

BURUNDI

Country Profile



A landlocked state in Central Africa, the Republic of Burundi is situated east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, south of Rwanda, and west of Tanzania



BURUNDI - KEY INDICATORS

Capital	Bujumbura	Political System	Unitary Republic
Area	27,816 sq km	Currency	Burundian Franc (BIF)
Population	8.985 million	Exchange Rate (@ Sept 9, 2014)	1 USD = 1 BIF
Major languages	Kirundi (official), French (official), Swahili	Literacy Rate	67%
Religions	Roman Catholic [62%], Indigenous [23%], Islam [10%], Protestant [5%]	Time	GMT + 2 hours
President	Mr Pierre Nkurunziza	Average Real GDP Growth (average over 2005-2013)	4.1%

(Source: Economic Outlook, Burundi Investment Promotion Authority, IMF)

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BURUNDI

- Independent since 1962
- Has experienced four wars, the latest of which ended with the Arusha Peace Agreement in August 2000
- Since then Burundi has made a successful transition to a multi-party government system from 2000 to 2005.
- In February 2005, a new constitution emphasizing power sharing and protection of minority rights was approved by referendum.
- The political situation in Burundi has been stable since the last elections in 2010



ECONOMIC OVERVIEW (1/2)

- Burundi has quota and duty-free access to major international markets (such as the EU and the US).
- It also enjoys free access to regional African markets through its membership of various regional economic communities such as Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the East African Community (EAC)
- Burundi is a member of various international organizations and fora such as the United Nations and the African Union, and has been and continues to be supported by the European Development Fund, World Bank, IMF, African Development Bank, and others.



ECONOMIC OVERVIEW (2/2)

- Economic growth in 2013 was driven by the secondary and tertiary sectors

SECTORS	% of GDP (2013)	% Growth (2013)
Primary	39%	3.9%
Secondary	16%	9.5%
Tertiary	45%	4.1%

(Source: Economic Outlook, Burundi, 2014)

- The five member states of the EAC signed the Monetary Union Protocol in November 2013. The protocol will come into force when the single currency is introduced in 2017



BURUNDI ECONOMIC INDICATORS - 2013

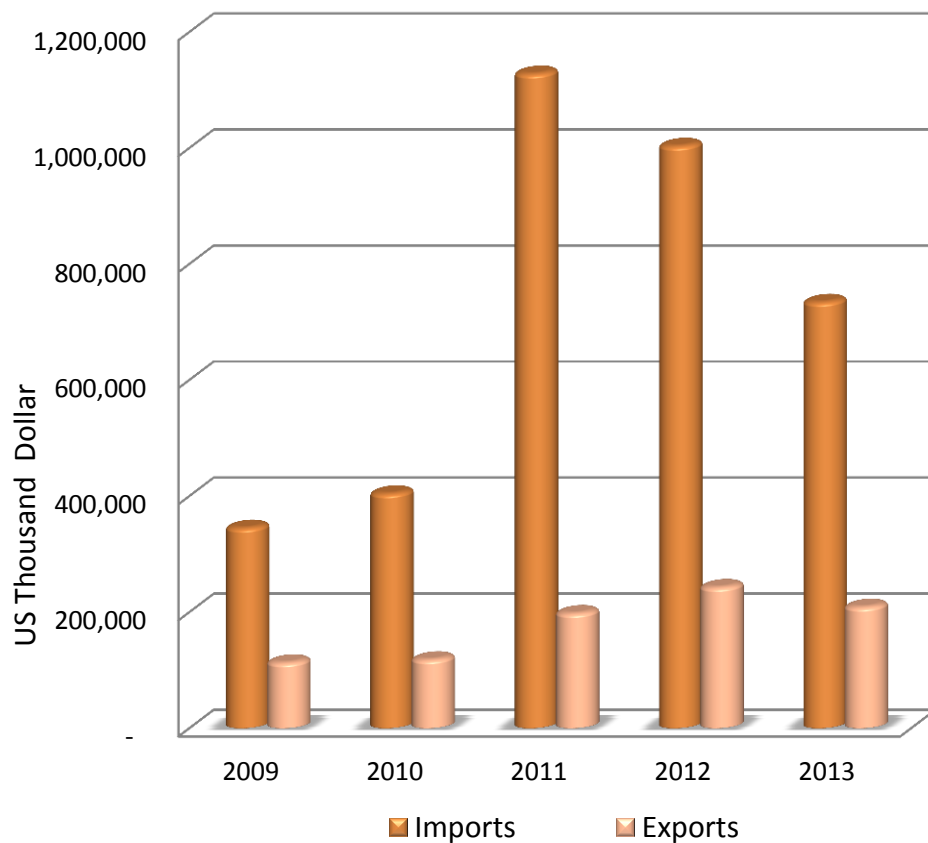
GDP (Current Prices, US Dollars)	US\$ 2.592 bn
GDP per capita (Current Prices, US Dollars)	US\$ 288.54
GDP (PPP), US Dollars	US\$ 5.828 bn
GDP per capita, US Dollars	US\$ 648.58
Real GDP growth (%)	4.472%
Inflation (Average Consumer Price Change %)	9.022%
Investment (% of GDP)	20%
Exports (Estimates)	US\$ 122.8 m
Imports (Estimates)	US\$ 867.2 m
Current-account balance (Estimates)	US\$ 492.5 m

(Source: IMF)

