

The processes of developing a GI legal framework in Ethiopia

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The practice of protecting origin – linked products

- Using collective trademark protection

Jiru beef (የጅሩ ሠንጋ)

Bonga lamb (የቦንጋ ሰግ)

Arba Minch banana (የአርባ ምንጭ መዝ)

Chencha highland apple (የጨንቻ አፕል)

Alaba Peppercorn (የአላባ በርበሬ)

Wollo 'Gabi' (የወሎ ጋቢ)

Hararge ' Moat' (የሐረርጌይ ሞአት)

The practice of protecting origin – linked products

- Using Ordinary trademark protection (coffee)



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A Project on *Geographical Indications for Origin-linked Products in Ethiopia (GOPE)*:-

Project partners



The main expected results/ objectives

- **objective 1 : Prepare a well-developed draft legislative framework for GIs (a Proclamation and Regulation)**
- **Objective 2 : Pilot Case Study of a GIs product (coffee)**
- **Objective 3: Capacity Building and Project coordination;**

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The actual drafting activity is started after performing several capacity building activities

- An intensive two days GI training for project implementing partners and relevant stakeholders (May25-26/2023 at Bishoftu town)
- An online course by SME trade academy on Adding Value to the Origin of Products Through Geographical Indications (GIs)

Objective 3: Capacity Building and Project coordination;

- An intensive online Africa GI training which was very crucial particularly for the drafting team and project partners.
- Several Zoom meeting sessions on outstanding issues of the drafting process and articles
- A practical field experience for two members of the GI drafting team members at Gruyer, Switzerland on quality control and the role of collective management associations

objective 1 :

Prepare a well-developed draft legislative framework for GIs

- 1) A legislative white paper is prepared by the project coordinator and circulated to the drafting team members.
- 2) A zero draft law is prepared by the drafting team members with frequent sessions
- 3) The zero draft is submitted for comment to project coordinators and managers
- 4) The final and commented law is translated to Amharic language for stakeholders discussion
- 5) The first consultation of stakeholders was held on March 18-19/20024 at Bishoftu town and inputs are collected to enrich the draft law.

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- Even though the drafting activities are stretched up to the project duration of three years EIPA is lately decided the drafting activity is compressed and at least we planned to submit the law to the government by the beginning of next year.
- The selection and Identification of the pilot product (coffee) is conducted simultaneously
- Other Champion products are identified and preparation is underway (Honey, Banana and handicrafts)

The major challenges in the Process of GI development

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There are many challenges but the prominent include-

- Lack of awareness and technical capacity in the sector
- The complex nature of coffee value chain
- Lack of full engagement by the drafting team members (project partners)



Merci beaucoup

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Thank you very much