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Panoramic crater lake view near Kibale - Uganda

Uganda's Coffee Sector Pushes Toward EUDR Compliance Amid Funding Gaps and Digital Advances

Uganda is racing toward the December 31, 2025 deadline for compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR); a requirement for all coffee and other key commodities exported to the EU market to be certified deforestation-free and aligned with sustainability standards.

While Uganda has emerged as a regional leader in implementation, a significant funding gap and national farmer registration drive have highlighted the scale of the challenge. As of March 2025, 900,000 farm polygons had been digitally mapped, and 805,000 coffee farmers registered; covering nearly 70% of the coffee value chain. However, only \$1 million out of an estimated \$25 million required for full compliance has been secured, largely from ABI Trust and the EU.

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Highlights

- Uganda's Coffee Sector Pushes Toward EUDR Compliance Amid Funding Gaps and Digital Advances
- Uganda's Business Confidence Edges Up – But Manufacturing and Agriculture Face Headwinds
- Register Now! Webinar: Uganda's Coffee Sector





Uganda's Business Confidence Edges Up – But Manufacturing and Agriculture Face Headwinds

Uganda's Business Confidence Index improved modestly in the final quarter of FY 2024/25, rising from 88.8 to 92.5 points, according to the latest report from the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC). The slight uptick was largely driven by optimism in the services sector, boosted by increased pre-election activity and consumer sentiment. However, this positive shift masks underlying strains in manufacturing and agriculture.

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Register Now! Webinar: Uganda's Coffee Sector

Date: Tuesday, 19th August 2025

Time: 10:00 CEST

Format: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Registration: <https://bit.ly/45m238l>

The AHK Eastern Africa - Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa invites you to this timely webinar on Uganda's coffee sector. Join us to gain the insights, context, and contacts needed to navigate one of Eastern Africa's most promising coffee markets.

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Zanzibar (Tanzania)

Highlights

EAC to Host East African Business and Investment Summit & Expo 2025, 16th & 17th October 2025

After a press release in Dodoma, President Samia Suluhu Hassan officially launched “Dira 2050,” Tanzania’s visionary 25-year roadmap to becoming an upper-middle-income, trillion-dollar economy by 2050, centred on nine strategic sectors agriculture, tourism, industry, construction, mining, the blue economy, sports and creativity, finance, and services. The plan aims to drive employment, exports, value addition, and national income by fostering a self-sustaining, diversified economy with active participation from citizens and both public and private sectors. To facilitate implementation, ministries will update policies, a detailed rollout plan is to be developed by the Planning Commission and Prime Minister’s Office ahead of its July 2026 launch, and legal reforms will be proposed to support execution.

[Learn more](#)

- EAC to Host East African Business and Investment Summit & Expo 2025, 16th & 17th October 2025
- EAC Launches Regional Customs Bond to Unlock Trade Efficiency
- EACLC Set to Drive Industrialisation, Regional Trade Integration
- Govt: Energy, Education and Equity at Heart of Dira 2050
- Tanzania Experiences Positive Shift of International Trade





EAC Launches Regional Customs Bond to Unlock Trade Efficiency

After a press release in Arusha, The East African Community (EAC) has officially launched the EAC Regional Customs Bond (EACBond), a significant step toward simplifying and reducing the cost of cross-border trade within the region. The new bond system will replace the current requirement for traders to acquire multiple national customs bonds when transporting goods across different partner states. Instead, a single regional bond will cover the entire journey, eliminate repetitive procedures and cut down both clearance delays and costs.

[Learn more](#)

EACLC Set to Drive Industrialisation, Regional Trade Integration

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The newly launched East Africa Commercial and Logistics Centre (EACLC) in Dar es Salaam is expected to boost industrialisation and regional trade integration. With over 2,000 shops across 75,000 square meters, and an investment of more than USD 170 million, the centre will serve as a hub for bonded warehousing, customs clearance, e-commerce, and re-export trade. EACLC Director Dr. Lisa Xiangyun said the facility will help reduce trade costs by 30% and promote exports of Tanzanian products like coffee, cashews, sesame, and honey to China and other EAC markets.

[Learn more](#)





Govt: Energy, Education and Equity at Heart of Dira 2050

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The government has unveiled key priorities for Dira 2050, Tanzania's new development vision, which aims to transform the country into a US\$1 trillion economy by 2050 with an average per capita income of US\$7,000. According to Planning Minister Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, the vision focuses on energy, education, and equity, with targets including 60,000MW power generation, food self-sufficiency, and improved access to quality education and healthcare.

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Tanzania Experiences Positive Shift of International Trade

Tanzania recorded a positive shift in international trade during the first quarter of 2025, with the Terms of Trade Index rising to 113.5 from 112.4 in the previous quarter, reflecting improved purchasing power of exports. The Export Price Index increased by 0.5% to 117.3, driven by higher global prices for key exports such as gold and cashew nuts. Meanwhile, the Import Price Index declined by 0.6% to 103.3, attributed to lower prices for sugar, iron and steel, and petroleum products. This trend contributed to a significant narrowing of the current account deficit, which dropped to USD 2,117.5 million by May 2025, down from USD 2,850.7 million in the same period last year.

