How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles

The Country/Economy Profiles section presents a profile for each of the 142 economies covered in The Global Information Technology Report 2012. Each profile summarizes an economy’s performance in the various dimensions of the Networked Readiness Index (NRI).

1 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS
The first section of the profile presents the economy’s overall performance in the NRI, along with its performance in the NRI’s four components and ten pillars. The economy’s rank (out of 142 economies) and score (on a 1-to-7 scale) are reported.

2 On the radar chart to the right of the table, a blue line plots the economy’s score on each of the ten pillars. The black line represents the average score of all economies in the income group to which the economy under review belongs. The country classification by income group is defined by the World Bank and reflects the situation as of July 2011. Note that the two high-income groups in this classification system, High income: OECD and High income: non-OECD, were merged into a single group for the purpose of the analysis.

3 THE NETWORKED READINESS INDEX IN DETAIL
This section presents an economy’s performance in each of the 53 indicators composing the NRI. The indicators are organized by pillar. The numbering of the variables matches that of the data tables found at the end of the Report, which provide descriptions, rankings, and scores for all the indicators.

The indicators derived from the 2010 and 2011 editions of the World Economic Forum’s Executive Opinion Survey are identified by an asterisk (*). These indicators are always measured on a 1-to-7 scale (where 1 is the lowest score and 7 is the highest). For those indicators not derived from the World Economic Forum’s Executive Opinion Survey, the scale is reported next to the title.

The section “Technical Notes and Sources” at the end of this Report provides further details on each indicator, including its definition, method of computation, and sources.

Note that for the sake of readability, the period to which each data point corresponds is omitted, but can be found in the corresponding data table. 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.

ONLINE DATA PORTAL
In addition to the analysis presented in this Report, an online data portal can be accessed via www.weforum.org/gitr. The platform offers a number of analytical tools and visualizations, including sortable rankings, scatter plots, bar charts, and maps, as well as the possibility of downloading portions of the NRI dataset.