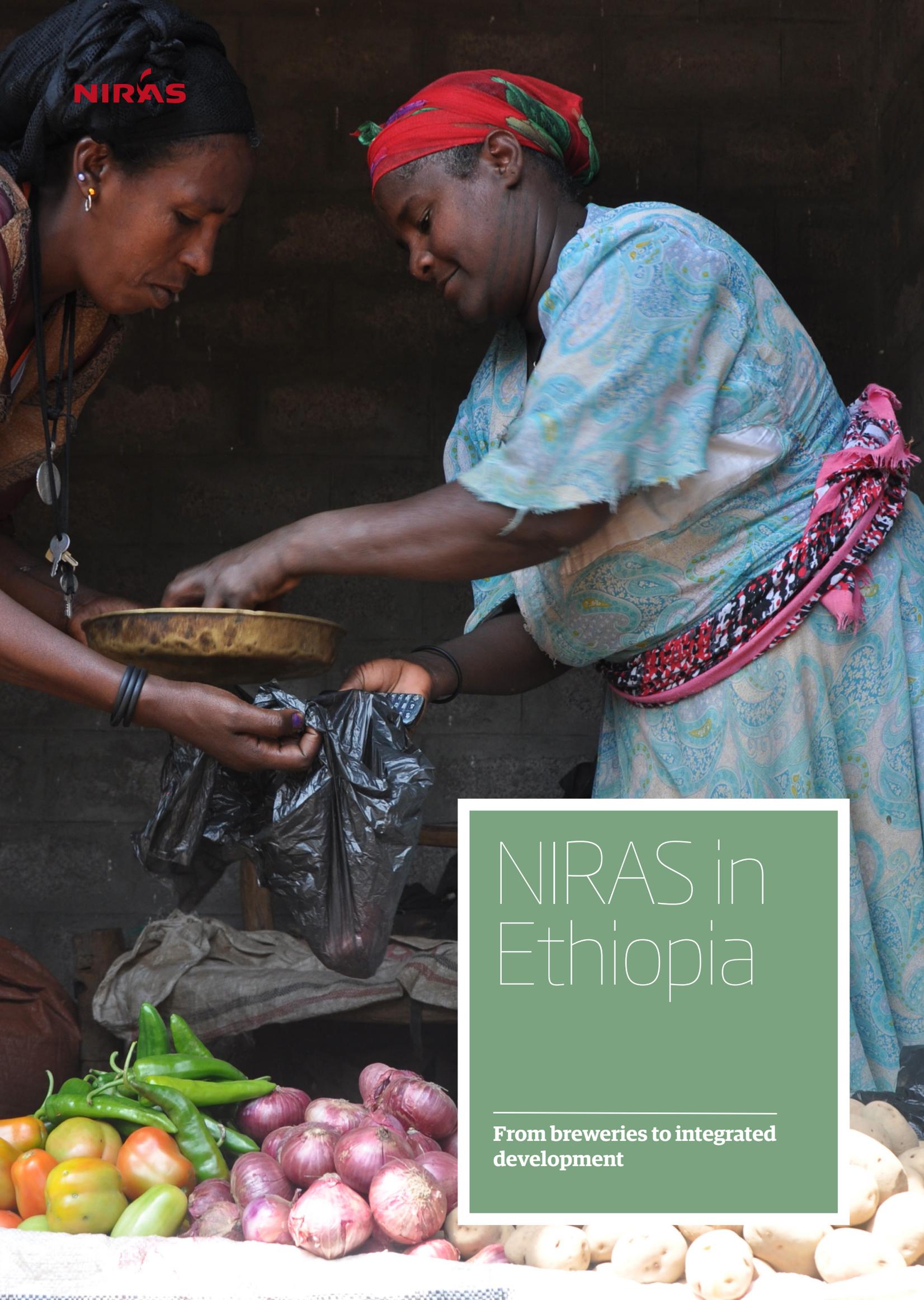




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# NIRAS in Ethiopia

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**From breweries to integrated  
development**

# NIRAS Ethiopia

NIRAS Ethiopia registered as a representative office in 2010 after a long and continuous presence in the country. We strive to build long-term partnerships and strengthen local capacity and networks. The office provides NIRAS with access to market information and logistical support.

