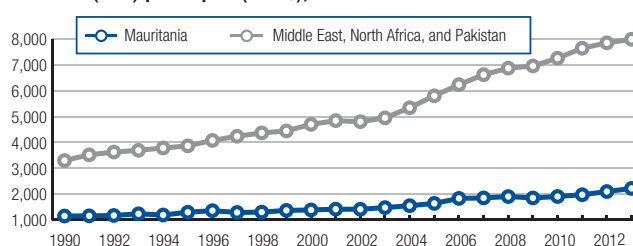


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## Key indicators, 2013

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Population (millions).....                 | 3.7   |
| GDP (US\$ billions).....                   | 4.2   |
| GDP per capita (US\$).....                 | 1,127 |
| GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total..... | 0.01  |

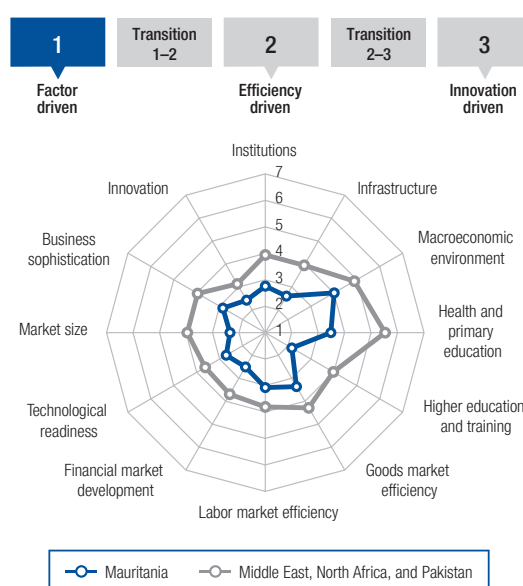
GDP (PPP) per capita (int'l \$), 1990–2013



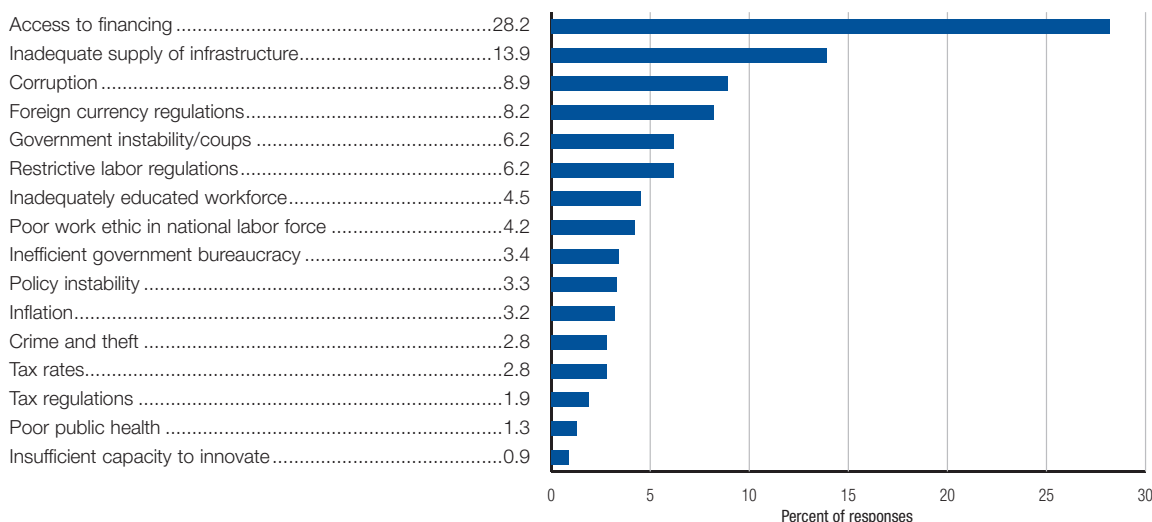
## Global Competitiveness Index

|   | Rank<br>(out of 144) | Score<br>(1–7) |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>GCI 2014–2015</b> .....                                | <b>141</b>           | <b>3.0</b>     |
| GCI 2013–2014 (out of 148).....                           | 141                  | 3.2            |
| GCI 2012–2013 (out of 144).....                           | 134                  | 3.3            |
| GCI 2011–2012 (out of 142).....                           | 137                  | 3.2            |
| <b>Basic requirements (60.0%)</b> .....                   | <b>138</b>           | <b>3.2</b>     |
| Institutions.....   | 138                  | 2.8            |
| Infrastructure.....                                       | 123                  | 2.6            |
| Macroeconomic environment.....                            | 115                  | 4.0            |
| Health and primary education.....                         | 137                  | 3.5            |
| <b>Efficiency enhancers (35.0%)</b> .....                 | <b>143</b>           | <b>2.7</b>     |
| Higher education and training.....                        | 141                  | 2.2            |
| Goods market efficiency.....                              | 138                  | 3.4            |
| Labor market efficiency.....                              | 141                  | 3.1            |
| Financial market development.....                         | 141                  | 2.5            |
| Technological readiness.....                              | 123                  | 2.7            |
| Market size.....  | 131                  | 2.3            |
| <b>Innovation and sophistication factors (5.0%)</b> ..... | <b>138</b>           | <b>2.6</b>     |
| Business sophistication.....                              | 142                  | 2.9            |
| Innovation.....   | 136                  | 2.4            |

### Stage of development



## The most problematic factors for doing business



**Note:** From the list of factors above, respondents were asked to select the five most problematic for doing business in their country and to rank them between 1 (most problematic) and 5. The bars in the figure show the responses weighted according to their rankings.

