



# Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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## New Horizon of Hope

### Key Activities of the Month

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**On October 1, 2024**, in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Council of Ministers, in its 39<sup>th</sup> regular session, passed decisions on various issues.

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On **October 2, 2024**, the macroeconomic committee chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, reviewed the performance of the new macro policy measures introduced as part of the country's home-grown economic reform agenda. In his social media post, Prime Minister Abiy elaborated that we have observed a stable forex regime during the two months since the policy's implementation. Likewise, our revenue objectives are on track, meeting the set targets, the Premier noted, adding that overall, the past two months indicate a successful rollout of the policy.

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**On October 3, 2024,** Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh launched a digital platform that enables citizens to safely report corruption to the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission. In his social media post, the Deputy Prime Minister underscored that corruption is not only a crime, it is also the most despicable and degrading practice.

This digital platform is a key part of our efforts to improve institutional efficiency by leveraging digital solutions, he elaborated. Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen further stated that by implementing this system, we aim to create a culture of accountability, where corruption is condemned as a serious crime, not a source of pride. He also revealed that this platform will help the nation to identify and eliminate corrupt practices, ensuring greater transparency and integrity within institutions.

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**On October 4, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended his best wishes on the occasion of the Irrecha festival and called upon the Oromo people and all Ethiopians to embrace forgiveness, unity, and mutual respect as they celebrate the day.

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**On October 7, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the joint opening session of the House of Federation and House of People's Representatives, where the House endorsed the nomination of Ambassador Taye Atske-Selassie for the Presidency.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended his gratitude to the outgoing President Sahle-Work Zewde for the service she has delivered in the last six years. The Prime Minister also extended best wishes to the newly appointed President Taye Atske Selassie who was sworn in the early hours of that afternoon.

The Prime Minister added that one purpose of the reforms is to consolidate institutions and appointed officials would discharge their responsibilities during their terms of office. He further stated that others that succeed them will achieve national goals through generational successions.

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**On October 8, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed underscored that as is the case for many parts of the country, the South Region is immensely rich in natural resources. The Prime Minister pointed out that this season, fruit and vegetable production has been exceptionally fruitful, with abundant harvests yielding 34.5 million quintals of fruits and 7.6 million quintals of vegetable crops. To build on this success, Premier Abiy underlined that we must intensify our efforts across other regions, working towards a unified progress that strengthens our food security ambitions and ensures sustainable growth for the entire nation.

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**Moreover, on the same day,** Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh presided at Third Pan-Africon Conference on Artificial Intelligence, under the theme "Enhancing Africa with Artificial Intelligence." In his keynote address to the conference, the Deputy Prime Minister underlined that we come together not just to discuss, but to act. Temesgen added we stand today with a bold vision-to transform Africa into a global hub of creativity, powered by artificial intelligence. He further stated that this summit is more than a meeting of minds—it is a call to collaborate, innovate, and build solutions that will drive Africa forward.

According to him, our goal is not simply to adopt technology, but to lead the AI revolution. Africa must be at the forefront, shaping the future we want to see. Noting that now is our time to seize this opportunity, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen underscored we can unlock the potential of continent and create lasting change with the power of AI. He also expressed his deepest gratitude to the institute's leadership and staff for organizing this pivotal event.

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**On October 10, 2024**, at a ceremony recognizing the country's top coffee producers, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed urged all stakeholders in the coffee industry to build on this success and strive for even greater national achievements. In his remarks, the Prime Minister noted that coffee is the pillar of our economy, and the progress we've made in its production reflects that. He added Ethiopia has accomplished the remarkable feat of producing 1 million tons, and domestic consumption has also risen significantly. Despite the many challenges we face, the Premier revealed that we continue to achieve much more in the coffee sector. He also call upon everyone involved to play their part in further advancing this vital industry. "Over the past six years, we planted 8.5 billion coffee seedlings, demonstrating our commitment to growth. Efficient logistics are essential to our coffee value chain, and value addition remains a crucial focus for us." Prime Minister Abiy also stressed the need for moving forward to hard work and innovation to sustain and expand our successes.

Coffee is deeply woven into Ethiopia's cultural fabric and plays a central role in our economy. As Africa's leading producer of Arabica coffee and the third largest in the world, Ethiopia reached a significant milestone in the past fiscal year, earning 1.43 billion USD in coffee exports.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed recognized the 6<sup>th</sup> annual loyal taxpayers during the ceremony took place at the national palace and extended his congratulatory message to the awardees. In his message the Prime Minister noted that your commitment to fulfilling your civic duty is commendable. Trustworthiness begins with the individual, and paying taxes is not just a responsibility but a reflection of that trust, the Premier said, underscoring it is an obligation we all share for the greater good.

In return, the Prime Minister pledged that his government to honour that trust by ensuring their taxes are used wisely—investing in vital public goods and national projects like the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), which are essential for our collective progress.

While there has been positive change in tax collection, we must continue this momentum, he explained. The Prime Minister further added that reducing corruption and modernizing our tax collection systems are critical to creating a more transparent, efficient, and fair process for all.