## Strong roots in Ethiopia

NIRAS's history in Ethiopia dates back to 1960s when the organisation (then AJL) designed and constructed Meta Abo Brewery. In the 1980s, NIRAS supported dairy smallholders in the Selale area, which is still recognised today for its highly developed milk sector. NIRAS's country office provides professional project support and consulting services for development programmes and private clients. In the past year, we have been engaged in ten long-term projects and, in all the work we do, strive to deliver successful results in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Core activities and skills

### Land tenure and management

One of NIRAS's core activities in Ethiopia is land administration, a sector in which NIRAS has been involved continuously since 1998. Our current contracts extend to 2021. Under our flagship project, REILA, we developed a national land registration system supported by an IT system to manage land records and transactions. We also created the first accredited land administration vocational school programme. The Ethiopian State Minister concluded to external evaluators that REILA has been "an eye-opener for decision-makers in the land administration sector and changed the mindset regarding land administration and land registration in the country".

### Agriculture, food and natural resource management

Sustainable use of land and natural resources supports agriculture to provide decent livelihoods. In the Amhara region, NIRAS has supported the regional government in preventing watershed erosion. Our work on the Integrated Water Resource Development of Tana-Beles is used as a reference for other watershed management practitioners. Through the AgroBIG and Innovations for Agriculture programmes, stronger value chains and more profitable markets for farm products are being developed. Currently, NIRAS is involved in the COWASH project, which promotes greater community involvement in water, sanitation and health initiatives and supports safe access to clean drinking water and sanitation for millions of people in rural Ethiopia. Based on our many years of experience in the food and

Building on our motto of "we listen, we learn, we deliver", NIRAS is proud to be a long-term partner in the growth and prosperity of Ethiopia. We are committed to continued collaboration, supporting the nation in achieving its development goals through the provision of innovative and integrated solutions to build a sustainable and inclusive society.



beverage industry, NIRAS also supports the private sector with the implementation of performance improvement and capacity-extension projects.

### Climate change and low carbon economy

We have an extensive track record in supporting programmes that help Ethiopia to manage climate risks and opportunities and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. Working closely with the Government of Ethiopia and donor partners, NIRAS is deeply involved in the national discussions around green growth and climate resilience, how the relevant institutions can play effective roles, and how climate finance can be applied to support the country's ambitious goals.

### Education

Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) is a growing sector in Ethiopia. The development of a skilled workforce is important for economic development and also creates prospects for the country's rapidly growing population. NIRAS is at the forefront of delivering technical support, capacity development, investment support and improvement of TVET curriculums, including the agriculture sector. NIRAS also works within inclusive and equitable primary education to improve access to education in accordance with children's specific needs.



