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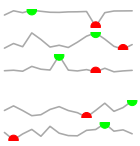
T&C Snapshots Data Note

Central African Republic

GDP (US$ billions) (2017)	Population (millions) (2017)	Land area (sq. km) (2014)	Income per capita (current US$) (2017)	Poverty rate (2008) [1]	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
2.0	5.1	622,980.0	401.5	66.3	7.4	185.0

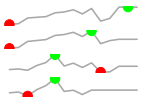
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (annual %)	3.0	-36.0	1.0	5.4	5.7	5.9
Current account balance	-9.4	-3.0	-6.1	-9.6	-11.0	-8.7
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	2.3	-6.3	3.8	-6.2	-3.7	-2.1
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	98.3	100.1	106.9	99.2	102.8	109.0
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.4	6.6	11.6	5.2	6.3	3.0



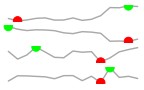
Investment indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	9.40	7.07	8.31	13.40	13.46	13.36
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	11.12	8.67	10.18	—	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	2.22	0.12	0.19	—	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	20.75	NA	—	—	—	—



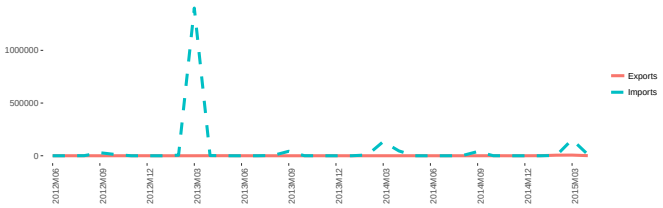
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	29.93	33.63	43.79	43.56	45.93	45.12
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-3.74	-9.19	-23.13	-22.72	-23.38	-19.36
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	-0.66	-28.85	-14.62	6.35	14.30	21.00
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	3.08	-24.06	57.88	4.40	10.50	-1.50
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	—	—	—	—	—	—



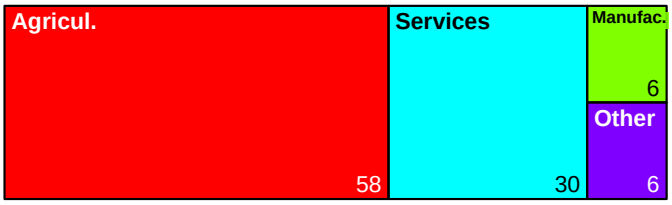
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



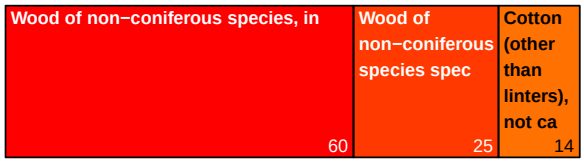
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)

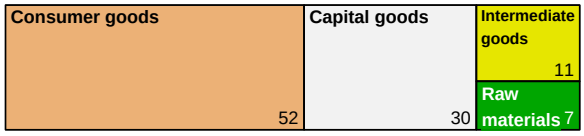


Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

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	**36.15**	**36.26**	**0.11**	**185**	**185**	**0**
Dealing with Construction Permits	56.37	57.04	0.67	156	155	1
Enforcing Contracts	33.24	33.24	0	177	177	0
Getting Credit	30	30	0	128	133	-5
Getting Electricity	24.2	24.64	0.44	187	186	1
Paying Taxes	23.47	23.47	0	185	185	0
Protecting Minority Investors	40	40	0	149	150	-1
Registering Property	41.84	41.88	0.04	164	167	-3
Resolving Insolvency	28.13	28.13	0	149	149	0
Starting a Business	31.36	31.36	0	188	189	-1
Trading Across Borders	52.88	52.88	0	144	144	0

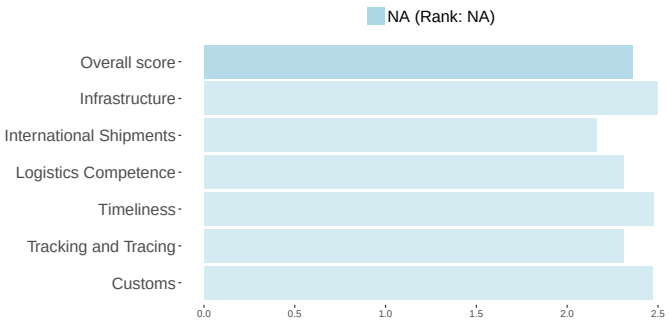
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

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

Data not available

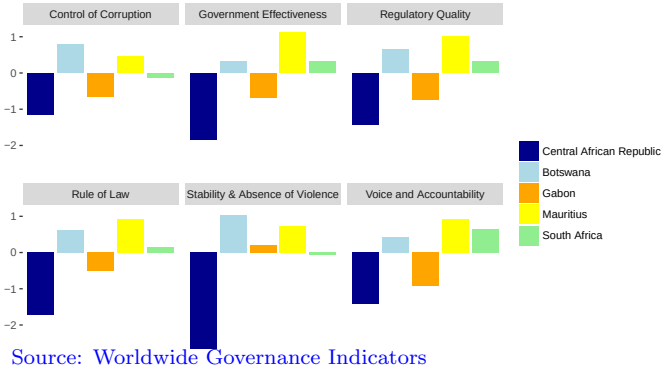
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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

	2010	2013
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	17.4	17.4
Binding (%)	62	62.2
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	9.7	9.7
Import duties collected (%, 2010-2012) [1]	—	10.7
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	21.8	21.6
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	16.9	16.9
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	17.8	17.6
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	17.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

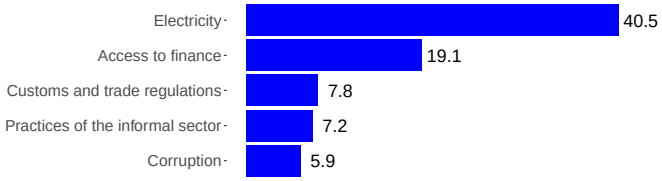
Private Sector View

Enterprise Survey 2011

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Central African Republic	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	29.00	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	26.00	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	4.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	73.90	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	9.20	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2011

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2011
(% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2011

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

Data not available

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
Central African Republic - Country Partnership Strategy Progress Report	2011-07-19

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
None										

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)
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None										

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)
601345	Central African Republic Investment Climate Project	Courchesne, Monique	—	—	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)
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554491	CAR Investment Climate Reform Program	Miyake, Maiko	2007-08-22	2012-09-30	922	945	0