INTRODUCTION
Unique among African countries, the ancient Ethiopian monarchy maintained its freedom from colonial rule with the exception of a short-lived Italian occupation from 1936-41.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President SAHLE-WORK Zewde
Head of Government
Prime Minister ABIY Ahmed
Government Type
federal parliamentary republic
Capital
Addis Ababa
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Federation or Yefedereshein Mikir Bete (153 seats) and the House of People's Representatives or Yehizb Tewokayoch Mekir Bete (547 seats)

GEOPGRAPHY
Area
Total: 1,104,300 sq km
Land: 1,096,570 sq km
Water: 7,730 sq km
Climate
tropical monsoon with wide topographic-induced variation
Natural Resources
small reserves of gold, platinum, copper, potash, natural gas, hydropower

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
growing Horn of Africa construction- and services-based economy; port access via Djibouti and Eritrea; widespread but declining poverty; COVID-19, locust invasion, and Tigray crisis disruptions; public investment increases; second largest African labor force
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $264.1 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $2,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - food processing, beverages, textiles, leather, garments, chemicals, metals processing, cement
Agricultural products - maize, cereals, wheat, sorghum, milk, barley, sweet potatoes, roots/tubers nes, sugarcane, millet
Exports $3.23 billion (2017 est.)
coffee, sesame seeds, gold, cut flowers, zinc (2019)
partners: China 17%, US 16%, UAE 8%, Saudi Arabia 6%, South Korea 5%, Germany 5% (2019)
Imports $15.59 billion (2017 est.)
aircraft, gas turbines, packaged medicines, electric filament, cars (2019)
Partners: China 27%, India 9%, UAE 9%, France 9%, UK 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
110.9 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
2.5% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Oromo 34.9%, Amhara (Amara) 27.9%, Tigray (Tigrinya) 7.3%, Sidama 4.1%, other 23.9% (2016 est.)
Language
Oromo 33.8%, Amharic 29.3%, Somali 6.2%, Tigrigna 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Aother 16.6%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic (2007 est.)
Religion
Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%, traditional 0.6%, other 0.8% (2016 est.)