

Ethiopia



The cooperation between the Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security and Ethiopia began in 2016 with the signing of the first agreement with the Ethiopian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Ethiopia is a country particularly susceptible to the consequences of climate change and at high risk of catastrophic events: floods and droughts alternate, often causing irreparable damage, with severe consequences for the population and agriculture. This exacerbates significant migration phenomena in an already fragile context.

In the coming years, the commitment of the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) in the country will focus on resilient and sustainable projects. Among these, some involve introducing agricultural practices aimed at promoting adaptation among local populations and providing a water resource capture system in the regional states of Somali and Afar.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2023–2028 with the Environmental Protection Authority of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (EPA)



SDG: 6;7;13;15



≈7.100.000



5 projects (1 is concluded)

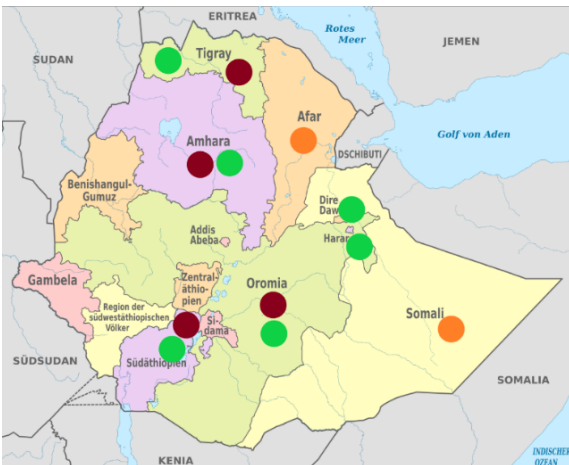
THE CONTEXT OF COOPERATION



On December 2, 2023, on the sidelines of COP 28 in Dubai, Italy and Ethiopia signed a new Memorandum of Understanding that revitalizes cooperation between the two countries. The signing took place during a bilateral meeting between the Minister of Environment and Energy Security, Gilberto Pichetto, and the Ethiopian Minister of Planning and Development, Fitsum Assefa.

The meeting addressed critical themes of cooperation between the two countries, marking a renewed focus on Africa as a priority for Italy.

OUTCOMES



Within the framework of cooperation between the two countries, five projects have been approved, with a total co-financing from MASE of approximately €7,100,000:

[-Supporting Ethiopia's Early Warning System;](#)

[-Sustainable Water Supply System in Rural Areas of Somali and Afar Regional States of Ethiopia \(in orange on the map\);](#)

· [-Joint plan \(MEFCC and IFC\) for mobilizing Climate Finance \(in red on the map\);](#)

[-Climate Smart Integrated Rural Development Project in the Pastoralist area of Ethiopia \(in green on the map\);](#)

· [-Policy Responso to Climate Change: Sustainable Development And Energy Transition.](#)

The five projects focus on weather alert systems, adapting rural populations and agricultural practices to climate change, providing solar-powered water pumping systems, and energy transition.