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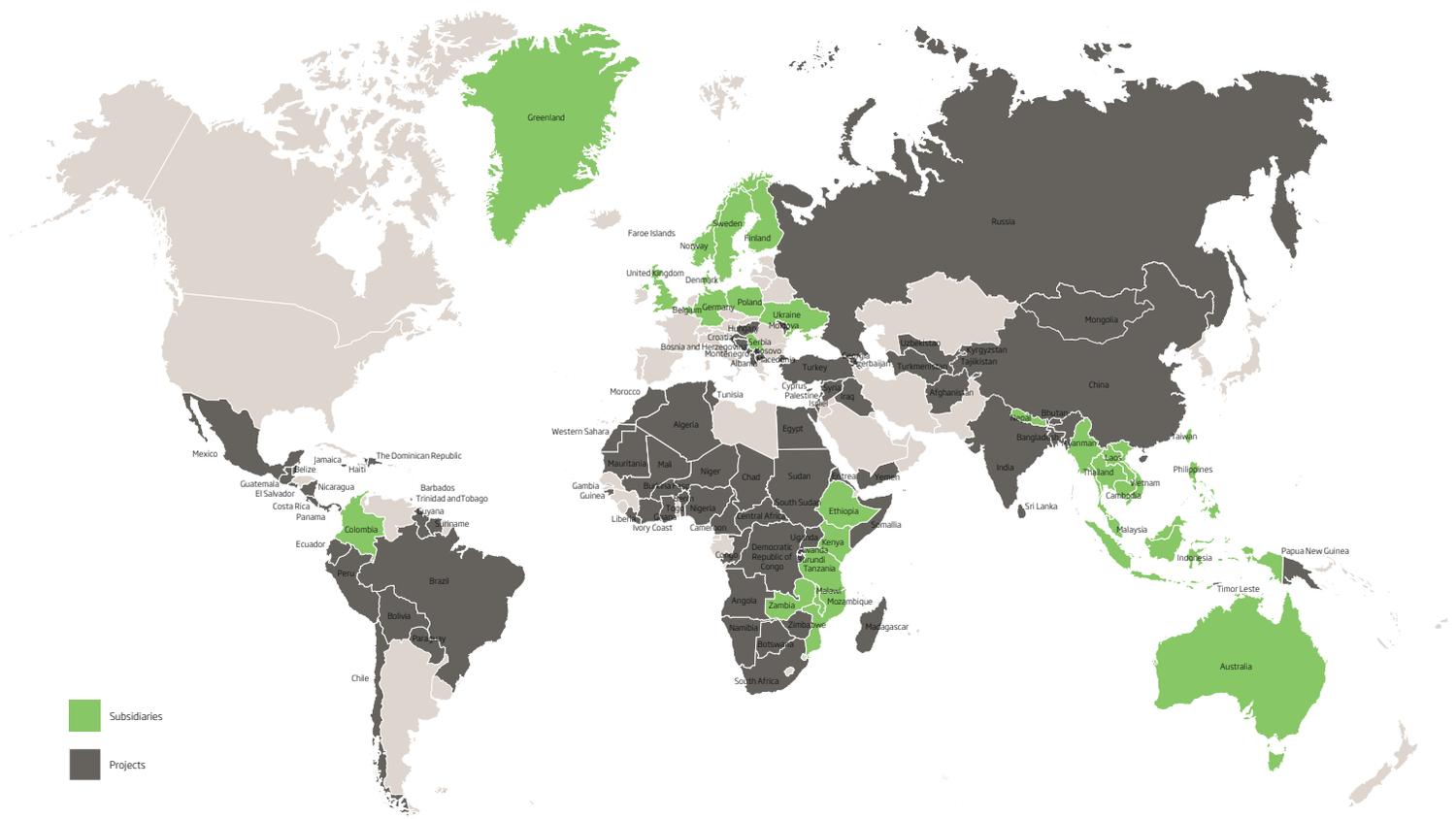
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### Ethics and sustainability

Through the more than 7,000 projects NIRAS implements around the globe, we are doing our part to contribute to sustainable societies by meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All NIRAS results reporting is now linked to their contributions to one or several of the SDGs. In our own practice, we emphasise accountability and ethics. NIRAS is a signatory to the UN Global Compact and member of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC).

Through these, we have committed to uphold a number of international principles.

### Development consulting

A key business unit, NIRAS Development Consulting has six offices in Africa as well as others in Asia, Europe and Latin America. While our main focus had initially been on rural development, food security, and agribusiness, over the years, we have expanded our expertise to a broad number of fields including climate change and the green economy; renewable energy; land tenure security and administration; water resource management; urban planning; vocational education, training and employment promotion; monitoring and evaluation; good governance; and human rights and gender. We pride ourselves on efficient and effective results-based management.

In addition to these and other focal areas, NIRAS manages a steadily growing portfolio of large fund and grant management contracts and employs a state-of-the-art fund management and monitoring & evaluation system – the SmartME tool – to improve efficiency, visibility and communication.

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