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This 2014 Article IV Consultation highlights that recent economic developments in Azerbaijan have been favorable. In 2013, a stabilization of oil output and strong non-oil growth helped lift overall GDP growth to 5.8 percent. Inflation remained low, averaging 2.4 percent, restrained by soft food prices and a stable exchange rate. The market turbulence in early 2014 has been limited, with few signs of lower manat demand or capital flight. Economic prospects over the near and medium term are positive, supported by fiscal consolidation and supported by reforms to spur non-oil private sector activity.

There is now a wide spread interest in regions as a key focus in the organization and governance of economic growth and wealth creation. This important book considers how to influence and shape the competitive performance of regions. This is not just an issue of academic interest and debate, but also of increasing policy deliberation and action. The readings in this book make clear, the very idea of regional competitiveness is itself complex and contentious. Many academics and policy makers have used the concept without considering what is meant by the term and how it can be measured. Policy formulation has tended to rush ahead of understanding and analysis, and the purpose of the book is to fill an important gap in understanding. This book was previously published as a special issue of Regional Studies.

The sultanate's economy continues to enjoy the benefits of petroleum wealth, which has provided budget surpluses in most years and served as a backbone for growth. The economy is well under way for an era in which oil will not be the main economic driver, with the twin goals of diversification and creating an increased number of private sector jobs as the government's current agenda. Indeed, in recent years, the non-OPEC oil exporter's economy has been undergoing a steady transformation, reorienting from oil toward manufacturing, service and industry-based economic activities. So far, progress has been promising. In 2011 oil and gas accounted for 38.8% of GDP. With the continuation of higher oil prices in 2012, the government has increased economic investments accordingly. These investments, which include infrastructure, social programmes and small-business support, are aimed toward better preparing the country for its post-fossil fuel future.

The Canadian food and agriculture sector is for the most part competitive and export-oriented: although challenges and opportunities vary significantly between regions, the sector benefits from an abundance of natural resources and faces limited environmental constraints.

The Business Environment of Europe

Firms, Governments, and Institutions

Advancing Trade Development: A Study into International Trade Promotion

The Report: Peru 2014

Chronicles of the Egyptian Revolution and its Aftermath: 2011–2016

Who Will Finance Innovation?

**KEY ISSUES** Context: Successful elections for a new Constituent Assembly and formation of a new government have stabilized the political situation. Macroeconomic situation and outlook: Nepal's macroeconomic situation remains broadly favorable. Growth is projected to recover in 2013/14 owing to good monsoons, robust growth in services, and increased public spending. Inflation is moderating, in line with developments in India. High remittance inflows are supporting a strong external position, as well as high reserve money growth. Risks to the outlook are slightly tilted to the downside, involving slower-than-expected growth in countries hosting Nepali workers and domestic financial sector risks. Medium term prospects: While remittances are expected to continue to support the external position, the outlook for growth depends on improving the environment for private investment. This requires a decisive boost in public capital spending, and structural reforms in key areas. Financial sector: Despite progress, significant vulnerabilities remain. The recent assessment under the FSAP, Nepal's first, raised concerns about asset quality and interconnectedness, as well as financial sector infrastructure—including the legal framework—and supervision and crisis preparedness. At the same time, a largely unsupervised cooperatives sector is growing rapidly. Key policy recommendations: Monetary policy should aim at controlling the volatility and level of excess reserves in the financial system, implying a modest tightening of monetary conditions. The exchange rate peg to the Indian rupee provides a useful nominal anchor for the economy, and the real exchange rate is broadly in line with fundamentals. Capital spending needs to be boosted to provide key infrastructure, and reforms implemented to support private investment, which will help generate sustained economic growth and employment opportunities. In the financial sector, further reforms to bolster regulation and supervision, and improve financial infrastructure are needed to reduce risk and increase access to finance.

The Global Innovation Index ranks the innovation performance of 142 countries and economies around the world, based on 84 indicators. This edition explores the impact of innovation-oriented policies on economic growth and development. High-income and developing countries alike are seeking innovation-driven growth through different strategies. Some countries are successfully improving their innovation capacity, while others still struggle.

This 2014 Article IV Consultation highlights that the GDP growth in Bhutan has slowed from about 10 percent in FY2011 (July 1–June 30) to 5 percent in FY2013. Slower growth reflects policy efforts to contain overheating pressures in the form of restrictions on credit for construction and vehicle. Inflation has remained elevated, tracking closely that of

India (Bhutan's main trading partner). Social development indicators have improved steadily, and Bhutan is on track or has achieved most of its Millennium Development Goals. Growth is projected to recover to 61.2 percent in FY2014, driven mainly by a pick-up in hydropower-related construction activities and domestic services.

