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Proposed Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill No. 4 of 2025.

NG-CDF Hearings: The National Assembly was scheduled to hold public hearings across all constituencies and counties from May 5th to May 7th, 2025, to gather views on the proposed Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill No. 4 of 2025.

This bill seeks to entrench the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), the Senate Oversight Fund, and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) into the Constitution.

Members of the public are encouraged to actively participate and make their voices heard during these sessions.

The outcomes of these hearings will play a crucial role in shaping the final provisions of the amendment bill.

For more information please click here:

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Highlights

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Highlights of April 2025 Consumer Price Index (CPI)- Report published on 30th April 2025

Overall year-on-year (annual) inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 4.1 per cent, in April 2025; an increase from an inflation rate of 3.6 per cent recorded in March 2025.

These figures were published by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics. The month-to-month inflation rate was 0.3 per cent in April 2025

For more information, please click here:

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Kwale county government has launched a sh.30m Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) fund. 28th April 2025

Kwale County launched a Sh30 million TVET fund to boost skills development. Students under county education scholarships in some regions were also being mentored.

The Governor Hon.Achani announced the establishment of the TVET fund as part of an ambitious agenda to reposition TVET training across the county.

“The devolved government is determined to equip local youth with the competencies necessary to drive economic growth,” she noted.

The governor said the devolved unit would be strengthening vocational and technical training to close the skills gap and enhance youth competitiveness in the job market. For more information, please click here:

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Cooperative Bank of Tanzania Launched

After press release, The President Samia Suluhu Hassan has inaugurated the Tanzania Cooperative Bank (TCB) with an initial capital of Sh58 billion, aiming to enhance financial access for farmers, youth, and women. The bank, majority-owned by cooperative members, will focus on rural development and agricultural financing.

It plans to expand its services nationwide, offering low-interest loans and support for cooperatives to boost productivity and food security.

The Cooperative Bank currently operates four branches in Moshi, Tabora, Mtwara and Dodoma with 58 agents. Plans are underway to open three additional branches in Dar-es-Salaam, Kagera and Mwanza.

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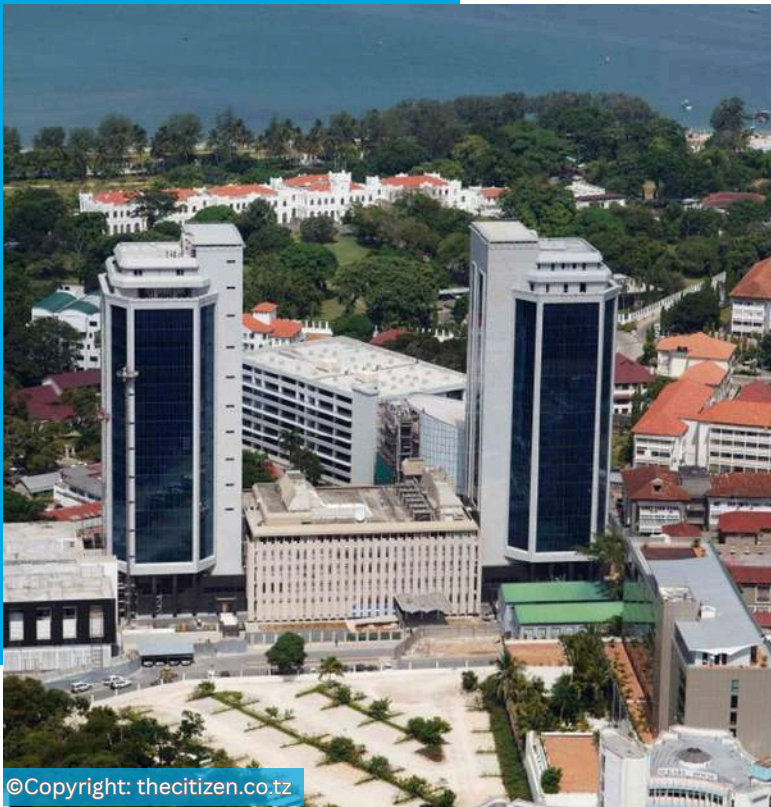
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- Bank of Tanzania – Monthly Economic Report, April 2025



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Bank of Tanzania – Monthly Economic Report, April 2025

The latest edition of the Monthly Economic Report by the Bank of Tanzania provides a comprehensive overview of the country's macroeconomic performance for April 2025.

