COUNTRY PROFILE: AFGHANISTAN

GENERAL INFORMATION - 2017

Population: 35.5 Millions
GDP: 21 993 Millions current US$
Merchandise trade: 8 084 Millions current US$
Internet users: 4.1 Millions
GDP growth: 2.5%
Land area: 652 860 km²

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

E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2016-18

Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index: 136/151
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 - 2017

Internet users, 11.4
Active mobile broadband subscriptions, 16.0
Fixed broadband subscriptions, 0.1

Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP $/month

AFGHANISTAN, 38.5

PAYMENTS - 2014-17

Debit card used in the past year
AFGHANISTAN, N/A
SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 0.6
WORLD, 7.0

Credit card used in the past year
AFGHANISTAN, N/A
SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 19.3
WORLD, 27.7

Mobile phone or the internet used to access a financial institution account in the past year
AFGHANISTAN, 0.6
SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA, 19.4
WORLD, 21.6

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**TRADE LOGISTICS - 2013-18**

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<td>Percent of population having mail delivered at home</td>
<td>60.0</td>
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<td>Postal reliability index (0 to 100, 100 = Best)</td>
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<td>Days to clear direct exports through customs</td>
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**LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2019**

**AFGHANISTAN**

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


**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17**

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

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**FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2013-17**

**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. Regional average values relate to developing economies in those regions.

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