This review represents a new policy approach for public sector reviews, linking the traditional thematic public employment and strategic human resource management (HRM) framework to public sector innovation and service delivery challenges in the Dominican Republic.

OECD Economic Surveys: Poland 2014

OECD Food and Agricultural Reviews Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in Canada

The Report: Qatar 2014

Biomedical Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Asia

Hong Kong in the Shadow of China

Conceptual and model support for the development of an innovative-active university

Agriculture and the agro-processing sector in Brazil have shown impressive growth over the past two decades. This has largely been driven by productivity improvements and structural adjustment reforms, as well as new technologies developed by agricultural science.

This staff report for the 2014 Article IV Consultation on the Islamic Republic of Iran focuses on economic developments and policies. The IMF report had achieved considerable progress in raising standards. Large shocks and weak macroeconomic management have had a significant impact on macroeconomic stability and growth. The external environment remains uncertain and delaying entrenching the economy in a low-growth and high-inflation scenario, underscoring the need to address long-standing weaknesses in the policy framework and the economy.

OECD's 2014 Economic Survey of Poland examines recent economic developments, policies and prospects. Special chapters examine labour market and competition policies.

? This book provides critical insights about how U.S. policymaking is likely to be imperiling America's future, and how only the most efficient and productive organizations and governments will reap rewards. Vital areas such as vocational training, manufacturing, infrastructure, sustainable debt creation and the STEM worker shortage crisis are extensively examined and innovative solutions common-good indicators are presented for assessing policymaking, aimed at providing maximum transparency and accountability.

The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder

America in Retreat

The Global Innovation Index 2013

Islamic Republic of Iran

Romania

**Conference proceedings - Multidisciplinary Academic Conference on Economics, Management and Marketing in Prague 2014 (MAC-EMM 2014)**

**For the past decade Panama has registered impressive economic growth. According to the World Bank, GDP growth averaged 6.8% from 2000 to 2012, while government figures show double-digit growth for four of the past seven years. Economic development has been fuelled by heavy public sector spending on infrastructure, particularly the \$5.25bn expansion of the Panama Canal, which should ensure long-term growth. With GDP growth expected to decelerate but still average 7-9% from 2013 to 2015 and 6-8% through to 2020, Panama is set to remain a unique and exciting destination for investment in the short to medium term due to its solid macroeconomic record, importance to global trade and strong investment framework. Public sector spending has emerged as the primary driver of economic growth in the past few years as the country prepares for the post-Panamax era of the Panama Canal. The canal's impact, both domestically and internationally, will expand substantially upon the completion of a third set of locks scheduled for 2016. Putting exact figures on the domestic impact of the expanded waterway is a tall order, though further capitalising on the country's status as a major trade route will most certainly be crucial to future economic progress.**

**"Wise counsel for a constructive, tough-minded, and sensible foreign policy. Read and learn." —GEORGE SHULTZ, U.S. Secretary of State, 1982–1989 The world is tipping into chaos. Why? In this acclaimed and influential book, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Bret Stephens shows how the retreat of American power, orchestrated by Barack Obama, has created the power vacuums now being filled by our enemies. From Vladimir Putin's quest to restore the old czarist empire, to China's efforts to dominate the South China Sea, to Iran's nuclear ambitions, to ISIS's dreams of an Islamic caliphate, we have entered an era in which our foes no longer fear us and our friends no longer trust us. With his stylistic flair and analytical brilliance, Stephens explains the ideological roots of Obama's suspicions of American power. He demonstrates how a false belief in American decline has led to a disastrous prescription of retreat, as if the cure for domestic weakness is international weakness. In a prophetic chapter, he warns of what the world could look like in 2019 if we do not change course. And he lays out the right formula for U.S. foreign policy—the same formula that brought order to our once crime-ridden streets. America in Retreat is shaping the greatest foreign policy debate of our decade.**

**The Global Innovation Index 2020 provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 131 countries and economies around the world. Its 80 indicators**

**explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication. The 2020 edition sheds light on the state of innovation financing by investigating the evolution of financing mechanisms for entrepreneurs and other innovators, and by pointing to progress and remaining challenges – including in the context of the economic slowdown induced by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis.**

