

Article Overview

The South Ethiopia Regional State was officially established on August 19, 2023, following a successful referendum, marking a significant step towards regional autonomy in Ethiopia.

Formation and Significance

The South Ethiopia Regional State is the 12th regional state in Ethiopia, created from parts of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR). This new region was formed in response to long-standing demands for greater self-governance and representation among the diverse ethnic groups in the area. The establishment of this region is part of a broader trend of decentralization in Ethiopia, aimed at addressing ethnic and regional identities within the federal system .

Administrative Structure

- o Capital: The capital of the South Ethiopia Regional State is Wolaita Sodo.
- o Administrative Centers: The region includes several administrative centers, such as Dilla, Arba Minch, Sawla, Karati, and Jinka .
- o Governance: The region is expected to enhance local governance and promote economic and social development, fostering cooperation among various ethnic groups .

Context of Creation

The creation of the South Ethiopia Regional State follows a referendum held in February 2023, where voters overwhelmingly supported the formation of a new region. This decision reflects the ongoing political changes in Ethiopia under Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who has encouraged regional autonomy and self-determination since taking office in 2018. The establishment of this region is part of a series of changes that have seen other regions, such as Sidama and South West Ethiopia, formed from the SNNPR in recent years . The South Ethiopia Regional State represents a significant shift in Ethiopia's administrative landscape, aiming to better reflect the country's ethnic diversity and promote local governance.

The regions of Ethiopia are administratively divided into 62 zones (Amharic: ?? zon?, Oromo: Godina). The exact number of

For example, in 2021 a new region (South West Ethiopia Peoples" Region) was created by special

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