How to Read the Data Tables

The following pages provide detailed data for all 142 economies included in The Global Information Technology Report 2012. The data tables are organized into 10 sections, which correspond to the 10 pillars of the Networked Readiness Index (NRI).

Environment subindex
1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment

Readiness subindex
3rd pillar: Infrastructure and digital content
4th pillar: Affordability
5th pillar: Skills

Usage subindex
6th pillar: Individual usage
7th pillar: Business usage
8th pillar: Government usage

Impact subindex
9th pillar: Economic impacts
10th pillar: Social impacts

EXECUTIVE OPINION SURVEY INDICATORS
In the tables, indicators derived from the World Economic Forum’s Executive Opinion Survey (Survey) have scores represented by blue-colored bar graphs. Survey questions asked for responses on a scale of 1 to 7, where an answer of 1 and 7 always corresponds to the worst and best possible outcomes, respectively. In the tables, the Survey question and the two extreme answers are shown above the rankings. Scores are reported with a precision of one decimal point, although exact figures are used to determine rankings. The sample mean is represented by a dotted line running across the bar graphs. For more information on the Executive Opinion Survey and a detailed explanation of how scores are computed, please refer to Chapter 1.3 of The Global Competitiveness Report 2011–2012, available on the World Economic Forum website at www.weforum.org/gcr.

OTHER INDICATORS
Indicators not derived from the Executive Opinion Survey are presented in black bar graphs. For each indicator, a short description appears at the top of the page. The base period (i.e., the period when a majority of the data were collected) follows the description. When the year differs from the base year for a particular economy, this is indicated in a footnote. A more detailed description and the full source for each indicator can be found in the “Technical Notes and Sources” section at the end of the Report. When data are not available or are too outdated, “n/a” is used in lieu of the rank and the value.

Because of the nature of data, ties between two or more countries are possible. In such cases, shared rankings are indicated accordingly. For example, it takes the same number of procedures – 21 – in Ireland as in Singapore to enforce a contract. As a result, in Table 1.08 the two countries are both ranked 1st and listed alphabetically.

ONLINE DATA PORTAL
In complement 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.