**OECD Investment Policy Reviews: Mauritius 2014**

**Democratization from Central Europe to Eurasia**

**Case Studies of Selected Economic and Social Policy Reforms**

**OECD Public Governance Reviews Dominican Republic: Human Resource Management for Innovation in Government**

**Metaphorical Journeys Through 34 Nations, Clusters of Nations, Continents, and Diversity**

**Understanding international best practice in trade promotion**

Over the past decade Peru has seen a period of transformative growth, effectively positioning it as one of the leading economic performers in Latin America. Posting growth rates in excess of 6% from 2010-12, the economy expanded by a further 5.1% in the first half of 2013. A major metals and minerals exporter with a burgeoning agricultural sector, Peru's rapid economic growth has been the result of elevated global demand for commodities and key exports, as well as prudent fiscal planning and the expansion of non-primary sectors. With an investor-friendly legal framework, Peru has become a prime destination for foreign direct investment and was recently ranked the second-best country for doing business in Latin America by the World Bank. Despite ongoing social conflict related to extractive industries and a sizeable infrastructure gap, Peru's stable macroeconomic environment and its efforts to diversify and guard against price volatility should ensure continued growth for this Andean economy.

The biomedical industry, which includes biopharmaceuticals, genomics and stem cell therapies, and medical devices, is among the fastest growing worldwide. While it has been an economic development target of many national governments, Asia is currently on track to reach the epicenter of this growth. What accounts for the rapid and sustained economic growth of biomedical in Asia? To answer this question, Kathryn Iyata-Arens integrates global and national data with original fieldwork to present a conceptual framework that considers how national governments have managed key factors, like innovative capacity, government policy, and firm-level strategies. Taking China, India, Japan, and Singapore in turn, she compares each country's underlying competitive advantages. What emerges is an argument that countries pursuing networked technonationalism (NTN) effectively upgrade their capacity for innovation and encourage entrepreneurial activity in targeted industries. In contrast to countries that engage in classic technonationalism—like Japan's developmental state approach—networked technonationalists are global minded to outside markets, while remaining nationalistic within the domestic economy. By bringing together aggregate data at the global and national level with original fieldwork and drawing on rich cases, Iyata-Arens telegraphs implications for innovation policy and entrepreneurship strategy in Asia—and beyond.

Since 1995, Freedom House's Nations in Transit series has monitored the status of democratic change from Central Europe to Eurasia, pinpointing the region's greatest reform opportunities and challenges for the benefit of policymakers, researchers, journalists, and democracy advocates alike.

This report is a descriptive review of the excellent trade promotion services offered by public agencies in 10 select countries. The report shares their experience and contributions to international best practice, as well as promotes conversation on the topic of trade support. Case Studies featured: • Singapore: a model state for the discussion of trade promotion activities and the degree to which they can mesh with and serve national economic goals, as well as support successful innovation • Hong Kong: one of the world's freest economies and its TPOs reflect this with their light-handed touch to trade promotion and strong focus on facilitation • Taiwan: an integral cog in international supply chains and offers trade support that is highly focused on market development and business matching • Germany: home to world-beating exporters and a well-developed trade promotion network offering a breadth and depth of services • UK: recognises the integral role SMEs play in export success and its TPOs offer a range of services to support their growth • United States: one of the world's most competitive economies and a case study in fostering partnerships to drive export growth • Canada: similar to the US in the close collaboration its TPOs enjoy with businesses, as well as the all-of-government approach taken to trade promotion • Brazil and Chile: good examples of sector-based approaches to trade promotion, developing targeted international sectors where domestic firms may enjoy a competitive advantage • New Zealand: a very trade-dependent economy with a unique take on capability and international market development Who would benefit from this publication? This report is published for the benefit of those engaged in any activity related to international business and will be of particular interest to: • Government and industry bodies engaged in providing trade promotion services • Companies engaged in international business • Students undertaking study into International Business, Commerce or related International Trade courses

OECD Food and Agricultural Reviews Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in Australia

Authoritarian Modernization in Russia

Public Policy Making in the Western Balkans

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Regional Competitiveness

The Global Competitiveness Report 2008–2009

Developing and 'transition' economies face myriad challenges in their attempts to achieve and maintain political stability and foster the economic growth essential for national security, the social well-being of