Key highlights include updates on inflation trends, exchange rates, interest rates, fiscal developments, and the performance of key sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and trade.

Click the link below to access the full report from the Bank of Tanzania: <https://bit.ly/4d6ux9H>

Arusha Forum Explores Enterprise Readiness as AFCON 2027 Hosts

After press release, The Arusha forum focused on preparing Tanzanians to seize economic opportunities from co-hosting AFCON 2027. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, the Planning and Investment state minister in the President's Office Minister Prof. Kitila Mkumbo stressed the urgent need for investment in accommodation like Airbnb's and improved hospitality services to benefit from the anticipated increase in visitors and spending. He urged entrepreneurs to develop businesses like restaurants and small lodges, emphasizing that AFCON is an opportunity for economic growth and job creation for Tanzanians.

Other leaders echoed the importance of preparation and a strong work ethic to maximize the national benefits of hosting the tournament.

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Uganda Marks World Press Freedom Day with Calls for Unity and Media Safety

On May 3, 2025, Uganda joined the global community in commemorating World Press Freedom Day under the theme “A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.” The event, organized by the Uganda Parliamentary Press Association (UPPA) in collaboration with Parliament, brought together journalists, lawmakers, and media stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the media industry.

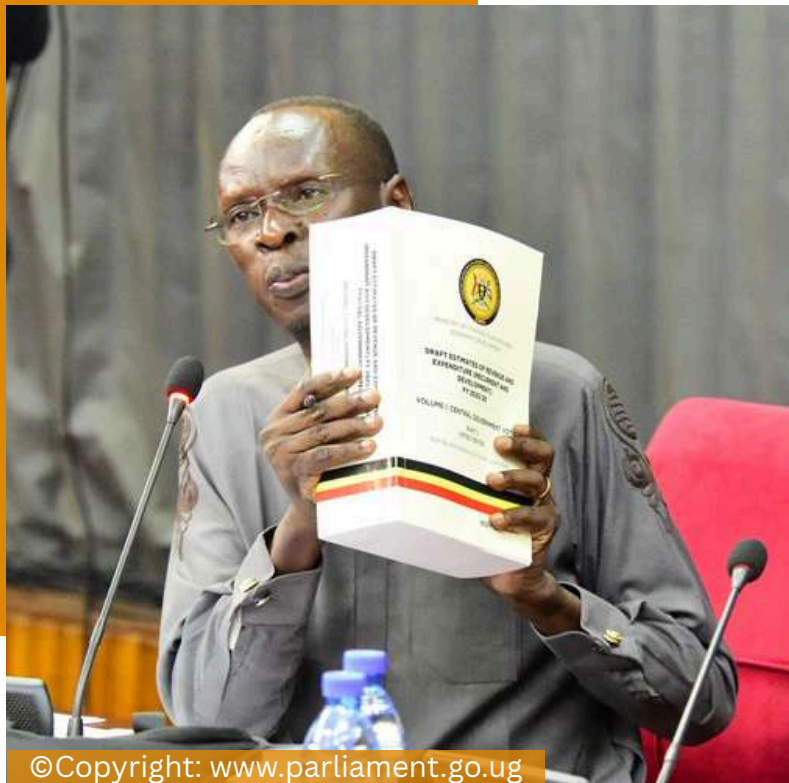
During the event, journalists expressed concerns over increasing restrictions on press freedom, including instances of harassment, intimidation, and censorship. They called on the government to uphold constitutional guarantees of free expression and to implement measures that ensure the safety and independence of media practitioners. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4m7zD9D>

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- Finance Ministry Makes Concessions in 2025/26 Budget Following Parliamentary Feedback



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Finance Ministry Makes Concessions in 2025/26 Budget Following Parliamentary Feedback

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has made adjustments to the proposed 2025/26 national budget in response to concerns raised by Parliament. During a session on April 30, 2025, Finance Minister Hon. Matia Kasaija acknowledged the need for increased allocations to critical sectors, including agriculture, health, and education.

