15TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PULSES AND OILSEEDS

Resilient Trade and Sustainable Value Chains

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Introduction

Agriculture remains the backbone of Ethiopia's economy, contributing a substantial share of GDP, employment, and export earnings. However, despite ongoing economic transformation, the sector's productivity, competitiveness, and value addition remain low, which limits rural incomes and foreign exchange earnings.

In this context, Ethiopia has prioritized pulses and oilseeds are among the country's most important oilseed crops for both the national economy and rural households. Sesame, in particular, is a leading agricultural export commodity, generating vital foreign exchange and supporting livelihoods in the northwestern lowlands.

The Ethiopian pulses and oilseeds sector is one of the largest components of agricultural production, contributing significantly to economic growth. It generates substantial foreign exchange earnings and helps drive wider economic development.

To strengthen the sector, the Ethiopian Pulses and Oilseeds Exporters Association (EPOSEA) was established in 1998 with the objective of building the capacity of industry players to compete and participate effectively in the global market. Through carefully selected strategies and action plans, EPOSEA facilitates and supports sector development. Today, EPOSEA has more than 417 active members who benefit from sector-specific national policies.

In line with its mission to build the capacity of the sector, the Ethiopian Pulses and Oilseeds Exporters Association, in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, has extensive experience in hosting international conferences on pulses and oilseeds having organized 14 such conferences annually. Approximately 44 partners sponsored the 14th ICOPOS in 2025.

Similarly, this year's event will be the 15th Conference on Pulses and Oilseeds (ICOPOS 2026), organized by EPOSEA in a colorful manner that will bring together diplomatic communities, embassies, distinguished guests of honor, high-level government officials, and business participants invited from around the world. The conference will be hold at Science Museum. The Science Museum is a major convention and event venue in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It's used for international conferences, exhibitions, government meetings, and large public events.

This document will give you a snap review about key information about the fifteenth International Conference on Pulses & Oilseeds, which will be held in November 24th & 25th , 2026, at Science Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Visit: www.eposea.org)

About EPOSEA

The Ethiopian Pulses & Oilseeds Exporters Association (EPOSEA) is a member-based private sector association representing over 500 member companies across Ethiopia's pulses and oilseeds value chains. Established in 1998, EPOSEA works to advance sector growth and competitiveness.

EPOSEA advances development by championing stronger policies, supporting meaningful policy reforms, and improving members' access to finance and investment opportunities. It also provides dependable market information both locally and internationally and creates new business prospects through networking and global market linkages.

EPOSEA delivers technical support and capacity building for local producers, processers, cooperatives, and sector stakeholders. With a strong track record, EPOSEA contributes to private sector development, private sector dialogue (PPD), facilitation of national and international market linkages, and the organization of ICOPOS, alongside ongoing knowledge-sharing and training programs.

EPOSEA is affiliated with key national institutions, including the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (ECCSA), as well as with international organizations such as the Global Pulses Confederation (GPC), and East Africa Gran Council (EAGC). It also partners with several development organizations, including Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), GIZ Ethiopia, and SEQUA. EPOSEA currently leads private-sector platform for food-system and nutrition transformation in Ethiopia.

Preparation of the 15th International Conference on Pulses and Oilseeds, ICOPOS 2026

EPOSEA is thrilled to announce the official dates for our next 15th International Pulses and Oil Seeds conference which will take place on November 24-25, 2026 at Science Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with the central theme "Resilient Trade and Sustainable Value Chains". This is the largest event in Eastern and sub Saharan Africa which is expected to provide exclusive market information, fabulous networking opportunities a surprise at our annual Pulses convention.

As Ethiopia is a huge player in the global pulses and oil seeds market, the conference will be a fantastic opportunity to make connections and gain great insights.

Contents of the Conference

The conference will stay for two days i.e. Nov. 24 & 25, 2026. Within this time, we intended to include the following itineraries.

- Opening & Closing Session where more than 650 participants would attend including: government officials and foreign ambassadors of major buyer countries
- More than 17 Presentation session on global market out looks
- Networking with local and international actors coming from more than 25 countries
- Product Show-cases for sector players and other business stake holders

As per the survey made from the past 14 ICOPOS events, about 40 % of the annual sales volume Ethiopian Pulses and Oilseeds is expected to be concluded through contract signing, B2B dealing or direct transactions annually. In like manner the ICOPOS 2026 is expected to pin more on condition of expanded preparation at the fiscal year

Participation Targets of the 15th International Conference

More than 200 major International buyers and over 400 national exporters are expected to meet during the conference. The national exporters will showcase their marketable products of pulses, oilseeds and spices.

Who will participate

The conference is expected to reach more than 600 international and global key players of the sector. This will constitute:

- EPOSEA members,
- International buyers from all over the world and international importer associations,
- Public sector representatives such as Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Authority Ethiopian Commodity Exchange, etc.
- Public and Private owned financial institutions,
- Value chain companies and service providers,
- Major development partners,
- Agro-processing industries,
- Grain producers, traders, and brokers,
- Fertilizers/agrochemical & cleaning machine suppliers,
- National and international professionals engaged in agriculture, in development & marketing, etc.
- Agro-Research companies

How to Participate

The conference participants use this platform to network with peers, learn about the latest market trends, discuss the challenges and opportunities in the local and global market, and learn new ways of increasing quality, productivity and marketability.

In order to participate in this mega event one should register online via (www.eposea.org)

Information on Registration fee (per person) for one and half day participation,

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Category	EPOSEA Members	Non-Members	Expats	International Participants
Early Bird (Before November 2)	ETB 30,000	ETB 40,000	ETB 50,000	USD 400
Late Bird (November 2–23)	ETB 31,000	ETB 41,000	ETB 51,000	USD 435
Onsite Registration (November 24–25)	ETB 32,000	ETB 42,000	ETB 52,000	USD 450

Note - Registration Fee Includes:

- Two luncheons on 24-25 Nov 26
- Gala Dinner on 24 Nov 26
- Access to all conference sessions
- Delegate kits with insightful market information
- Coffee Breaks on 24-25 Nov 26

Besides, there are other opportunities for the participation of interested companies in this mega event, by sponsoring and subscribing magazine ad, which are uploaded on our website.

As a special sector conference, it creates massive and unique opportunity for sponsors towards the exposure of wider and diverse mixes of stake holding attendants where local growers, exporters, industry suppliers, financial sector operators as well as international buyers and distributors are found on board.

N.B: For any questions or clarification about the event, information about Sponsorship package and magazine advertisement please don't hesitate to contact us through the following addresses:

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