

ETHIOPIAN FLAG

Three equal horizontal bands of green (top), yellow and red, with a yellow pentagram and single yellow rays emanating from the angles between the points on a light blue disk centred on the three bands.

- Green represents hope and the fertility of the land;
- Yellow symbolizes justice and harmony;
- Red stands for sacrifice and heroism in the defence of the land;
- Blue of the disk symbolizes peace and the pentagram represents the unity and equality of the nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia.



Note: Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa, and the three main colours of her flag (adopted ca. 1895) were often adopted by other African countries upon independence that they became known as the Pan-African colours; the emblem in the centre of the current flag was added in 1996.