

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Eritrea

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
6.2	5.4	1,151.3	7.2	189.0

Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	1.7	7.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	4.0	
Current account balance	-17.5	12.8	2.5	-3.1	-4.4	-7.7	
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-19.9	-13.5	-12.5	-11.6	-10.5	-10.0	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	71.6	160.4	173.1	210.2	248.2	286.5	

Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	18.2	9.6	9.2	10.6	11.7	11.8	
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	15.0	—	—	—	—	—	
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	—	—	
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	18.3	14.0	NA	—	—	—	

Trade Indicators

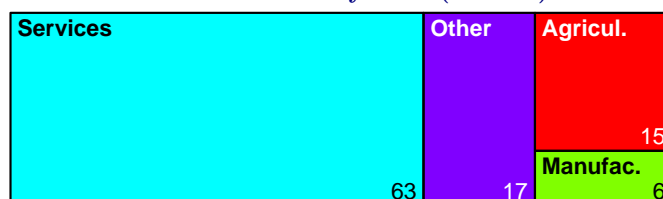
	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	57.05	76.91	78.44	84.57	89.34	89.65	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-33.64	-4.82	-2.02	-6.41	-9.64	-8.82	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	25.12	9.52	7.42	4.00	5.00	5.50	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	-2.33	47.33	-0.23	15.00	12.00	3.50	

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

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

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Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, NA

Data not available

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	189	189	0
Ease of Doing Business Rank	189	189	0
Enforcing Contracts	118	121	-3
Getting Credit	185	185	0
Getting Electricity	144	142	2
Paying Taxes	173	174	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	121	122	-1
Registering Property	176	177	-1
Resolving Insolvency	189	189	0
Starting a Business	183	184	-1
Trading Across Borders	189	189	0

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, NA

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Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

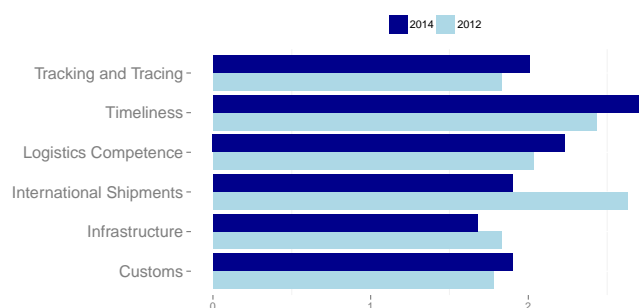
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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

Data not available

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

	2006
Import duties collected [1]	—
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

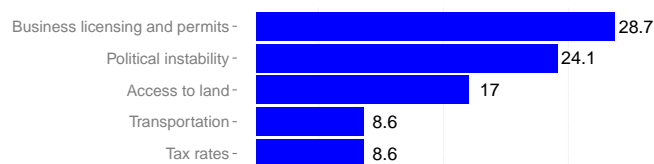
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Eritrea	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	0.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	10.90	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	1.30	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	94.00	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	0.50	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

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

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Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015