



Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Afghanistan

| GDP (US\$ | Population | Income per | Unemployment | Ease of Doing |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| billions) (2016) | (millions) | capita (current | rate (2014) | Business Rank |
| | (2016) | US\$) (2016) | | (2016) |
| 20.1 | 33.4 | 602.6 | 9.1 | 177.0 |

| Macro Indicators | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Avg 2002-2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| GDP growth (annual %) | 8.79 | 14.38 | 2.01 | 1.30 | 1.89 | 3.12 |
| Current account balance | 1.11 | 6.25 | 7.42 | 6.12 | 4.57 | 1.32 |
| Fiscal balance (% of GDP) | -10.18 | -13.53 | -14.88 | -18.32 | -23.33 | -21.99 |
| Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1] | 1.36 | 1.23 | 1.53 | 1.34 | _ | _ |
| Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100) | 104.74 | 101.85 | 100.98 | 99.36 | 103.66 | 103.40 |

Investment indicators

Consumer Price Index, annual percent change

| | Avg 2002-2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Gross domestic investment (% GDP) | 18.39 | 16.82 | 17.23 | 17.52 | 17.80 | 18.56 | |
| Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1] | 19.07 | 16.81 | 17.23 | 18.24 | _ | _ | |
| Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2] | 1.80 | 0.44 | 0.32 | 0.23 | _ | _ | |
| Inward FDI % of private investment [2] | 9 91 | 3.03 | NA | _ | _ | | |

Trade Indicators

| Trade Indicators | Avg 2002-2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms) | 141.0 | 87.5 | 109.7 | 103.5 | 102.8 | 101.8 |
| Trade balance (% GDP, real terms) | -61.7 | -65.0 | -84.1 | -76.5 | -75.0 | -72.7 |
| Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | -6.9 | 21.3 | 16.6 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 8.0 |
| Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | 9.1 | 3.0 | 29.6 | -5.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Total reserves in months of imports [1] | 9.9 | 7.2 | 7.6 | _ | _ | |



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

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

Data not available

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG) $\,$

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, NA

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

Data not available

| Imports | Categories | $\mathbf{b}\mathbf{v}$ | % | of Total | Value. | 2014 |
|---------|------------|------------------------|---|----------|--------|------|
| | | | | | | |

| Raw materials | mile mediale goods | Consumer goods |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 52 | 36 | 12 |

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS) $\,$

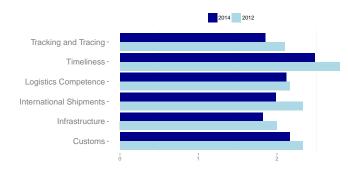
| | $\mathrm{DB}\ 2015\ \mathrm{Rank}$ | $\mathrm{DB}\ 2016\ \mathrm{Rank}$ | Change in Rank |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dealing with Construction Permits | 186 | 185 | 1 |
| Ease of Doing Business Rank | 175 | 177 | -2 |
| Enforcing Contracts | 172 | 172 | 0 |
| Getting Credit | 90 | 97 | -7 |
| Getting Electricity | 155 | 156 | -1 |
| Paying Taxes | 83 | 89 | -6 |
| Protecting Minority Investors | 189 | 189 | 0 |
| Registering Property | 183 | 184 | -1 |
| Resolving Insolvency | 159 | 160 | -1 |
| Starting a Business | 23 | 34 | -11 |
| Trading Across Borders | 174 | 174 | 0 |

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

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





Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

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

Control of Corruption Government Effectiveness Regulatory Quality Afghanis Rule of Law Stability & Absence of Violence Voice and Accountability India Sri Lanks

Afghanistan Bangladesh India Sri Lanka Pakistan

Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

| | 2012 | 2013 |
|--|------|------|
| Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted) | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Dispersion (Standard Deviation) | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1] | | _ |
| MFN Tariff (Agriculture) | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture) | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| MFN Tariff (Simple Average) | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Services sectors with GATS commitments [1] | _ | _ |

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

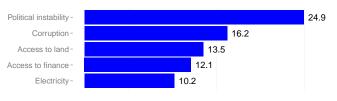
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

| | South Asia | All Countries | Afghanistan |
|---|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Number of electrical outages in a typical month | 25.40 | 6.30 | 11.50 |
| Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit | 27.00 | 34.30 | 5.10 |
| Proportion of investment financed by banks (%) | 14.40 | 14.30 | 1.50 |
| Proportion of investment financed internally (%) | 73.90 | 71.80 | 84.50 |
| Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%) | 7.20 | 9.90 | 9.80 |

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

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

Data not available

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