These concessions aim to address gaps identified by the Budget Committee and ensure that the budget aligns with national development priorities such as job creation, service delivery, and inclusive growth. The revisions also reflect a broader effort by the government to engage in transparent fiscal planning and accommodate input from key stakeholders, including civil society and local government representatives.

Lawmakers emphasized that budget responsiveness is essential for public trust and the effective delivery of services, particularly in underserved regions. The Finance Ministry has committed to continued dialogue with Parliament to ensure that the final budget is both equitable and economically sound.

The revised budget will now undergo further scrutiny and debate in Parliament before its final approval in the coming weeks. For more information, please click here:

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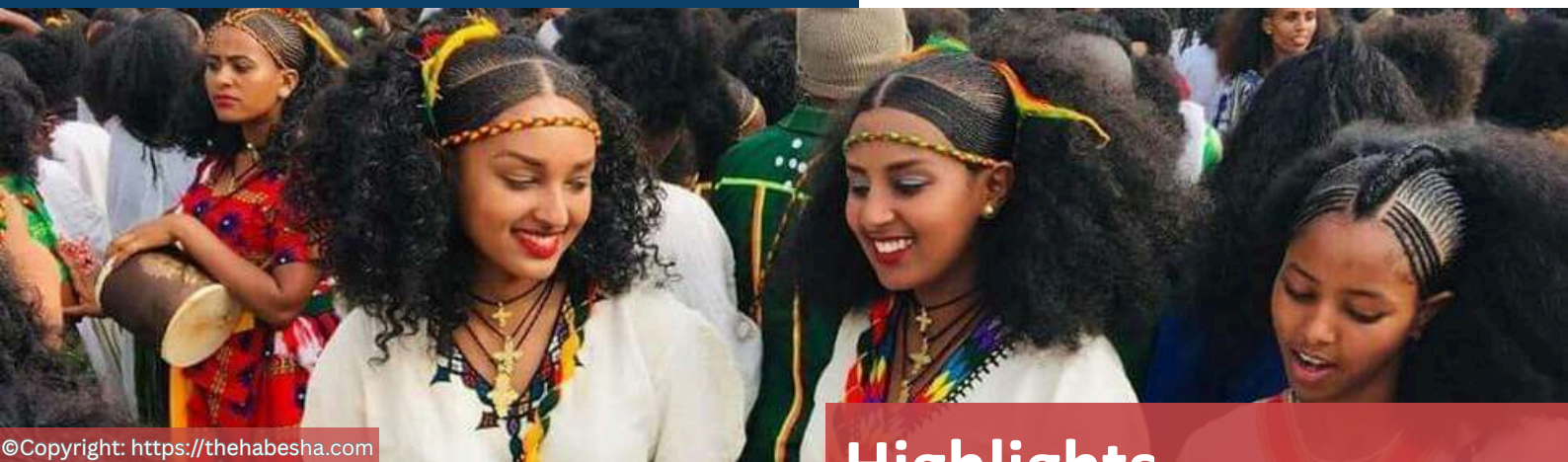
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Ethiopia's WTO Accession Progress Strengthened by U.S. Support and Economic Reforms

Ethiopia has renewed its commitment to joining the World Trade Organization (WTO), aiming to finalize its accession in the coming months. Led by Ethiopia Ministers, the country is implementing wide-ranging economic reforms under its Home-Grown Economic Reform Agenda to align with WTO rules, including liberalizing key sectors and improving transparency in state-owned enterprises.

