

How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles

The following pages present the profiles of the 134 economies covered by *The Global Information Technology Report 2008–2009*. They provide a picture of the level of ICT development of an economy by grouping information under the following sections:

- 1 Key indicators:** population in million of inhabitants, gross domestic product (GDP) valued at purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita, Internet users per 100 population, Internet bandwidth measured in megabytes per second (mB/s) per 10,000 population, and mobile telephone subscribers per 100 population.¹
- 2 Overall Networked Readiness Index (NRI) ranking for 2008–2009**, which gives insight into overall ICT readiness; one can compare this ranking with those of the NRI 2006–2007 and NRI 2007–2008 if the economy was covered in those editions. Also shown is the economy's ranking on the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index 2008–2009.²
- 3 Detailed ranking for the three component subindexes, the nine pillars, and the 68 variables of the NRI.** The numbering of the variables matches the numbering of the Data Tables found at the end of the *Report*, which provide descriptions, rankings, and scores for all the variables. For hard data indicators (identified by *), the year of the value used to calculate the rank appears next to the title. The section “Technical Notes and Sources” at the end of the *Report* provides further details on each indicator, including its definition, method of computation, and full sources. For Survey variables, the rank shown is derived from the results of the 2007 and 2008 editions of the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey. Note that for the sake of readability, the years of Survey data points were omitted. For more information on the framework and computation of the NRI, as well as on the Executive Opinion Survey, please refer to Chapter 1.1.

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- The source for population is the World Bank's *World Development Indicators Online Database* (retrieved November 4, 2008) and Republic of China (Taiwan)'s National Statistics (retrieved January 12, 2009). GDP figures are from the International Monetary Fund's *World Economic Outlook Database* (October 2008 edition). Data on Internet users, Internet bandwidth, and mobile telephony are from the International Telecommunication Union's *World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators 2008* (September 2008 update) and from national sources.
- See World Economic Forum. 2008. *The Global Competitiveness Report 2008–2009*. Geneva: World Economic Forum.