

## GENERAL PROFILE: AFGHANISTAN

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2017

**Population**  
35.530 Millions

**Exchange rate**  
68.027 AFN/US\$

**GDP**  
21 743 Millions current US\$

**Land area <sup>1</sup>**  
(m) 652 860 km<sup>2</sup>

**CPI growth**  
4.98 %

**GDP growth**  
2.51 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Merchandise exports	384	388	571	(e) 780
Merchandise imports	2 471	5 154	7 723	(e) 7 700
Merchandise trade balance	-2 087	-4 766	-7 151	(e) -6 920

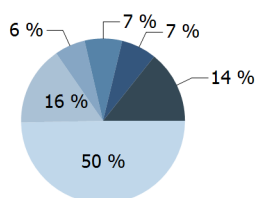
**+30.8 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2017

#### Export structure by product group in 2017

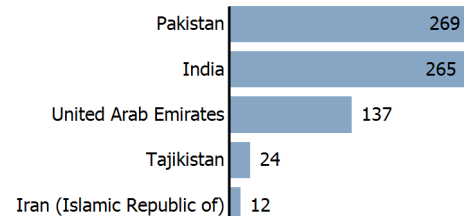
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Agricultural raw materials
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



#### Top 5 partners in 2017

(exports, millions of US\$)



### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

#### Total trade in services <sup>2</sup>

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Services exports	-	2 091	731	(e) 432
Services imports	-	1 370	1 546	(e) 1 572
Services trade balance	-	720	-815	(e) -1 140

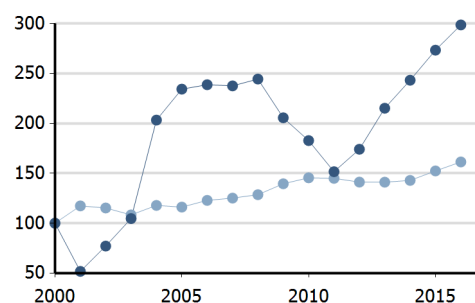
#### Services exports by main category <sup>2</sup>

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Transport	-	8.3	8.6	(e) 6.1
Travel	-	4.1	11.2	(e) 0.1
Other services	-	87.6	80.2	(e) 93.7

### TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



### ECONOMIC TRENDS

#### Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

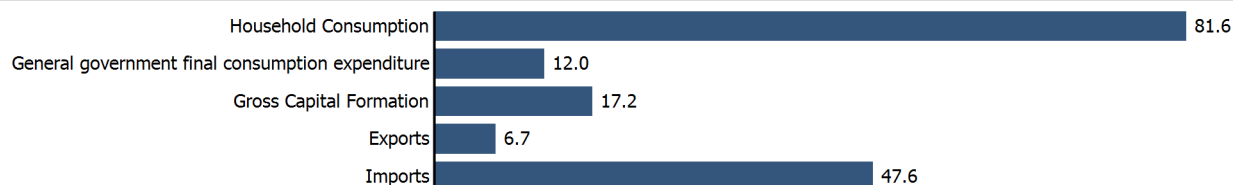
	2005	2010	2015	2017
GDP, current	6 622	16 078	20 608	21 743
GDP per capita, current US\$	264	558	611	612
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	9.90	3.24	-1.79	2.51
Current account balance, % of GDP	-	-10.41	-24.87	..
Exchange rate (/US\$)	49.495	46.452	61.143	68.027

**+2.5 %**

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2017

#### GDP by expenditure in 2016

(as % of total GDP)



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## FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

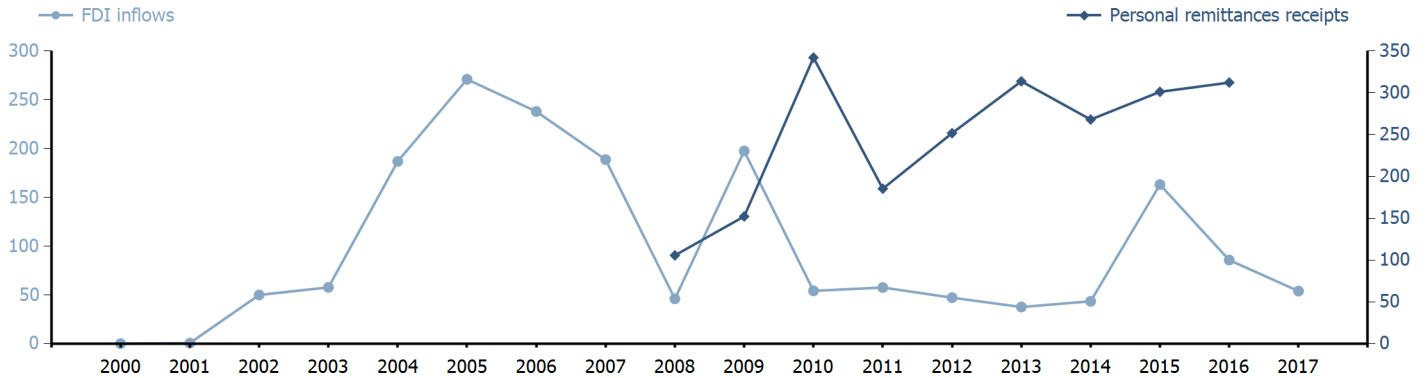
	2005	2010	2015	2017
FDI inflows	271.00	54.20	163.10	53.94
FDI outflows	1.50	-0.71	0.83	0.01
Personal remittances, % of GDP	..	2.13	1.49	..

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FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2017

### Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



## TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

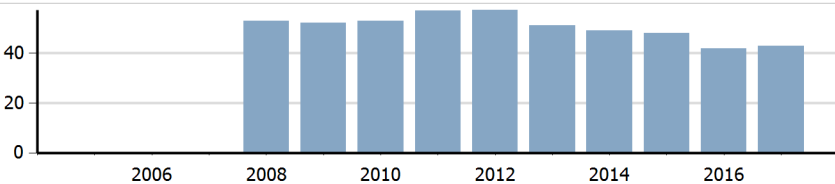
### Trade balance indicators <sup>2</sup>

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Balance, % of GDP	-	-22.17	-35.18	(e) -32.44
Balance, % of imports	-	-58.98	-84.63	(e) -86.07
Normalized balance	-	-0.418	-0.734	(e) -0.755

### Trade openness <sup>2</sup>

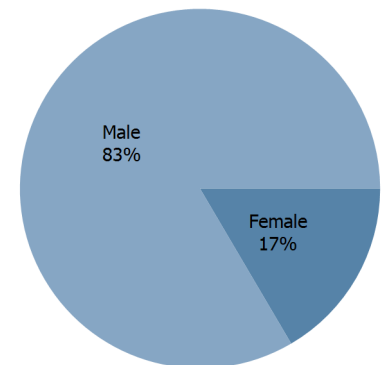
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



## LABOUR FORCE

### Labour force by gender in 2017

(as % of total labour force, all sectors)



## OTHER INDICATORS

### Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	..	..	..	..
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2004 = 100 for China)	..	..	..	..
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	..	..	..

### Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2017
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	..	..	..	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	..	0.37	0.16	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector	..	..	..	..

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Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2017

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## Notes:

- 1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- m Estimated. Data refers to 2013.

## Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. Not available or not separately reported
- \_ Not applicable
- ... Not available, including no quotation
- # Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
- \*\*\* Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

## Abbreviations & acronyms:

- DWT: Dead weight tons
- FDI: Foreign direct investment
- GDP: Gross domestic product
- ICT: Information and communication technology
- TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
- US\$: United States dollar

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