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Doing Business 2017: Equal Opportunity for All
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and

Doing Business 2017 is the 14th in a series of annual reports investigating the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it. Doing Business presents quantitative indicators on business regulation and the protection of property rights that can be compared across 190 economies—from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe—and over time. Doing Business 2017 highlights the large disparities between high- and low-income economies and the higher barriers that women face to starting a business or getting a job compared to men. In 155 economies women do not have the same legal rights as men, much less the supporting environment that is vital to promote entrepreneurship.

Doing Business 2017 gives prominence to these issues, expanding three indicators—starting a business, registering property and enforcing contracts—to account for gender discriminatory practices.
Global Economic Prospects, January 2017: Weak Investment in Uncertain Times

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and The World Bank, 10 January 2017

Global economic growth is forecast to accelerate moderately to 2.7 percent in 2017 after a post-crisis low last year as obstacles to activity recede among emerging market and developing economy commodity exporters, while domestic demand remains solid among emerging and developing commodity importers. The report analyzes the worrisome recent weakening of investment growth in emerging market and developing economies. Regional outlook for Sub-Saharan African growth is expected to pick up modestly to 2.9 percent in 2017 as the region continues to adjust to lower commodity prices. Growth in South Africa and oil exporters is expected to be weaker, while growth in economies that are not natural-resource intensive should remain robust. Growth in South Africa is expected to edge up to a 1.1 percent pace this year. Nigeria is forecast to rebound from recession and grow at a 1 percent pace. Angola is projected to expand at a 1.2 percent pace.

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2017: Talent and Technology

INSEAD, The Adecco Group, Human Capital Leadership Institute, January 2017

The Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) is an annual benchmarking report that measures the ability of countries to compete for talent. The report ranks 118 countries according to their ability to grow, attract and retain talent. The 2017 GTCI study focuses on how technology is affecting talent competitiveness and the nature of work, exploring both significant challenges and opportunities, and important shifts away from traditional working approaches. The GTCI covers 19 Sub-Saharan Africa countries, of which four upper-middle-income countries of this group occupy the highest rankings, namely Mauritius (46th), Botswana (63rd), South Africa (67th), and Namibia (76th). The report underlines that only Mauritius is above the median GTCI score, supported by a solid Enable pillar (35th in the rankings). This edition of the GTCI which covers Mauritius for the first time, highlights that the Regulatory Landscape of the country is particularly good (26th in the rankings).
This Country report is the first of a series of publications assessing SMEs Competitiveness. It is based on a business survey conducted in Ghana in 2016. It analyses survey findings and compares them to other sources on SME Competitiveness and strengths and weaknesses related to the immediate and national business environment in Ghana. The report covers manufacturing and agriculture sectors in Tema, Kumasi, and the Greater Accra Region; provides policy interventions based on the survey findings; presents results of an in depth analysis of the internal production system for a small sample of enterprises in the agro-processing sector; presents an action plan achieved through ITC Alliances for Action methodology and coordination among local partners as a result of this analysis; and includes bibliographic references (pp.45-47).

Poland’s economic growth remains robust, despite some weakening this year, and deflation has dissipated. The external buffers have increased, and the current account is close to balance. However, external risks remain elevated, with the key risks including a faster-than-expected pace of monetary policy normalization in the U.S., possible dislocations in emerging markets leading to bouts of financial market volatility, as well as a possible banking sector stress and growth slowdown in the euro area. The upcoming Brexit negotiations and Europe's heavy election calendar add to uncertainties.

Good Practices: Experience in the Market Surveillance of ISO 9001 Quality
The ISO 9000 series of standards on quality management, developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), play an important role in promoting sustainable international trade. In particular, ISO 9001 (Quality Management System – Requirements) is widely used by organizations around the world to demonstrate that they are managing their business processes in order to provide confidence that their products and services will consistently meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. The most common way to do this is via the third-party certification process, whereby an independent certification body conducts a programme of audits to ensure that organization meets (and continues to meet) all the applicable requirements of the standard.

Setting up Accreditation Bodies in Developing Economies: A guide to opening the door for Global Trade

Trade is widely recognized as a potential engine of growth. The contribution it can make to poverty alleviation and socio-economic development in developing economies figures prominently on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. However, developing country exports and imports face an increasing number of requirements in the form of standards or technical regulations that must be met for products to be accepted when crossing borders. This publication seeks to provide a clear and comprehensive description of considerations for and the steps leading to the establishment of accreditation bodies in developing countries.

ISO 9001: Relevance and Impact in Brazil
The report provides the current status of ISO 9001 certification in Brazil. Inmetro in collaboration with UNIDO have assessed the impact of ISO 9001 for Quality Management Systems in Brazil. According to the ISO survey, Brazil has the largest number of ISO 9001 certificates in South America with currently over 18,000 organizations certified by national and international certification bodies from around the world. Around 12,000 of these certificates were issued by certification bodies accredited by Cgcre. The results of the project provides the current situation and has identified various opportunities for management and improvement of the ISO 9001 certification process and the accreditation process for certification bodies in Brazil.

**World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2017**

*International Labour Organization (ILO), 12 January 2017*

Economic growth continues to disappoint and deficits in decent work remain widespread. Global GDP growth hit a six-year low in 2016, at 3.1 per cent, well below the rate projected in the previous year. Looking ahead, global economic growth is expected to pick up modestly in 2017 (3.4 percent) and 2018 (3.6 per cent). However, as this report highlights, the forecasts for growth for 2017 have continually been revised downwards over recent years (from over 4.6 per cent forecast in 2012 to 3.4 per cent forecast in 2016) and there is persistent elevated uncertainty about the global economy. This edition takes stock of the current global labour market situation, assessing the most recent employment developments and forecasting unemployment levels in developed, emerging and developing countries. It also focuses on trends in job quality, paying particular attention to working poverty and vulnerable employment.

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