

Horn of Africa Initiative: 16th Meeting of Finance Ministers

1:00 -3:30 PM, April 12, 2023: In Person: J11-001

701, 18th Street NW, Washington DC

Expected Attendees

- H. E. Mr Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance of Ethiopia - Chair
- H.E. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, Kenya
- H. E. Mr Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance, Djibouti (virtual)
- H.E. Dr Ghiorghish Teklemichae, Minister of Finance, Eritrea
- H. E. Dr Elmi Mohamud Nur, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Somalia
- H.E. Dr. Dier Tong Ngor, Minister of Finance & Planning, South Sudan
- H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, IGAD Executive Secretary
- Mr Luc Bagur, Director, Sustainable Development Policy and Coordination, INTPA, European Union
- Ms. Marie-Laure Akin-Olugbade, Vice President (RDVP), African Development Bank
- Ms Victoria Kwakwa, Vice President, Eastern and Southern Africa, The World Bank – Co-Chair

Objectives

The 16th Ministerial will be chaired by Hon'ble Ahmed Shide, Finance Minister of Ethiopia, and Co-Chaired by Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, the World Bank Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa, who will also host this meeting. At this Ministerial, the Finance Ministers and development partners will discuss development challenges and opportunities in the borderlands of the Horn of Africa in the four pillars of the Initiative – Infrastructure connectivity, trade and market integration, resilience, and human development. The meeting will also discuss preparations for the next Ministerial in the margins of the African Development Bank's Annual Meetings on May 24, 2023. Ministers and Development Partners will discuss other matters of urgent development priority in the AOB session, before Concluding Remarks by the Chair. Some development partners interested in supporting the Initiative are likely to attend the ministerial as observers.

Based on Ministerial feedback on streamlining the meetings, members have unanimously decided to replace several opening remarks with welcoming remarks by the Host followed by Chair's address. The purpose of this is to enhance the efficiency and outcomes of the ministerial deliberations.

Agenda: 13:00 – 15:30 (Eastern Time)

13:00 pm – 13:30 pm: Networking and Refreshments

13:30 pm – 13:35 pm: Welcoming Remarks – Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, World Bank Vice President & Host

13:35 pm – 13:40 pm: Chair's Address – Hon'ble Ahmed Shide, Finance Minister, Ethiopia

13:40 pm – 14:00 pm: Technical presentation on the Borderlands by Development Partners

14:00 pm – 14:45 pm: Focused discussion on challenges and opportunities in the borderlands

14:45 pm – 15:05 pm: AfDB Briefing on 17th Ministerial – preview of theme, logistics and agenda

15:05 pm – 15:20 pm: Any Other Business

15:20 pm – 15:30 pm: Concluding Remarks by the Chair

19:30 pm – 21:30 pm: Dinner Hosted by the World Bank for HoAI delegates and partners (By Invitation).