

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

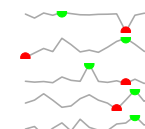


## Central African Republic

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Poverty rate (2008)	Unemployment rate (2014)
1.8	5.0	364.4	66.3	7.4

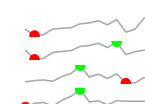
### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	2.900.4	4.113.3	-36.047.2	1.009.0	5.429.1	5.661.2
Current account balance	-9.796.2	-4.615.9	-3.000.2	-6.074.4	-9.582.2	-10.970.2
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	2.482.9	-0.001.1	-6.330.8	3.763.9	-6.217.5	-3.690.6
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	98.633.3	93.771.6	100.121.0	106.876.5	99.226.2	102.767.7
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.120.8	5.900.0	6.600.0	11.600.0	5.200.0	6.300.0



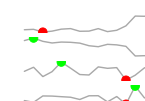
### Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	9.11	12.81	7.07	8.31	13.40	13.46
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	10.69	14.97	8.67	10.18	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	2.13	3.13	0.12	0.19	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	20.60	22.23	NA	—	—	—



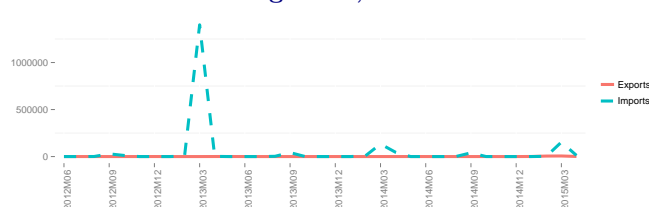
### Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	30.0	29.0	33.6	43.8	43.6	45.9
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-3.5	-7.0	-9.2	-23.1	-22.7	-23.4
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	-1.4	7.1	-28.8	-14.6	6.3	14.3
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	2.4	10.8	-24.1	57.9	4.4	10.5



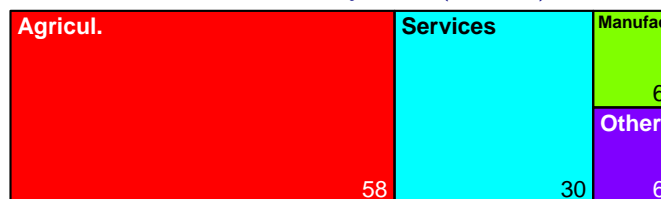
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### 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

Wood of non-coniferous species, in	Wood of non-coniferous species spec	Cotton (other than linters), not ca
60	25	14

### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Capital goods	Intermediate goods
52	30	11
		Raw materials 7

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	156	155	1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	185	185	0
Enforcing Contracts	177	177	0
Getting Credit	128	133	-5
Getting Electricity	187	186	1
Paying Taxes	185	185	0
Protecting Minority Investors	149	150	-1
Registering Property	164	167	-3
Resolving Insolvency	149	149	0
Starting a Business	188	189	-1
Trading Across Borders	144	144	0

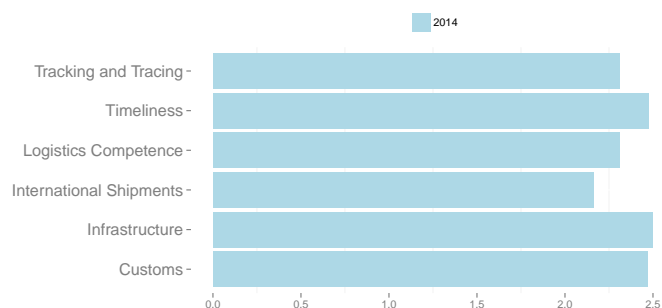
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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

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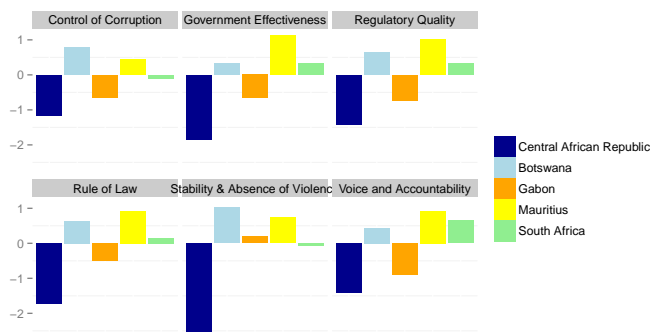
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## 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

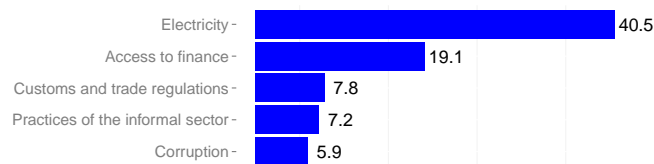
## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	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 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