GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

Population 15.854 Millions
Land area 1 (n) 192 530 km²

Exchange rate 555.718 XOF/US$
CPI growth 0.46 %
GDP growth 6.80 %
GDP 24 188 Millions current US$

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade (millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2018
Merchandise exports 1 578 2 161 2 612 3 623
Merchandise imports (g) 3 498 4 782 5 595 8 072
Merchandise trade balance (g) -1 920 -2 621 -2 984 -4 448

Export structure by product group in 2018 (as % of total exports)
- All food items 15%
- Ores and metals 18%
- Fuels 26%
- Manufactured goods 33%
- Other 8%

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services ² (millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2018
Services exports 762 1 048 1 193 (e) 1 444
Services imports 810 1 119 1 309 (e) 1 689
Services trade balance -49 -71 -116 (e) -244

Services exports by main category ² (as % of total services) 2005 2010 2015 2018
Transport 16.6 4.4 10.5 -
Travel 31.8 43.2 30.9 (e) 31.8
Other services 51.5 52.4 57.4 -

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified) 2005 2010 2015 2018
GDP, current 11 267 16 725 17 761 24 188
GDP per capita, current US$ 1 016 1 319 1 218 1 526
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 5.62 4.18 6.37 6.80
Current account balance, % of GDP -6.00 -3.52 -5.32 (e) -11.53
Exchange rate (US$) 527.468 495.277 591.450 555.718

GDP by expenditure in 2017 (as % of total GDP)
- Household Consumption 71.1
- General government final consumption expenditure 14.0
- Gross Capital Formation 28.3
- Exports 21.7
- Imports 35.3
### Financial Flows

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<td><strong>FDI inflows</strong></td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
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### Financial Flows Trends

![Graph showing financial flows trends](image)

### Trade Balance Indicators

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-12.03</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
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### Trade Openness

![Graph showing trade openness](image)

### Maritime Transport Indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>14.76</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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### Information Economy Indicators

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
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### Labour Force by Gender in 2018

![Pie chart showing labour force by gender](image)

- Male: 56%
- Female: 44%
Source: UNCTADstat (http://unctadstat.unctad.org)

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.
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  n Estimated. Data refers to 2016.

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0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
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# 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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