

Country Historic Profile: ETHIOPIA

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- IBRD: December 27, 1945
- IDA: April 11, 1961
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: August 13, 1991
- ICSID: not a member

First loan(s)

Information taken from [Projects & Operations website](#).

- September 13, 1950: [Highway Project \(01\)](#)
- September 13, 1950: [Development Bank Project \(01\)](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- October 30, 1959

Photo resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Ethiopia](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Ethiopia project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Records of the Africa Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of Ethiopia Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Ethiopia

December 27, 1945

First Bank Mission to Ethiopia

March 23, 1950

First Funding for Ethiopia: Highway Project

September 13, 1950

First Development Bank Loan

September 13, 1950

President Black's Seven-Week Trip to Middle East Announced, Including Ethiopia

February 12, 1953

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Ethiopia

July 20, 1956

Resident Mission in Ethiopia Established

October 30, 1959

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Ethiopia

April 11, 1961

The First Meeting of the Consultative Group for Ethiopia

May 11, 1971

The Design of Rural Development: Lessons from Africa Published; Study Includes Ethiopia

October 28, 1975

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Ethiopia

August 13, 1991

Vice President Callisto Madavo Arrives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the First Bank-Sponsored Consultative Group Meeting Held in Africa

December 9, 1996

President Wolfensohn Visits Ethiopia, the First Visit by a Bank President to Ethiopia Since 1953

January 24, 1998

Ethiopia Eligible for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative

November 12, 2001

AIDS Project in Ethiopia

September 21, 2004

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

[IDA approves five projects designed to assist cash crop production in FY70](#)

June 30, 1970

[IDA presents \\$1.88 billion Horn of Africa Drought Response Plan](#)

September 15, 2011

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Ethiopia - Preliminary background report	January 1, 1948
Ethiopia - A preliminary economic survey	February 1, 1950

Ethiopia - Current economic position and prospects	September 30, 1954
Ethiopia - Current economic position and prospects	April 30, 1957
Ethiopia - Current economic position and prospects	June 30, 1960
Ethiopia - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1961
Ethiopia - The economy (Vol. 2): Appendices	September 30, 1963
Ethiopia - The economy: Main report	September 30, 1963
Ethiopia - Current economic position and prospects	October 31, 1965
Ethiopia - The economy: Main report	August 31, 1967
Ethiopia - The economy (Vol. 5): Organization for planning and development	August 31, 1967
Ethiopia - The economy (Vol. 2): Agriculture	August 31, 1967
Ethiopia - The economy (Vol. 4): Tax policy for development	August 31, 1967
Ethiopia - The economy (Vol. 3): Tax policy for development	August 31, 1967
Ethiopia - Economic growth and prospects: Main report	September 22, 1970
Ethiopia - Economic growth and prospects (Vol. 4): Annex 7, 8	September 22, 1970
Ethiopia - Economic growth and prospects (Vol. 5): Annex 9	September 22, 1970
Ethiopia - Economic growth and prospects (Vol. 3): Annex 4, 5, 6	September 22, 1970
Ethiopia - Economic growth and prospects (Vol. 2): Annex 1, 2, 3	September 22, 1970
Ethiopia - Current position and prospects	November 18, 1971
Ethiopia - Recent economic performance and future prospects: Main report	June 15, 1973
Ethiopia - Economic development and current prospects: Development policy issues	December 1, 1975
Ethiopia - Economic memorandum	September 30, 1977
Ethiopia - Economic memorandum	April 30, 1980
Ethiopia - Economic memorandum	December 31, 1981
Ethiopia - Recent economic developments and future prospects (Vol. 2): Part 2: chapters 5 to 8	May 31, 1984
Ethiopia - Recent economic developments and future prospects: Part 1 - chapters 1 to 4	May 31, 1984
Ethiopia - Recent economic developments and prospects for recovery and growth	February 28, 1987
Ethiopia - Economy in the 1980s and framework for accelerated growth	March 14, 1990
Ethiopia - Toward poverty alleviation and a social action program	June 28, 1993

Country Assistance Strategies

List is based on a similar list compiled by World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