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**On October 11, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, in the early hours of the day, held talks with Lord Collins of Highbury, the Minister for Africa, for a rich discussion on bilateral and regional matters of mutual concern.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received his good friend Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Executive

Chairman of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change. The two sides had productive discussions on a range of global and regional issues, as well as the support the Tony Blair Institute (TBI) is providing to Ethiopia.

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**On October 12, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, shared through his social media post that the Harari region's new fast-growing sorghum initiative shows great promise, with an expected average yield of 43 quintals per hectare per year on previously uncultivated land.

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With similar message, **on October 13, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on his social media channels that the Amhara region has been witnessing promising rice productivity.

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**On the same day**, staff of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) marked National Flag Day.

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**On October 15, 2024**, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh presided over the African Defence Ministers' Summit with a shared purpose, under



the theme 'Africa: United in Peace, Strong in Security.' Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Prime Minister stated that there's a cardinal principle that should guide Africa: African solutions to African problems. He stressed the need for strengthening cooperation to tackle the security challenges that the continent faces. "It's only by building deeper partnerships, enhancing our military capabilities, and promoting peace that we can secure a brighter future for all Africans. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the leadership and staff of the Ethiopian Defense Forces for organizing this pivotal event," he noted.

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**On October 16, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed condolences over the death of the former Commissioner of the Ethiopian Cooperative Commission, Getachew Meles (PHD).

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed officially launched the share sale of 100 Million Ordinary Shares of Ethio telecom to all Ethiopians. Following the government's decision to sell a 10% share of Ethio telecom, Africa's pioneering telecom operator that has been serving the great nation and people of Ethiopia for the past 130 years, all the necessary preparations have been finalized and made ready for launch. Accordingly, the shares are availed through telebirr SuperApp platform and in order to ensure that the share sale is inclusive, the minimum share price has been set at 9,900 birr (33 shares) and the maximum share price has been set at 999,900 birr (3,333 shares).



On this historic occasion, the Prime Minister called upon all Ethiopians to seize this unique investment opportunity to become shareholders in one of the nation's largest institutions and support the company's continued growth.

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**On October 17, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met and held talks with the President of African Development Bank Group (AfDB), Akinwumi Adesina. In a social media post, Prime Minister Abiy stated that their discussion focused on the broader cooperation with African Development Bank in food security projects and endeavors.

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**On the same day**, Prime Abiy Ahmed met young people at Abrehot Library who are engaged in promising endeavours such as robotics and application innovation, and they deserve our encouragement. The Premier wrote on X that Abrehot, meaning “enlightenment”, was established to enlighten generations. Its facade is inscribed with the words “wisdom” in 18 languages, symbolizing its commitment to this mission. He added the Library is actively working to fulfil its objective of developing wisely skilled youth. To this end, urged the next generation to continue to strengthen their skills in areas like AI, coding, and cyber-security, aligning with Ethiopia’s development goals.

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**On October 18, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appointed new ministers for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Tourism. Accordingly, Gedion Timothewos, Selamawit Kassa and Hanna Araya-Selassie have been appointed as the Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Justice Ministers of Ethiopia, respectively.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the Council of Ministers for a 100-day cabinet performance review, where macroeconomic progress and key parameters were presented. The review highlighted global political and economic trends and their impact on Ethiopia, the positive effects of reforms, and the performance of economic reforms and key projects.

With an economic growth rate of 8.45% projected for the coming year, the reforms' positive outcomes were identified as inclusive and sustainable economic growth, improved government revenue and investments, a reduction in government debt, enhanced competitiveness of state-owned enterprises, increased foreign exchange gains, a more competitive finance sector, a favourable investment environment, and greater sectoral productivity. Ethiopia's economic growth is expected to particularly accelerate in industries such as manufacturing and construction.

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**On the next day, on October 19, 2024**, Prime Minister shared via social media channels that “as we conclude the 100-day performance review of the Council of Ministers for the first quarter of 2017, the results show remarkable progress across various sectors.” However, our growth trajectory indicates that much more work lies ahead, he revealed. The Prime Minister further stated that the institutional and civil service reforms we've been implementing are supporting growth efforts. He also encourages the public sector to continue fostering the new culture of empowerment, enabling others to deliver on results.



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**On October 20, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on his social media channels that wheat productivity on 620 hectares of land in the Wereillu Woreda, located in the South Wollo Zone of Amhara Region, has shown significant results.

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**On October 21, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed United Nations Secretary General António Guterres to Ethiopia in the morning and held talks at his office on various regional and multilateral issues.

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**Similarly, on the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received at his office in the morning Confederation of African Football (CAF) President Patrice Motsepe and members of the executive committee ahead of the 46th CAF Ordinary General Assembly that Ethiopia hosted. The two sides also took the opportunity to visit the Adey Abeba stadium, currently nearing completion. During their discussion, the Prime Minister assured him that Ethiopia stood ready to support a successful outcome of that meetings.

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**On the same day,** on October 21, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with CAF President and executive committee members, visited the Adey Abeba stadium, currently under construction.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed took part in the CAF friendly football match at Addis Ababa stadium.