Ethiopia has made revised offers on goods and services and is actively engaging in bilateral negotiations with WTO members.

WTO officials and members have welcomed Ethiopia's progress and emphasized the need for continued efforts and concrete results, while development partners are stepping in to support capacity building and technical assistance.

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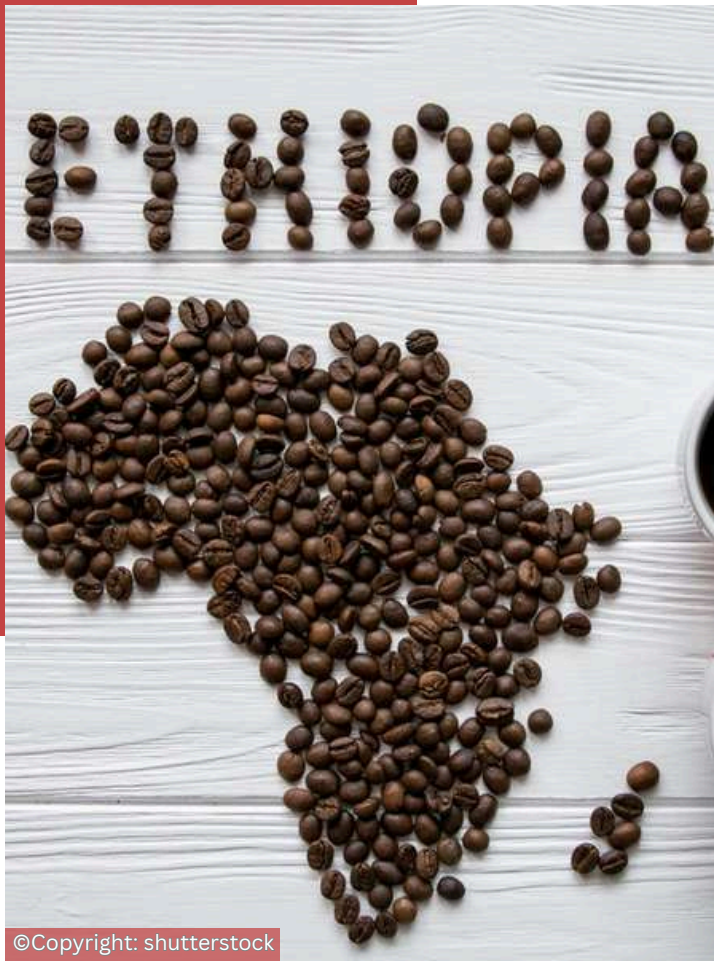
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- Ethiopia Achieves Record Coffee Export Growth with Expansion into 90+ Global Markets



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Ethiopia Achieves Record Coffee Export Growth with Expansion into 90+ Global Markets

The Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority has announced a significant milestone in the global expansion of Ethiopian coffee, with exports reaching record levels in both revenue and market reach, according to local news sources. Ethiopia has added over 30 new export destinations, increasing the total number of countries importing its coffee from 64 to more than 90—marking an unprecedented achievement for the sector. The Authority emphasized the growing international demand for Ethiopian coffee, particularly in emerging markets such as China and South Korea.

These new players are joining established markets like the United States and Europe, helping to broaden Ethiopia's global presence and diversify its coffee export base. Leading revenue-generating destinations include countries in the Middle East, Europe, and North America, with Saudi Arabia, Germany, and the United States at the forefront. They are followed by Belgium, China, South Korea, the UAE, Japan, Italy, and Jordan. Collectively, these ten countries now represent 77% of total export volume and 78% of foreign exchange earnings from coffee.

The emergence of China, Jordan, and the UAE among the top importers reflects a shift in global coffee consumption trends and highlights the rising popularity of Ethiopia's specialty coffee. This expanded reach not only strengthens foreign exchange earnings but also reinforces Ethiopia's reputation as a leading player in the global coffee industry.



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