COUNTRY PROFILE: AFGHANISTAN

GENERAL INFORMATION - 2016

Population
34.7 Millions

GDP
20 235 Millions current US$

Merchandise trade
7 131 Millions current US$

Internet users
3.7 Millions

GDP growth
3.6 %

Land area
652 860 km²

Source: UNCTAD and ITU (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2017

Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index
132/144

Rank in ITU ICT Development Index
159/176

Rank in WEF Networked Readiness Index
/-139

Source: UNCTAD, ITU and WEF (complete URL address in the General Notes)

Note: 1 = Best

ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES - 2016

Internet users, 10.6

Active mobile broadband subscriptions, 13.5

Fixed broadband subscriptions, 0.0

Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP $/month

Tariffs in 50% of eco. are below this value

Lowest tariff

Highest tariff

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 13.4

AFGHANISTAN, 50.0

WORLD, 21.9

WORLD, 13.5

WORLD, 8.5

PAYMENTS - 2014

Debit card used in the past year

AFGHANISTAN, 1.7

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 13.4

WORLD, 21.9

Credit card used in the past year

AFGHANISTAN, 1.1

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 7.7

WORLD, 13.5

Used an account to make a transaction through a mobile phone

AFGHANISTAN, 0.3

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 7.4

WORLD, 8.5

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**TRADE LOGISTICS - 2016**

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<th>Percent of population having mail delivered at home</th>
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**LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2017**

AFGHANISTAN

- Electronic Transactions: Draft legislation
- Consumer Protection: No legislation
- Privacy and data protection: No legislation
- Cybercrime: No legislation

Source: UNCTAD


**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17**

Percentage of firms using e-mail to interact with clients/suppliers

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**FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2014-15**

Percentage of firms identifying access to finance as a major constraint

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COUNTRY PROFILE: GENERAL NOTES

NOTES:
- For merchandise trade - sum of exports and imports.
- Country groups are weighted using population for most indicators with the exception of those on skills development, financing for e-commerce and days to clear direct exports through customs.

SYMBOLS FOR MISSING VALUES:
0: Zero means nil or negligible
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