

A new initiative

for de-risking investments in the Ethiopian coffee sector

BACKGROUND

Funded by the Italian Government with the supervision of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and facilitated by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the project “Support Ethiopian Agribusiness Development Operating in the Coffee Value Chain, through De-Risking Investments and Institutional Support to the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA)” aims to support the Ethiopian coffee value chain by promoting innovative, **impact-driven investments that enhance sustainability**, address supply chain vulnerabilities, and deliver significant environmental and social impact.

The primary goal of this initiative is to facilitate **access to finance** by establishing a dedicated Credit Line Facility by providing **concessional loans** for investment proposals that deliver high socio-economic and environmental impacts. This Credit Line Facility is a €10 million concessional loan financed by the Italian government to the **Government of Ethiopia**, managed by the **Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE)**.

Projects financed through the Credit Line Facility are expected to deliver measurable **environmental** and **social benefits** in key areas:

Environmental

- Climate change and air pollution
- Sustainable use and protection of water
- Circular economy
- Biodiversity

Social

- Active support to employment and Improvement of terms and conditions of employment and career development, trainings
- Promotion of employee safety measures and reduction of frequency of injuries
- Co-operative system
- Gender equality
- Improvement of living condition of local communities

Current Call for Proposals

Loans will be awarded through a **Call for Proposals** targeting companies and cooperatives within the coffee value chain.

Loan Maturity

For each project loan to final recipients, the loan's maximum maturity, including the grace period, shall not exceed the **15-year maximum loan tenor** as per the bank's procedures.

Length of the Investment

The duration of the loan is as follows:

- **short-term loans** to be repaid within 1 year.
- **medium-term loans** to be repaid between one to five years
- **long-term loans** to be repaid within five to fifteen years

Loan Amount

Maximum Loan: €1,000,000
(one million euros)

Submission Details

Visit <https://combanketh.et/> to download the Call for Proposals

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