current citizens and sustainable environments for future generations. Governments in the Western Balkans have striven to achieve all of the above, and this volume assesses the nature of their experiences as well as the level of their success in doing so. Featuring detailed case studies of public policy reforms in the region as well as comparative analysis on a range of indicators, the book analyzes the role of key players in setting the political agenda as well as implementing policy reforms. It also distils the lessons that can be learned from the Western Balkan experience, recommending strategies for enhancing the policy making process. In addition, it examines the developmental role played by the full spectrum of policy actors, including the private sector, NGOs, special interest groupings, international financial institutions, donor nations and the EU. Each case study has been prepared by academics with deep knowledge and experience of the western Balkans and addresses a core set of questions: identifying the policy issue and its broader context, defining the roles of specific individuals in formulating policy and reform and assessing the influence of networks and coalitions in the policy making process. With so little detailed literature on public policy making in a group of nations strategically positioned between Europe, Russia and the near East, the detailed insights provided by this volume will be widely welcomed. Our book provides case studies of specific public policy reform episodes in selected Western Balkan post-conflict and transition countries. The focus of these case studies extends beyond the technical aspects and entails substantive examination of the policy actors, constituencies and politics that ultimately shape the policy that emerges from the policy making process. This analysis draws lessons for strengthening the quality of policies, the transparency, consistency, and governance of the policy making process and ultimately for contributing to economic and social development of the region.

Post-Communist Russia is an instance of the phenomenon of authoritarian modernization project, which is perceived as a set of policies intended to achieve a high level of economic development, while political freedoms remain beyond the current modernization agenda or are postponed to a distant future. Why did Russia (unlike many countries of post-Communist Europe) pursue authoritarian modernization after the Soviet collapse? What is the ideational agenda behind this project and why does it dominate Russia's post-Communist political landscape? What are the mechanisms of political governance, which maintain this project and how have they adopted and absorbed various democratic institutions and practices? Why has this project brought such diverse results in various policy arenas, and why have the consequences of certain policies become so controversial? Why, despite so many controversies, shortcomings and flaws, has this project remained attractive in the eyes of a large proportion of the Russian elite and ordinary citizens? This volume intended to place some of these questions on the research agenda and propose several answers, encouraging further discussions about the logic and mechanisms of the authoritarian modernization project in post-Communist Russia and its effects on Russia's politics, economy, and society.

2013 saw the transition of power from the former Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, to Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, his fourth son and second son with Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, a move unprecedented elsewhere in the Gulf but not unexpected in Qatar. With sustained, long-term economic growth, the highest per capita income in the world, a stable and well-capitalised banking sector, a sovereign wealth fund that is of true global significance and one of the largest reserves of natural gas just offshore, Qatar today has many advantages. It is clear that the country is in a strong position from which to continue its robust economic performance, and the years ahead will see a vast construction drive, in line with the principles of Qatar National Vision 2030 and catalysed by preparations for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Oil and gas accounted for around 51.5% of Qatar's economic output in 2013, while developing downstream facilities that add value to energy by-products, for example, has helped build a portfolio of petrochemicals, chemicals and fertiliser companies and looks set to see Qatar's economic strength continue. With more than \$222bn of projects in the pipeline, the construction sector's growth has been forecast at 15% for 2014, while spending on infrastructure is set to reach \$150bn in the run-up to the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Against this backdrop, Qatar looks set to continue offering a wide variety of opportunities for foreign investors. This 2014 Article IV Consultation highlights that India's growth has slowed markedly, reflecting global developments and domestic supply constraints, while inflation remains stubbornly high. Led by falling infrastructure and corporate investment, the slowdown has generalized to other sectors of the economy. The financial positions of banks and corporate have deteriorated. The principal risk facing India is the inward spillover from global financial market volatility. Growth is projected at 4.6 percent for fiscal year 2013/14, and should pick up to 5.4 percent in 2014/15 (at factor cost).

Staff Report for 2014 Article IV Consultation

OECD Food and Agricultural Reviews Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in the Netherlands

The global competitiveness report 2009-2010

Globalization, Southeastern Europe, and the World Economy

Staff Report for the 2014 Article IV Consultation

India

A close-up look at the struggle for democracy in Hong Kong. Hong Kong in the Shadow of China is a reflection on the recent political turmoil in Hong Kong during which the Chinese government insisted on gradual movement toward electoral democracy and hundreds of thousands of protesters occupied major thoroughfares to push for full democracy now. Fueling this struggle is deep public resentment over growing inequality and how the political system—established by China and dominated by the local business community—reinforces the divide between those who have profited immensely and those who struggle for basics such as housing. Richard Bush, director of the Brookings Institution's Center on East Asia Policy Studies, takes us inside the demonstrations and the demands of the demonstrators and then pulls back to critically explore what Hong Kong and China must do to ensure both economic competitiveness and good governance and the implications of Hong Kong developments for United States policy.

The Dutch food, agriculture and horticulture sector is innovative and export oriented, with high value-added along the food chain and significant world export shares for many products.