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## The Global Competitiveness Index in detail

| INDICATOR   | VALUE    | RANK/144  | INDICATOR   | VALUE | RANK/144  |
|---|----------|-----------|---|-------|-----------|
| <b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>                               |          |           | <b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency (cont'd.)</b>      |       |           |
| 1.01 Property rights .....                                    | 2.5      | 139       | 6.06 No. procedures to start a business* .....            | 9     | 106       |
| 1.02 Intellectual property protection .....                   | 2.2      | 141       | 6.07 No. days to start a business* .....                  | 19.0  | 90        |
| 1.03 Diversion of public funds .....                          | 2.5      | 115       | 6.08 Agricultural policy costs .....                      | 3.0   | 130       |
| 1.04 Public trust in politicians .....                        | 2.2      | 115       | 6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers .....                   | 3.2   | 140       |
| 1.05 Irregular payments and bribes .....                      | 2.3      | 141       | 6.10 Trade tariffs, % duty* .....                         | 11.1  | 116       |
| 1.06 Judicial independence .....                              | 2.3      | 125       | 6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership .....                | 2.7   | 140       |
| 1.07 Favoritism in decisions of government officials .....    | 2.3      | 128       | 6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI .....                | 3.1   | 132       |
| 1.08 Wastefulness of government spending .....                | 2.6      | 100       | 6.13 Burden of customs procedures .....                   | 3.0   | 134       |
| 1.09 Burden of government regulation .....                    | 3.1      | 98        | 6.14 Imports as a percentage of GDP* .....                | 102.0 | <b>7</b>  |
| 1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes ..... | 2.4      | 138       | 6.15 Degree of customer orientation .....                 | 2.8   | 142       |
| 1.11 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs. ....  | 2.1      | 140       | 6.16 Buyer sophistication .....                           | 2.5   | 135       |
| 1.12 Transparency of government policymaking .....            | 2.6      | 142       | <b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>                |       |           |
| 1.13 Business costs of terrorism .....                        | 4.4      | 116       | 7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations .....        | 3.4   | 136       |
| 1.14 Business costs of crime and violence .....               | 4.7      | 57        | 7.02 Flexibility of wage determination .....              | 4.6   | 101       |
| 1.15 Organized crime .....                                    | 4.9      | 64        | 7.03 Hiring and firing practices .....                    | 3.3   | 117       |
| 1.16 Reliability of police services .....                     | 3.0      | 121       | 7.04 Redundancy costs, weeks of salary* .....             | 10.5  | <b>43</b> |
| 1.17 Ethical behavior of firms .....                          | 2.7      | 143       | 7.05 Effect of taxation on incentives to work .....       | 2.8   | 126       |
| 1.18 Strength of auditing and reporting standards .....       | 2.6      | 142       | 7.06 Pay and productivity .....                           | 2.5   | 140       |
| 1.19 Efficacy of corporate boards .....                       | 2.8      | 142       | 7.07 Reliance on professional management .....            | 2.0   | 144       |
| 1.20 Protection of minority shareholders' interests .....     | 2.4      | 143       | 7.08 Country capacity to retain talent .....              | 2.3   | 131       |
| 1.21 Strength of investor protection, 0–10 (best)* .....      | 3.7      | 117       | 7.09 Country capacity to attract talent .....             | 2.5   | 123       |
| <b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>                             |          |           | 7.10 Women in labor force, ratio to men* .....            | 0.37  | 132       |
| 2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure .....                  | 2.6      | 134       | <b>8th pillar: Financial market development</b>           |       |           |
| 2.02 Quality of roads .....                                   | 2.3      | 137       | 8.01 Availability of financial services .....             | 2.9   | 138       |
| 2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure .....                 | 2.4      | 77        | 8.02 Affordability of financial services .....            | 3.2   | 129       |
| 2.04 Quality of port infrastructure .....                     | 2.4      | 135       | 8.03 Financing through local equity market .....          | 2.0   | 136       |
| 2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure .....            | 2.4      | 140       | 8.04 Ease of access to loans .....                        | 2.0   | 125       |
| 2.06 Available airline seat km/week, millions* .....          | 11.4     | 133       | 8.05 Venture capital availability .....                   | 1.9   | 134       |
| 2.07 Quality of electricity supply .....                      | 3.3      | 105       | 8.06 Soundness of banks .....                             | 3.1   | 135       |
| 2.08 Mobile telephone subscriptions/100 pop.* .....           | 102.5    | 90        | 8.07 Regulation of securities exchanges .....             | 1.9   | 138       |
