



# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



# Uganda

| GDP (US\$        | Population | Income per      | Poverty rate | Unemployment | Ease of Doing |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| billions) (2015) | (millions) | capita (current | (2012)       | rate (2015)  | Business Rank |
|                  | (2015)     | US\$) (2015)    |              |              | (2015)        |
| 29               | 39         | 731             | 33           | NA           | 135           |

#### Macro Indicators

| wacro indicators  | Avg 2002-2011 | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   |   |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| GDP growth (annual %)   | 7.60          | 4.41   | 3.27   | 4.51   | 5.04   | 5.43   |   |
| Current account balance   | -11.81        | -9.52  | -7.57  | -7.90  | -8.87  | -11.00 |   |
| Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)                                 | -1.88         | -2.50  | -3.59  | -3.70  | -4.47  | -6.98  |   |
| Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)                                  | 22.36         | 26.60  | 28.07  | 27.79  | 26.45  | 27.23  | • |
| Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]                          | 22.96         | 27.02  | 28.22  | 27.46  | _      | _      |   |
| Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]           | 3.42          | 4.72   | 4.14   | 4.03   | _      | _      |   |
| Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]                     | 19.62         | 22.64  | _      | _      | _      | _      |   |
| Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)        | 31.27         | 48.25  | 48.11  | 45.97  | 46.43  | 50.10  |   |
| Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)                               | -14.61        | -12.64 | -10.92 | -8.37  | -13.32 | -16.82 |   |
| Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | 93.21         | 16.22  | 7.89   | 5.64   | -7.50  | 5.97   |   |
| Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | 12.35         | 7.18   | 0.12   | -3.81  | 15.50  | 18.10  |   |
| Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]                   | 4.41          | 3.93   | 3.81   | 3.29   | _      | _      |   |
| General government gross debt [3]                               | 36.43         | 24.16  | 27.61  | 31.40  | 35.01  | 37.91  |   |
| Total reserves in months of imports [1]                         | 5.74          | 4.60   | 4.75   | _      | _      | _      |   |
| Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)                         | 98.25         | 100.77 | 96.83  | 102.57 | 108.41 | 105.07 |   |
| Consumer Price Index, annual percent change                     | 7.60          | 23.50  | 5.80   | 6.70   | 2.70   | 5.50   |   |
|   |               |        |        |        |        |        |   |

Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

## Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

| Coffee, not roasted, whether or not |    | Fish fillets,<br>fresh or<br>chilled, and<br>Portland cement,<br>aluminous cement, | Tea, whether or not flavoured Cocoa beans, whole/broken. |
|-------------------------------------|----|--|--|
|                                     | 24 | 5  | raw/roas   |

## Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

|   | Consumer goods | Intermedi<br>goods | iate | Capital goods |   |
|---|----------------|--------------------|------|---------------|---|
| l | 53             |                    | 24   | 19            | 4 |

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

# Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

|                                   | DB 2015 Rank | DB 2016 Rank | Change in Rank |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dealing with Construction Permits | 166          | 161          | 5              |
| Ease of Doing Business Rank       | 135          | 122          | 13             |
| Enforcing Contracts               | 78           | 78           | 0              |
| Getting Credit                    | 128          | 42           | 86             |
| Getting Electricity               | 172          | 167          | 5              |
| Paying Taxes                      | 101          | 105          | -4             |
| Protecting Minority Investors     | 98           | 99           | -1             |
| Registering Property              | 118          | 120          | -2             |
| Resolving Insolvency              | 106          | 104          | 2              |
| Starting a Business               | 168          | 168          | 0              |
| Trading Across Borders            | 126          | 128          | -2             |
|                                   |              |              |                |

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

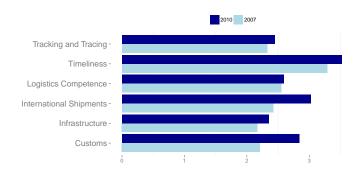
## WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

# Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness 4 Macroec. environment 3: Fin. rnrkt development 2: Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training + Uganda Innovation Market size + Sub-Saharan Africa Infrastructure

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

# Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

# World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## **Trade Policy**

|  | 2010 | 2014 |
|--|------|------|
| Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted) | 12.4 | 12.1 |
| Binding $(\%)$                                     | 15.7 | 15.3 |
| Dispersion (Standard Deviation)                    | 12   | 11.9 |
| Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1]         | _    | 3.3  |
| MFN Tariff (Agricul.)                              | 19.9 | 20.0 |
| MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)                          | 11.1 | 10.9 |
| MFN Tariff (Simple Average)                        | 12.6 | 12.2 |
| Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]         | _    | 5.0  |

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

## Private Sector's Views

## **Enterprise Survey 2013**

|   | Uganda | Sub-Saharan Africa | All Countries |
|---|--------|--------------------|---------------|
| Number of electrical outages in a typical month   | 6.30   | 8.30               | 6.30          |
| Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit  | 9.70   | 23.10              | 34.30         |
| Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)  | 3.10   | 9.90               | 14.30         |
| Proportion of investment financed internally (%)  | 80.30  | 76.70              | 71.80         |
| Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%) | 6.50   | 8.20               | 9.90          |

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