In the fully updated Sixth Edition of *Understanding Global Cultures: Metaphorical Journeys Through 34 Nations, Clusters of Nations, Continents, and Diversity*, authors Martin J. Gannon and Rajnandini Pillai present the cultural metaphor as a method for understanding the cultural mindsets of individual nations, clusters of nations, continents, and diversity in each nation. A cultural metaphor is any activity, phenomenon, or institution that members of a given culture consider important and with which they identify emotionally and/or cognitively, such as the Japanese garden and American football. This cultural metaphoric approach identifies three to eight unique or distinctive features of each cultural metaphor and then discusses 34 national cultures in terms of these features. The book demonstrates how metaphors are guidelines to help outsiders quickly understand what members of a culture consider important.

This review illustrates the significant progress made by the government of Mauritius in improving its investment climate in recent years. It highlights major initiatives and specific policy

measures undertaken, as well as areas that need further reforms to attract more and better investment.

Proceedings of MAC-EMM 2014

Republic of Azerbaijan

Nations in Transit 2014

The Local Dynamics of Innovation

Bhutan

OECD Food and Agricultural Reviews Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in Brazil

***In the modern globalized economy, it is important for businesses of all sizes to take advantage of the opportunity to enter diverse markets around the world. Through an international presence, organizations can remain competitive. The Handbook of Research on Global Business Opportunities combines comprehensive viewpoints and research on various business enterprises from around the world in companies of all sizes and models, discussing different aspects and concerns in the global business environment such as corruption, taxation, supply chain management, and economic impacts. This handbook is an essential reference source for business executives from both large and small firms, business scholars, researchers, academics, students, and professionals.***

***This book explores the key economic issues facing Southeastern Europe and Bosnia and Herzegovina, within the context of the serious challenges that the global economy has faced in recent years. The book combines rigorous analysis of the issues faced by the region with a constructive approach to identifying solutions for a positive future trajectory. The book starts by exploring the economic challenges facing the world economy both before and during the global economic crisis. The second part of the volume focuses on south-eastern Europe, and especially on the Western Balkans, assessing the best ways of achieving a positive economic future for small open economies in the region. The final part of the volume examines the economic challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The final section examines the economic challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina, arguing that it is most useful to view the country within the context of the regional and global economies. The book will be extremely useful for scholars working on European Economics, transition economics, and the global economy and the financial crisis.***

***This report assesses the elaboration and implementation of SME policy in eight Middle East and North African economies of the southern Mediterranean shore.***

***Australia's agriculture and food industries are well placed to contribute to the economy's future growth given the robust prospects of global food demand and the continuing high international competitiveness of these sectors.***

***Budgeting for Sustainability***

***Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe***

***SME Policy Index: The Mediterranean Middle East and North Africa 2014 Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe***

***An Approach for American Policy-Making***

***The Fourth Industrial Revolution***

***Selected Issues***

***This book offers a comprehensive assessment of the innovation system of Viet Nam, focusing on the role of government and providing concrete recommendations on how to improve policies that affect innovation and R&D performance.***

***This Selected Issues paper discusses benefits of boosting quality public infrastructure spending in Romania. Since the financial crisis, fiscal and current account deficits have been tackled, but the infrastructure deficit has widened. Quality public investment in infrastructure can boost domestic demand and potential GDP growth, particularly in low growth environments. The IMF staff simulations employing the European Union's production function methodology show significant growth benefits from higher quality infrastructure spending. As a result of higher investment, real GDP would increase by about 1 percent initially with the impact peaking in 2025.***

***The Business Environment of Europe is the first textbook to provide a complete overview of Europe's business landscape, examining the region's diverse economies and government policies within historical, political, and cultural contexts. This well-researched text examines the European Union and select European nations, and leads students to a full understanding of the structure and dynamics of specific industries, the impact of globalization on European companies, and the future challenges facing the region's business environment. Numerous tables, maps, figures, case studies and chapter-specific bibliographies support students with little background knowledge of the subject, and lead them to total mastery of the material. Ideal for business students seeking background on the historical and cultural foundations of European business, and for international studies students seeking specific information on European governments, policies and economics, this***

**introductory textbook provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary overview of the subject.**

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**Handbook of Research on Global Business Opportunities**

**The Report: Panama 2014**

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**Ideas, Institutions, and Policies**

**The Report: Oman 2014**

**OECD Reviews of Innovation Policy Science, Technology and Innovation in Viet Nam**

Between the 18th and 19th centuries, Britain experienced massive leaps in technological, scientific, and economical advancement

Living with the Leviathan

Global Innovation Index 2020

Beyond Technonationalism