| 2.09 Fixed telephone lines/100 pop.* .....                    | 1.4      | 120       | 8.08 Legal rights index, 0–10 (best)* .....               | 3     | 113       |
| <b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic environment</b>                  |          |           | <b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>                |       |           |
| 3.01 Government budget balance, % GDP* .....                  | -1.1     | <b>38</b> | 9.01 Availability of latest technologies .....            | 4.5   | 86        |
| 3.02 Gross national savings, % GDP* .....                     | 10.0     | 129       | 9.02 Firm-level technology absorption .....               | 4.2   | 104       |
| 3.03 Inflation, annual % change* .....                        | 4.1      | 82        | 9.03 FDI and technology transfer .....                    | 3.4   | 135       |
| 3.04 General government debt, % GDP* .....                    | 87.7     | 122       | 9.04 Individuals using Internet, %* .....                 | 6.2   | 128       |
| 3.05 Country credit rating, 0–100 (best)* .....               | 21.1     | 126       | 9.05 Fixed broadband Internet subscriptions/100 pop.* ... | 0.2   | 121       |
| <b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>               |          |           | 9.06 Int'l Internet bandwidth, kb/s per user* .....       | 2.6   | 134       |
| 4.01 Malaria cases/100,000 pop.* .....                        | 17,649.5 | 60        | 9.07 Mobile broadband subscriptions/100 pop.* .....       | 5.4   | 108       |
| 4.02 Business impact of malaria .....                         | 4.0      | 54        | <b>10th pillar: Market size</b>                           |       |           |
| 4.03 Tuberculosis cases/100,000 pop.* .....                   | 350.0    | 131       | 10.01 Domestic market size index, 1–7 (best)* .....       | 2.0   | 133       |
| 4.04 Business impact of tuberculosis .....                    | 3.4      | 141       | 10.02 Foreign market size index, 1–7 (best)* .....        | 3.3   | 121       |
| 4.05 HIV prevalence, % adult pop.* .....                      | 0.4      | 75        | 10.03 GDP (PPP\$ billions)* .....                         | 8.2   | 133       |
| 4.06 Business impact of HIV/AIDS .....                        | 3.7      | 133       | 10.04 Exports as a percentage of GDP* .....               | 69.6  | <b>28</b> |
| 4.07 Infant mortality, deaths/1,000 live births* .....        | 64.8     | 133       | <b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>               |       |           |
| 4.08 Life expectancy, years* .....                            | 61.4     | 121       | 11.01 Local supplier quantity .....                       | 3.8   | 127       |
| 4.09 Quality of primary education .....                       | 2.5      | 129       | 11.02 Local supplier quality .....                        | 2.8   | 141       |
| 4.10 Primary education enrollment, net %* .....               | 69.6     | 135       | 11.03 State of cluster development .....                  | 2.8   | 135       |
| <b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>              |          |           | 11.04 Nature of competitive advantage .....               | 2.8   | 116       |
| 5.01 Secondary education enrollment, gross %* .....           | 26.8     | 139       | 11.05 Value chain breadth .....                           | 3.1   | 130       |
| 5.02 Tertiary education enrollment, gross %* .....            | 5.1      | 128       | 11.06 Control of international distribution .....         | 2.8   | 143       |
| 5.03 Quality of the education system .....                    | 2.7      | 128       | 11.07 Production process sophistication .....             | 2.6   | 134       |
| 5.04 Quality of math and science education .....              | 2.9      | 123       | 11.08 Extent of marketing .....                           | 2.9   | 138       |
| 5.05 Quality of management schools .....                      | 2.8      | 136       | 11.09 Willingness to delegate authority .....             | 2.4   | 141       |
| 5.06 Internet access in schools .....                         | 2.1      | 138       | <b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>                            |       |           |
| 5.07 Availability of research and training services .....     | 3.1      | 128       | 12.01 Capacity for innovation .....                       | 2.9   | 131       |
| 5.08 Extent of staff training .....                           | 2.6      | 144       | 12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions .....   | 2.7   | 124       |
| <b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>                    |          |           | 12.03 Company spending on R&D .....                       | 2.7   | 109       |
| 6.01 Intensity of local competition .....                     | 4.1      | 131       | 12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D .....      | 2.0   | 141       |
| 6.02 Extent of market dominance .....                         | 3.1      | 126       | 12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products .....   | 2.8   | 126       |
| 6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy .....              | 2.8      | 139       | 12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers .....      | 2.9   | 139       |
| 6.04 Effect of taxation on incentives to invest .....         | 3.1      | 120       | 12.07 PCT patents, applications/million pop.* .....       | 0.0   | 124       |
| 6.05 Total tax rate, % profits* .....                         | 68.2     | 135       |   |       |           |

Notes: Values are on a 1-to-7 scale unless otherwise annotated with an asterisk (\*). For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" on page 101.