopia to align more effectively with international standards, reducing technical barriers and enabling greater participation in global trade.

On November 24, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared that in Ethiopia, papaya is one of the most significant fruit crops, valued for both local consumption, as well as its potential for fresh fruit export. By adopting enhanced farming practices, farmers can achieve higher yields and greater profitability, he noted. The Prime Minister also encourages all those involved in papaya cultivation to redouble their efforts in cultivation of the crop.



On November 28, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, following his visit to the Ethiopian Air Force, underscored that the reform efforts undertaken by Ethiopia's security institutions have established a foundation for building institutions suited to the nation's needs. Among these, the Ethiopian Air Force stands out, he said. As the Air Force celebrates its 89th anniversary, it has achieved a significant milestone with the successful readiness for flight of an aircraft named Tsehay 2, developed in-house, the Premier disclosed. Prime Minister Abiy added that equipped with advanced technology to carry out its missions effectively, this achievement underscores the Air Force's progress toward realizing its vision of becoming the largest air force in Africa by 2030.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the "Bounty of the Basket," as well as leather and edible oil production sites in the Bishoftu area.



**On November 29, 2024,** the Premier received Dr. Timothy Williams, the Special Envoy of the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the Implementation of the Food and Agriculture Delivery Compacts for discussions on agricultural endeavours.

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**On the same day** he also received Jean-Noël Barrot, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France for discussions on ties between the two countries.

On November 30, 2024 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with President of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank, Jin Liqun for discussions on

partnership between Ethiopia and the Bank on green energy, aviation and infrastructure.





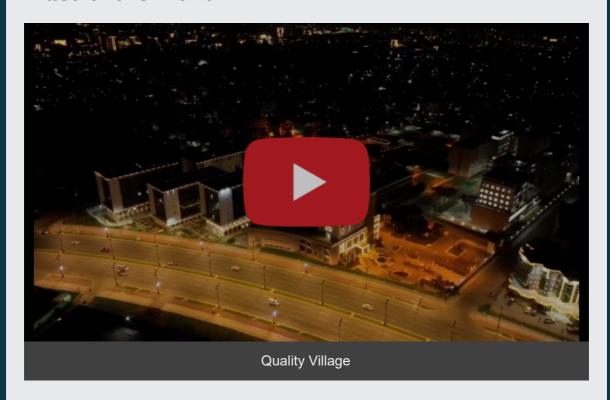


Following a celebratory week marking the 5<sup>th</sup> year formation of the Prosperity Party, on **November 30 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the closing session of the week long program and shared that "to align with Ethiopia's determination to overcome poverty, ensuring prosperity remains a shared aspiration for all citizens. Over the past five years, the Prosperity Party has achieved significant successes, transforming challenges into victories through its foundation of fraternity, truth, knowledge, and wisdom. The accomplishments recorded in the political, economic, and social sectors have tangibly benefited the people. Looking ahead, our focus for the next five years is to continue building a resilient nation that not only thrives but also inspires others by achieving new milestones."

## **Statements**

- The reforms and its fruits <a href="https://bit.ly/4g7bD2y">https://bit.ly/4g7bD2y</a>
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers https://bit.ly/4fQ9xUW

## Video of the Month



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