**Later in the afternoon,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with United Nations Secretary General António Guterres inaugurated the newly minted Africa Hall. Speaking on the momentous inaugural ceremony, Prime Minister Abiy congratulated all Africans. “If walls and corridors could speak, they would echo tales of a historic past filled with many continental victories and troubles,” he said.





One the evening of the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted dinner in honour of CAF General Assembly leadership and attendees.

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### **Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on the 16<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit and His Official Visit to Malaysia**



On October 22, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew accompanied by a ministerial delegation left for Kazan, Russia

ahead of the BRICS Summit.

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**On October 23, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the welcoming ceremony and dinner hosted for BRICS leaders.

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**In the morning of the next day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed delivered remarks on the 16th BRICS Summit closed plenary session on the theme of “Strengthening multilateralism for just global development and security” took place to marking the occasion. Recalled that Ethiopia was among the countries invited to join the BRICS group in 2023 with our membership officially having begun as of January 2024.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian for a discussion on bilateral and regional issues. During their meetings, Prime Minister Abiy expressed that Ethiopia stands ready to support de-escalate tensions in the Middle East.

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**Similarly, on October 23, 2024,** During the BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also had the opportunity to meet with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. This was a good opportunity to reconnect and discuss bilateral and regional issues, the Premier said.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed posted on X that the BRICS Summit also provided an opportunity to meet and discuss with my brother Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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Speaking on the 16<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit, **on October 23, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed stated that our nation is now the third-largest economy in Sub-Saharan Africa. He added Ethiopia is endowed with a young and dynamic workforce, vast arable land, and abundant renewable energy resources. These assets present unparalleled opportunities for investment and trade, and our ongoing macroeconomic reforms have unlocked new avenues for growth, the Prime Minister underscored.

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**On the same day**, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh disclosed on his social media pages that we commenced the evaluation of the government institutions' 100-day plan reform and major economic performance for the first quarter. The Deputy Prime Minister further stated “we would review outcomes achieved and identify any gaps in key activities during our visit alongside the respective officials from the different offices.” In the 2017 fiscal year, the Council of Ministers extensively discussed the first quarter's performance. It is to be recalled that Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed highlighted areas for sustained focus to maintain reform progress and address obstacles. As Ethiopia undergoes macroeconomic reform, the Deputy Prime Minister noted that the evaluation could comprehensively capture the identified changes and challenges, emphasizing the same platform.

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**On the same day**, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh engaged in discussions with Sir Richard Moore, Chief of the United Kingdom's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), focusing on global and regional security as well as peacekeeping efforts. Ethiopia's strong diplomatic ties with the UK stand as a testament to their shared values, Temesgen said, adding that we are committed to working hand in hand with our partners, including the UK, to promote peace and stability throughout the region. The two sides reached an agreement to deepen cooperation during the discussion.



**On October 24, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy extended his appreciation to President Vladimir Putin for their in-depth discussions during Ethio-Russia bilateral meeting. Anchored in historic ties, the Prime Minister stated that the bilateral relations between our two countries continues to grow. In addition, our common BRICS platform allows us to engage for broader economic cooperation, he said.





**On October 25, 2024,** completing attendance at the BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew together with the ministerial delegation arrival in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for an official visit.

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**On October 26, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed thanked his Malaysian counterpart Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the government and people of the country for the warmth and love they have shown him and his delegation during their stay. The Prime Minister further elaborated that we have agreed to deepen collaboration across several key areas, including in trade and investment, with particular focus on agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and renewable energy. Prime Minister Abiy also encourages Malaysian businesses to seize vast investments opportunities in Ethiopia's rapidly expanding economy.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited development site in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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**On October 27, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, in his social media post, lauded the remarkable mixed farmland in Gamo Zone's Daramalo Woreda incorporating productive crop cultivation, horticulture, and animal fattening.

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**Moreover, on October 29, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on social media channels that a rural corridor development means changing the home and lifestyle of every farmer. This development plan is aimed at changing the lives of the farmers at the family level and ensure the prosperity of our country, he noted.

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**On October 30, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed underscored that as Addis Ababa continues to host a wide array of national and international activities, its immense potential as a premier destination is being steadily realised—not only in its journey toward becoming a liveable city for residents but also as a city that excels in hospitality. Concerted efforts among all relevant stakeholders remain essential to ensure high-quality service delivery, security, and the development of tourism offerings that honour the rich history of our capital, the Prime Minister stated.

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**On October 31, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appeared at the House of People's Representatives (HPR) to give responses and clarifications to questions forwarded by Members of the parliament (MPs), which followed President Taye Atske Selassie's motion to the joint sessions of both legislative houses.

In his response, the Prime Minister briefed Members of the parliament in detail on a spectrum of national issues including political, peace and security, economic activities, diplomatic engagements, regional affairs, the construction of Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), Green Legacy Initiative, the ongoing corridor development, the macroeconomic reform activities and its recorded results, and agricultural as well as tourism initiatives....

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# Statements

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## Video of the Month



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