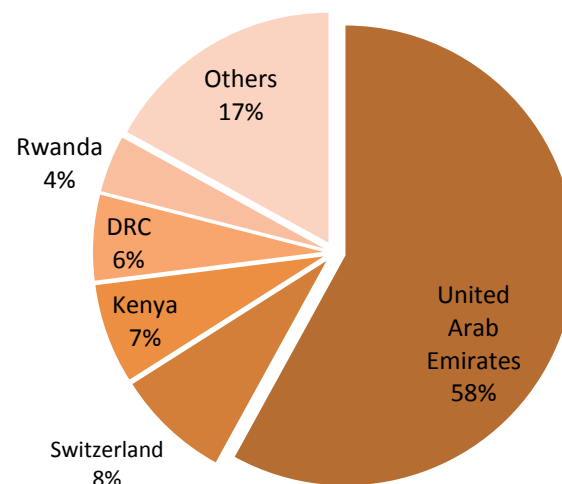


BURUNDI – EXTERNAL TRADE FOR 2013

Burundi's Trade with the World



Main Export Partners



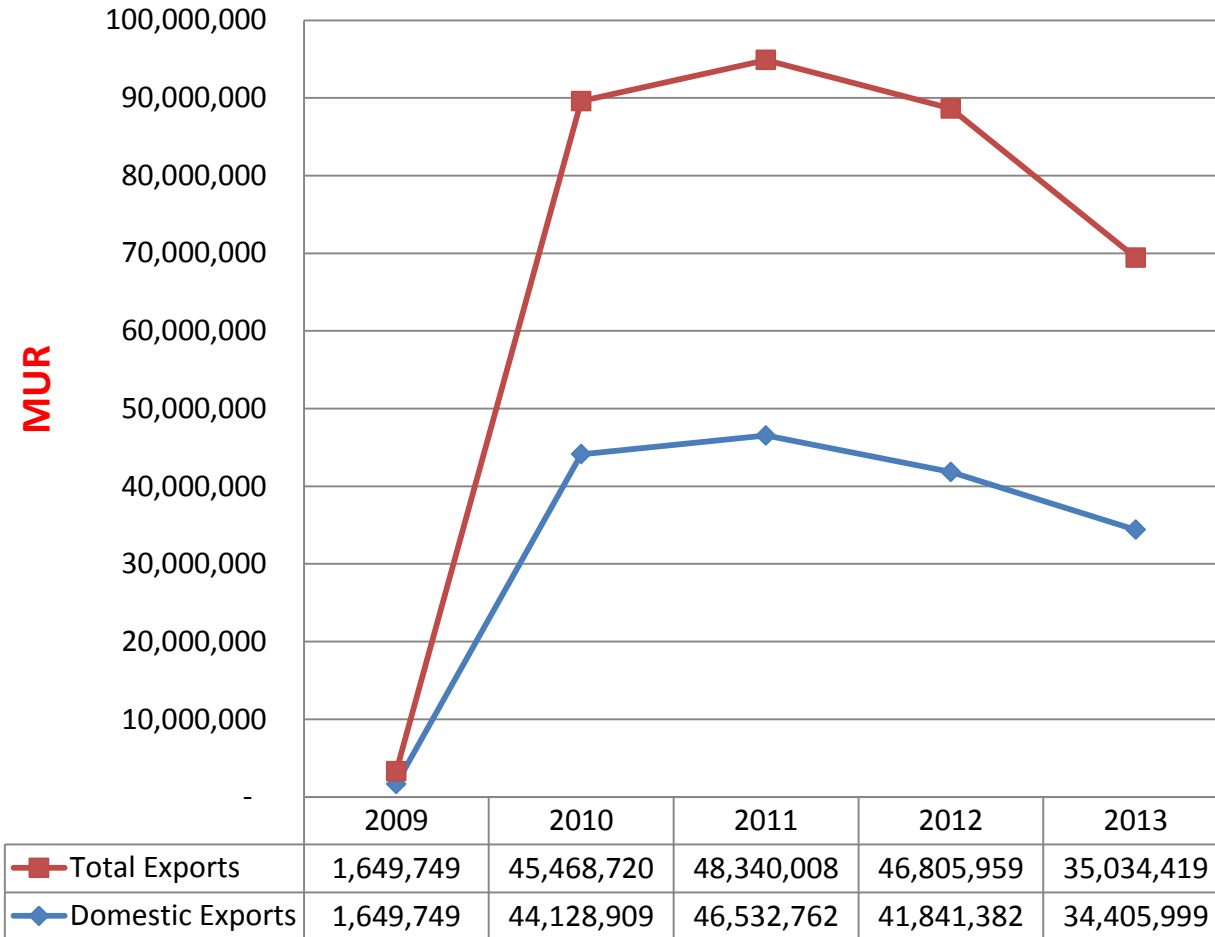
Top 3 Import Partners :

1. Saudi Arabia
2. India
3. China

Source: Trademap

TRADE BETWEEN MAURITIUS & BURUNDI

Mauritian Total and Domestic Exports to Burundi 2009-2013



Current Domestic Exports:

- 2013: MUR 34.4 Mn with Agro (3%) & other Manufacturing (97%)

Main Exports:

- Iron/steel pipes & tubes
- Textbooks
- Paints & varnishes
- Rum & Wine

(Source: Statistics Mauritius)



EXPORT POTENTIAL OF MAURITIAN PRODUCTS TO BURUNDI

- Agro: Beer, Pasta, sweet biscuits, fertilisers, liqueurs and concentrated juice
- Other Manufacturing products: Printing material, perfumes & toilet waters, bedroom furniture, Articles of iron/steel, aluminium doors, windows and their frames, Plastic tubes, pipes and hoses, Mattresses, Catheters, Household and toilet articles of plastics and Paints

