How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles

The Country/Economy Profiles section presents a profile for each of the 144 economies covered in The Global Information Technology Report 2013. 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 144 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 November 2012. Note that the two high-income groups in this classification, 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 54 indicators composing the NRI. The indicators are organized by pillar. The numbering of the variables matches that of the data tables in the next section of the Report, which provide descriptions, rankings, and scores for all the indicators. The indicators derived from the 2011 and 2012 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 and 7 correspond to the worst and best possible outcomes, respectively). 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 2012–2013, available for free on the World Economic Forum website at www.weforum.org/gcr.

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 years were omitted. However, the year of each data point is indicated in the corresponding data table. For more information on the framework and computation of the NRI, refer to Chapter 1.1.

ONLINE DATA PORTAL
In complement to the analysis presented in this Report, an online data portal can be accessed via www.weforum.org/gitir. 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.