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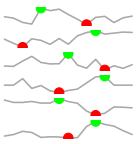
Malawi

GDP (US$ billions) (2017)	Population (millions) (2017)	Land area (sq. km) (2014)	Income per capita (current US$) (2017)	Poverty rate (2010) [1]	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
4.9	18.3	94,280.0	265.5	70.9	7.5	141.0

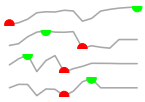
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (annual %)	4.30	5.19	5.68	2.79	4.98	5.79
Current account balance	-10.03	-1.78	-5.05	-4.09	-3.03	-3.40
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-3.89	-1.25	-7.95	-5.38	-6.98	-4.67
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.51	0.88	0.90	—	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	112.20	64.23	69.41	85.75	85.03	83.46
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	12.43	27.30	23.80	21.70	16.20	11.50



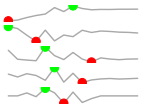
Investment indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	14.7	23.0	24.8	26.1	26.8	27.2
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	22.0	16.0	15.4	—	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	2.1	2.3	2.3	—	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	19.1	NA	—	—	—	—



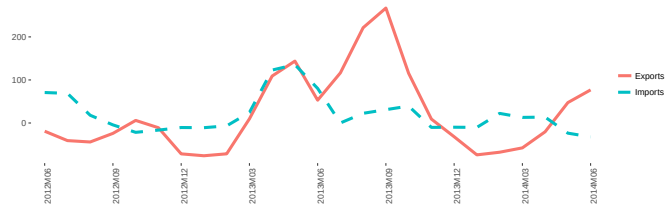
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	52.9	67.9	67.7	68.2	68.3	68.4
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-9.7	-10.9	-11.3	-11.9	-12.1	-12.6
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	11.5	8.8	4.8	2.6	4.7	5.1
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	26.4	4.5	6.0	4.2	5.3	6.6
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	1.3	—	—	—	—	—



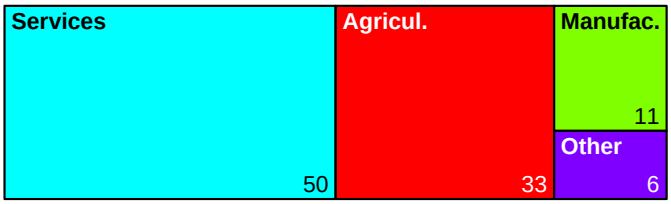
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



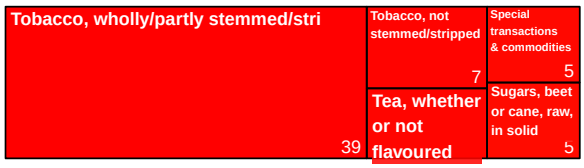
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)

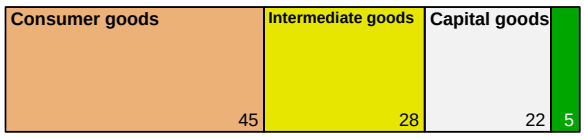


Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014



Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



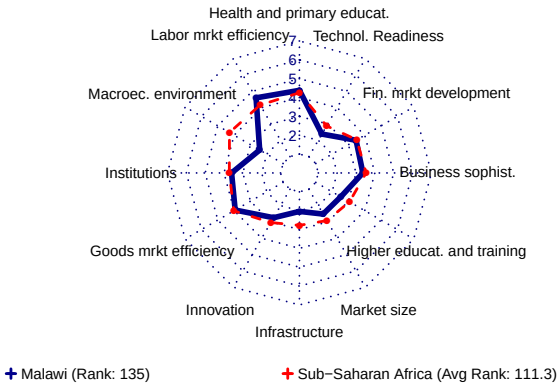
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015
Distance to Frontier (DTF) and Rank

	DTF 2015	DTF 2016	DTF Change	Rank 2015	Rank 2016	Rank Change
Ease of Doing Business	**49.74**	**51.03**	1.29	**144**	**141**	3
Dealing with Construction Permits	72.15	72.28	0.13	64	65	-1
Enforcing Contracts	47.09	47.09	0	145	147	-2
Getting Credit	25	25	0	150	152	-2
Getting Electricity	26.84	36.15	9.31	185	175	10
Paying Taxes	71.51	71.82	0.31	100	102	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	46.67	46.67	0	114	115	-1
Registering Property	62.47	62.62	0.15	92	93	-1
Resolving Insolvency	18.99	19.2	0.21	165	164	1
Starting a Business	66.96	69.71	2.75	158	161	-3
Trading Across Borders	59.77	59.77	0	123	123	0

