

18th Meeting of Finance Ministers

Agenda

Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Tuesday, 3rd October 2023, 9:30-13:30

Expected Attendees

- Hon. Mr Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance of Ethiopia - Chair
- Hon. Mr Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance, Djibouti
- Mr. Samson Berhane, Representative of Eritrea (tbc)
- Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, Kenya
- Hon. Mr. Bihi Iman Egeh, Minister of Finance, Somalia
- Hon. Dr. Baak Barnaba Chol, Minister of Finance & Planning, South Sudan
- H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, IGAD Executive Secretary
- Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnership
- H.E. Stephan Auer, German Ambassador to Ethiopia
- Ms. Boutheina Guermazi, World Bank Director for Regional Integration
- Mrs. Nnenna Nwabuo, AfDB, Director General (RDGE)
- H. E. Darren Welch, British Ambassador to Ethiopia (Observer)
- H.E. Rémi Maréchaux, French Ambassador to Ethiopia and AU (Observer)

Objectives

The 18th Horn of Africa Initiative Ministerial will be held in Addis Ababa and will be chaired by Hon Ahmed Shide, Finance Minister of Ethiopia.

At this meeting, the Ministers and Development Partners (DPs) will continue the discussion on borderlands development and private sector engagement in the Horn of Africa. Building on the discussion at the 15th, 16th and 17th Ministerial Meetings, as requested by the Finance Ministers, the meeting will hold in-depth discussions on the necessary steps to engage with the international and regional private sector to mobilize private investments and to integrate the private sector partners fully in the policy dialogue both upstream and during implementation of actions under HoAI.

A briefing note on private sector engagement is being circulated and will inform a presentation that will be made by the DPs to frame the discussions. The Ministers will also be presented with a roadmap for the development of the HoA Borderlands based on detailed consultations, will be requested to provide their feedback, and agree on next steps. As requested by Ministers, both roadmaps have been developed based on a deliberative process with stakeholders. The Ministers will be requested to endorse the roadmap that will move to implementation phase after the endorsement.

Continuing with the format implemented at the 16th Ministerial Meeting, following remarks by the Chair and the World Bank on behalf of DPs, Ministers and DPs will keep their interventions for the thematic discussions. The meeting will close with the signing of a Financing Agreement for a World Bank grant of US\$730 million for a regional economic corridor linking Djibouti and Ethiopia.

The presentations will be circulated and uploaded on the HoAI website after the meeting. The following background documents will be distributed prior to the meeting:

- Borderlands Development and Private Sector Engagement Roadmap Documents
- Draft Communique
- Portfolio and Pipeline Updates
- HoAI Workplan 2023-24
- VC Link

HoAI Ministerial Meeting Agenda: 9:00-13:30

- 9h00-9h30 : Coffee
- 9h30-9h45 : Chair's Address – Hon. Ahmed Shide, Finance Minister, Ethiopia
- 9h45-10h00 : Address on behalf of DP's by Boutheina Guermazi, Director for Regional Integration, World Bank
- 10h00-10h30 : Presentation of the Roadmap for the Development of Borderlands: A. Tadesse, Head of Secretariat, and the World Bank team
- 10h30-11h30 : Discussion of Borderlands roadmap and next steps
- 11:30-11h45 : Health Break
- 11h45-12h:15 : Presentation Private Sector Engagement Roadmap: World Bank team
- 12h15-13h00 : Focused discussions on private sector engagement and next steps
- 13h00-13h15 : Any Other Business
- 13h15-13h25 : Concluding Remarks by the Chair
- 13h25-13h30 : Signing of the Djibouti-Ethiopia Transport Corridor Project Financing Agreement

Lunch Break: 13h30-15h00

Ministerial Round Table with Private Sector: 15h00-17h00

- Moderated by Ms. Madalo Minofu, IFC Country Manager Ethiopia.
- No VC link and Chatham House rules will apply.
- Participants: Ministers and advisers, invited representatives of national and regional private sector organizations, and facilitators from WB/HoAI Secretariat.

Dinner Hosted by the HoAI Chair: 19h30-21h30

- Principal + 2 invited.
- Venue will be confirmed.