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Addis Ababa - Ethiopia

Ethiopia and Germany Reaffirm Strategic Partnership Ahead of 2025 Bilateral Negotiations

Ethiopian and German officials held a high-level meeting to reaffirm their strong partnership and prepare for government-to-government negotiations in November 2025. The discussion focused on Ethiopia's reform progress and priority areas such as agro-processing, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and governance. Germany expressed continued support through budget aid, capacity building, and investment, while both sides agreed to deepen cooperation and organize a business forum in Berlin. The meeting concluded with a joint commitment to support Ethiopia's recovery, climate agenda, and long-term development goals.

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Highlights

- Ethiopia and Germany Reaffirm Strategic Partnership Ahead of 2025 Bilateral Negotiations
- Ethiopia Launches National Agri-Finance Implementation Roadmap (NAFIR) 2025–2030
- Thank you for attending AHK Eastern Africa's webinar on: Doing Business in Ethiopia





Ethiopia Launches National Agri-Finance Implementation Roadmap (NAFIR) 2025–2030

The National Bank of Ethiopia and the Ministry of Agriculture have jointly launched the National Agri-Finance Implementation Roadmap (NAFIR) 2025–2030, aimed at scaling up agricultural finance through a coordinated, long-term strategy. The launch was followed by the first steering committee meeting, which approved the governance structure and initial annual work plan. NAFIR is structured around three transformative pillars:

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Thank you for attending AHK Eastern Africa's webinar on: Doing Business in Ethiopia

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the "Doing Business in Ethiopia" webinar, organized by AHK Eastern Africa - Ethiopia Desk. The event drew strong interest from the German and Ethiopian business communities, with over 120 registrations and 65 active participants. We extend our sincere appreciation to our partners and contributors whose support made this webinar a success: DIHK – Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry, IHK – German Chambers of Commerce, GIZ Ethiopia, German Embassy in Ethiopia, Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) and WILO Eastern Africa

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Amboseli National Park, Kenya

Statement on tax measures and business licencing prohibition by tanzania

The East African Community (EAC) remains Kenya's largest export market, accounting for 28.1 Percent of the country's total world exports, estimated at Ksh. 297B in 2024.

The United Republic of Tanzania ranks as Kenya's second-largest EAC trading partner after Uganda, with intra-community transfers of Ksh.63 billion in 2024.

The Government of Kenya has, however, noted with concern the imposition of new and discriminatory tax measures by the United Republic of Tanzania, which threaten the regional trade gains

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Highlights

- Statement on tax measures and business licencing prohibition by tanzania
- Requirement for mandatory Certificate of origin for imports into Kenya
- CAIPs Implementation Committee Champions for MSMEs Growth, Sustainability
- Kenya and uganda deepen ties with eight new agreements
- JAP Group enters into a Regional Retail Distribution Agreement for Deutz-Fahr in East Africa.





Requirement for mandatory Certificate of origin for imports into Kenya

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) wishes to notify all importers, custom clearing agents, and members of the public that in compliance with Section 44A of the Tax Procedures Act, CAP. 469B (as amended by the Finance Act, 2025), it is mandatory for all consignments imported into Kenya to be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin (COO) issued by a competent authority from the country of export effective 1 July, 2025. This marks a radical shift from prior practice, where CoOs were required only for goods under preferential trade arrangements to determine origin and confer tariff benefits.

[Learn more](#)

CAIPs Implementation Committee Champions for MSMEs Growth, Sustainability

The government should promote and integrate Micro Small and Medium Industries (MSMEs) into County Aggregation & Industrial Parks (CAIPs) to increase industrialization in the country.

The National Technical Committee on CAIPs sitting in Nakuru heard the need to strengthen quality assurance and standardization measures to ensure Kenyan products from the CAIPs compete globally. Industry Principal Secretary DR Juma Mukhwana, who spearheads the committee, encouraged investors to invest in the already running CAIPs

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Kenya and Uganda deepen ties with eight new agreements

On Wednesday 30th July, Kenya signed eight agreements with Uganda to boost bilateral cooperation during President Yoweri Museveni's official visit.

Speaking at State House Nairobi after witnessing the signing of the memorandum of understanding with President Museveni on Wednesday, President William Ruto said the new agreements will build on 17 existing agreements and will strengthen ties between the two countries and drive economic development. He noted that the agreements will foster people-to-people ties and ensure that the relationship between the two countries provides real benefits for both nations.



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JAP Group enters into a Regional Retail Distribution Agreement for Deutz-Fahr in East Africa.

JAP Group is pleased to announce the signing of a Distribution Agreement with SDF, having been officially appointed as the exclusive importer of DeutzFahr tractors in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. The agreement was signed in Moshi, marking an important step in strengthening JAP Group footprint and Deutz-Fahr's presence in East Africa. JAP Group will distribute the Deutz-Fahr brand through its local legal entities: Mobikey Tanzania, Mobikey Kenya, and Mobikey Uganda. With this partnership, Mobikey's and Deutz-Fahr reinforce their commitment to support agricultural development in the region through reliable products and professional support.

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