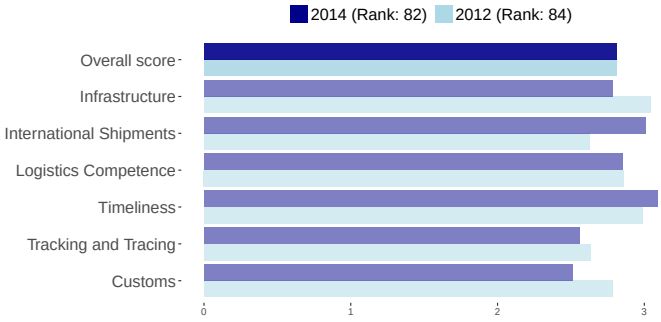
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators
(Scale 1-7, 7=best)



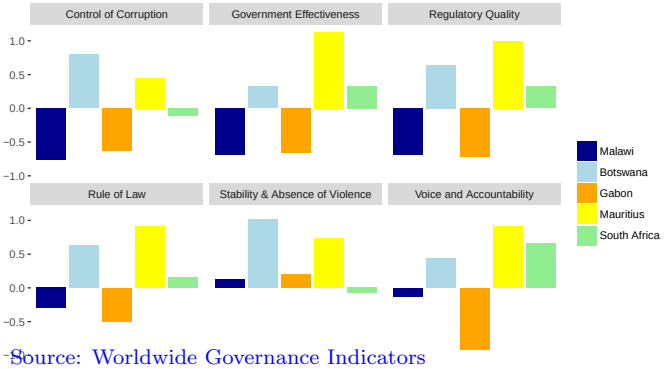
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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)	11.6	7.0
Binding (%)	31.9	30.7
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	10.7	11.8
Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1]	—	3.2
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	17.4	18.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	11.8	11.3
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	12.7	12.3
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	33.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

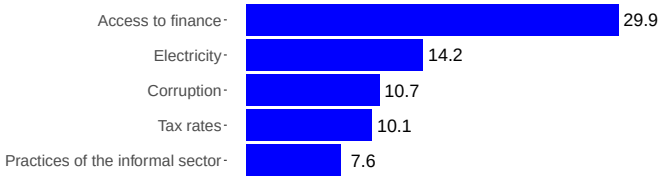
Private Sector View

Enterprise Survey 2014

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Malawi	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	6.70	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	26.80	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	13.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	65.80	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	5.00	9.90

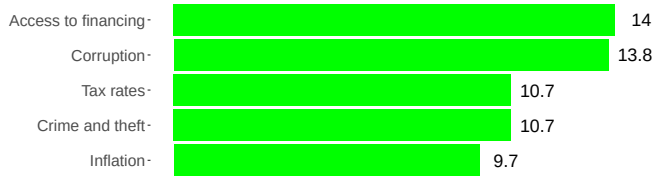
Source: Enterprise Survey 2014

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2014
(% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2014

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
Malawi - Performance and learning review of the country assistance strategy for the period FY2013-16	2015-04-29

Planned

Product	Concept Review Date	Board Date
None		

WB Lending Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Begin Appraisal	Commitment (US$M)	Latest Sort Overall Risk Rating	FY Expenses (US$K)	Cum Expenses (US$K)	FY Prob
P145706	Business Enabling Environment Project	Brian G. Mtonya	2013-05-30	IPF	2013-05-30	5	—	0	0	—

WB Portfolio

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Undisbursed Balance (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	Overall Risk	Months in Problem Status
None											

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	IEG Outcome Rating
None									

WB ASA

Active

Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Concept Approval Date	Output Approval Date	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expenditure BB (US$K)	Current Expenditure Total (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure BB (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure Total (US$K)
P151674	Malawi Growth and Competiveness ESW	Brian G. Mtonya	2015-06-29	2016-06-15	EW	N	46	205	100	259

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P133601	MW-DTIS Update	Mombert Hoppe	2013-06-18	2014-05-05	EW	N	—	0	0	189
P118012	Malawi Tourism Study	Hannah R. Messerli	—	2010-09-17	EW	N	—	0	152	152
P104023	PPIAF:MALAWI-Mtwara Dev. Corridor PPI	Fang Xu	—	2010-04-02	PT	N	—	0	0	267
P109661	PPIAF:(MALAWI)Regulations/Procedures Dev	Samuel Maimbo	—	2008-12-19	PT	N	—	0	—	241
P084884	MW-IF Follow Up (FY08)	Ian John Douglas Gillson	—	2008-03-11	TA	N	—	0	239	239
P076649	Malawi-Integration & Comp. Study	Leendert Solleveld	—	2002-12-31	EW	N	—	0	161	390

IFC ASA

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
600331	Malawi Warehouse Receipts Program	Langyintuo, Augustine Sangson	2014-05-21	2017-06-30	860	353	129
601590	Malawi IC - PSD	Daniel, Kobina Egyir	—	—	0	0	0

Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US$K)	Total Expenditures (in US$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US$K)
599814	Malawi Investment Climate Reform Program	Daniel, Kobina Egyir	—	2018-03-31	1,000	91	91
601503	Promoting competition in SSA	Begazo Gomez, Tania Priscilla	—	2018-12-31	1,300	0	0

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