

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



## South Africa

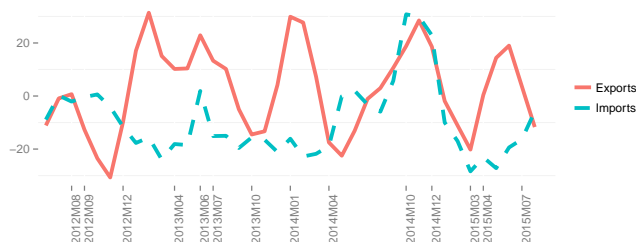
GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Poverty rate (2011)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
415	55	7,557	17	26	69

### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	3.459	2.220	2.212	1.517	1.462	1.705	
Current account balance	-2.289	-4.956	-5.769	-5.405	-4.403	-4.146	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	-1.554	-4.096	-3.757	-3.896	-4.009	-3.591	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	17.635	20.002	21.061	20.672	20.464	20.422	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	19.374	20.094	20.121	20.356	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	1.474	1.147	2.267	1.633	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	7.712	6.193	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	57.112	58.745	59.286	58.989	58.852	58.831	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	5.311	-2.081	-1.307	-0.385	0.005	0.161	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	2.434	0.110	4.585	2.610	1.900	1.940	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	6.743	6.048	1.820	-0.524	0.560	1.400	
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.261	0.273	0.265	0.261	—	—	
General government gross debt [3]	32.228	40.496	43.289	45.972	48.388	49.766	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	3.862	4.345	4.322	4.438	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	98.792	93.712	83.707	84.860	92.326	93.290	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	5.247	5.747	5.767	5.128	3.196	2.795	

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

### Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



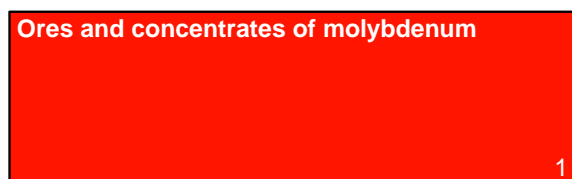
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

### 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



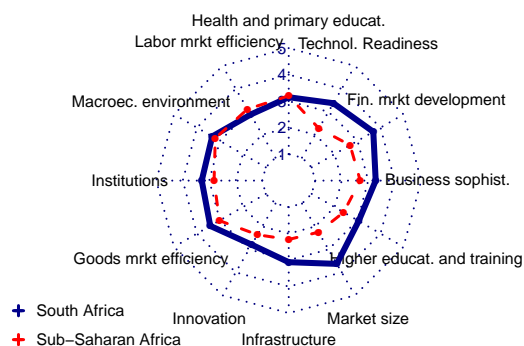
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

### Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	82	90	-8
Ease of Doing Business Rank	69	73	-4
Enforcing Contracts	117	119	-2
Getting Credit	52	59	-7
Getting Electricity	168	168	0
Paying Taxes	19	20	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	12	14	-2
Registering Property	97	101	-4
Resolving Insolvency	38	41	-3
Starting a Business	113	120	-7
Trading Across Borders	130	130	0

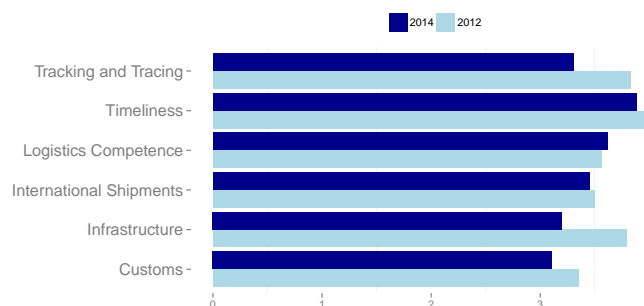
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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



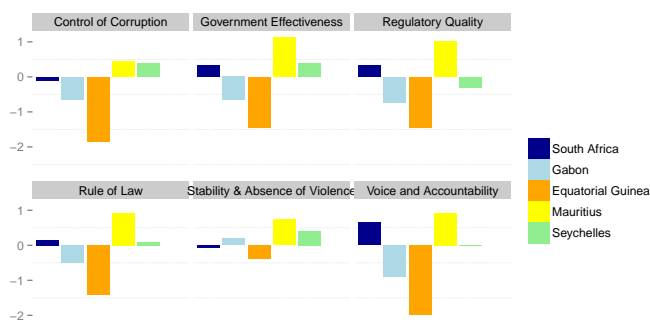
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## 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)	7.3	6.4
Binding (%)	96	96.9
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	15	13.1
Import duties collected [1]	—	—
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	8.9	9.1
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	7.6	7.5
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	7.7	7.7
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	91

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

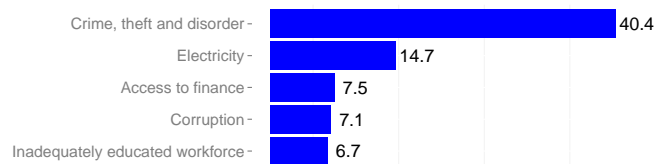
## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	Sub-Saharan Africa	South Africa	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	0.90	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	30.10	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	25.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	68.50	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	6.00	9.90

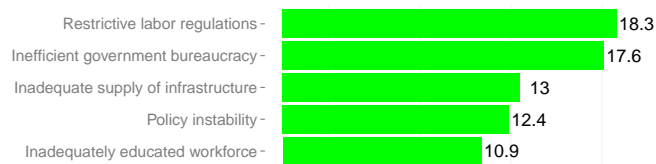
Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015