Country Strategies Included within Project Documents	
Ethiopia - Road Rehabilitation Project	October 29, 1992
Ethiopia - Structural Adjustment Credit Project	May 27, 1993
Ethiopia - Calub Gas Development Project	February 18, 1994
Ethiopia - National Fertilizer Sector Project	April 24, 1995
Stand-Alone Country Strategies	
Ethiopia - Country Assistance Strategy	August 19, 1997
Ethiopia - Country assistance strategy: Interim support strategy	November 9, 2000
Ethiopia - Country assistance strategy	March 24, 2003
Ethiopia - Country Assistance Strategy Progress Report	August 25, 2004
Ethiopia - Interim Country Assistance Strategy	May 1, 2006
Regional integration assistance strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa	March 18, 2008
Ethiopia - Country assistance strategy	April 2, 2008
Ethiopia - Country assistance strategy progress report	September 28, 2010
Ethiopia - Country partnership strategy (FY2013-FY2016)	August 29, 2012
Ethiopia - Country partnership strategy progress report for the period FY12 to FY16	October 17, 2014
Ethiopia - Country partnership framework for the period FY18 - FY22	May 22, 2017

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication has changed its name twice: from International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 14, Iss. 3	March 1, 1960	"Tenasteling!"
Bank's World -- Vol. 9, Iss. 1	January 1, 1990	"Travels to a Fragile Land"
Bank's World -- Vol. 12, Iss. 5	May 1, 1993	"A Village in Tigray"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews were conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Orvis Schmidt	July 10, 1961
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William Diamond	July 17 and 22, 1986
William Diamond	October 23 and November 1, 1991

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

None.

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

VARVARESSOS, K., (Greece)	May 7, 1946	October 31, 1948
ONARAN, Mekin H. (Turkey)	November 1, 1948	October 31, 1950
SELEK, Cabir (Turkey)	December 6, 1950	October 31, 1952
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1958
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1958	October 31, 1960
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1960	October 31, 1962
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1962	January 28, 1963
MIRZA, Mumtaz, (Pakistan)	March 1, 1963	October 31, 1964
GARBA, John M., (Nigeria)	November 1, 1964	October 31, 1966
COLEMAN, S. Othello, (Liberia)	November 1, 1966	October 31, 1968
KAHANGI, Christopher, (Tanzania)	November 1, 1968	October 31, 1970
BIHUTE, Donatien, (Burundi)	November 1, 1970	October 31, 1972
DEMEKSA, Bulcha, (Ethiopia)	November 1, 1972	October 31, 1974
MEKKI, Ismael El Misbah (Sudan)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1976
THAHANE, Timothy T., (Lesotho)	November 1, 1976	October 31, 1978
MADINGA, A. H., (Malawi)	November 1, 1978	October 31, 1980
ABDULAI, Y.S.M. (Nigeria)	November 1, 1980	October 31, 1982
SMITH, William (Liberia)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
GIRUKWIGOMBA, Astere (Burundi)	November 1, 1984	October 31, 1986
JEMBERE, Mitiku (Ethiopia)	November 1, 1986	October 31, 1988
FUNNA, J. S. A. (Sierra Leone)	November 1, 1988	October 31, 1990
LANGLEY, Jabez A., (Gambia)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992
MATAMBO, O.K. (Botswana)	November 1, 1992	October 31, 1994
MAPONDO, Harry M., (Malawi)	November 1, 1994	June 30, 1995
MSEKA, Leonard K. (Malawi)	July 1, 1995	October 31, 1996
CARVALHO, Joaquim R., (also: de CARVALHO, Joaquim), (Mozambique)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998
GAOSEB, Godfrey (Namibia)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2000
KASEKENDE, Louis A. (Uganda)	November 1, 2002	October 31, 2004
MCINTOSH, Toga Gayewea, (Liberia)	November 1, 2008	October 31, 2010
TAHA, Hassan Ahmed (Sudan)	November 1, 2010	October 31, 2012

KALYALYA, Denny (Zambia)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
LAROSE, Louis Rene Peter (Seychelles)	November 1, 2014	October 31, 2016
BVUMBE, Andrew Ndaamunhu (Zimbabwe)	November 1, 2016	October 31, 2018
KABAGAMBE, Anne, (Uganda)	November 1, 2018	October 31, 2020
NYAMADZABO, Taufila, (Botswana)	November 1, 2020	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.