Regulatory Quality

Regulatory quality captures perceptions of the ability of the government to formulate and implement sound policies and regulations that permit and promote private sector development. This table lists the individual variables from each data source used to construct this measure in the Worldwide Governance Indicators

Representative Sources

EIU Unfair competitive practices

Price controls

Discriminatory tariffs

Excessive protections

Discriminatory taxes

GCS Burden of government regulations

Effect of taxation on incentives to invest

Effect of taxation on incentives to work

Prevalence of non-tariff barriers

Intensity of local competition

Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy

Stringency of environmental regulations

HER Investment freedom

Financial freedom

IPD Ease of starting a business governed by local law?

Ease of setting up a subsidiary for a foreign firm?

Share of administered prices

Does the State subsidize commodity prices (i.e. food and other essential goods, excluding oil)?

Does the State subsidize the price of petrol at the pumps?

the narrow constraints of the market)... related to the administration (red tape etc.)

constraints of the market)... related to the practices of already established competitors

Efficiency of competition regulation in the market sector (excluding financial sector)

PRS Investment profile

WMO Regulatory burden. The risk that normal business operations become more costly due to the regulatory environment. This includes regulatory compliance and bureaucratic inefficiency and/or opacity. Regulatory burdens vary across sectors so scoring should give greater weight to sectors contributing the most to the economy.

Tax inconsistency. Tax inconsistency also captures the risk that fines and penalties will be levied for non-compliance with a tax code that appears disproportionate or manipulated for political ends.

Non-representative Sources

ADB Reggional integration

Trade policy

Business regulatory environment

ASD Trade policy

Business regulatory environment

BPS How problematic are labor regulations for the growth of your business?

How problematic are tax regulations for the growth of your business?

How problematic are customs and trade regulations for the growth of your business?

BTI Market organization

IFD Enabling conditions for rural financial services development

Investment climate for rural businesses

Access to agricultural input and product markets

Trade policy

PIA Business regulatory environment

Trade policy

WCY Protectionism does not impair the conduct of your business

Competition legislation is efficient in preventing unfair competition

Capital markets (foreign and domestic) are easily accessible

Foreign investors are free to acquire control in domestic companies

Public sector contracts are sufficiently open to foreign bidders

Real personal taxes do not discourage people from working or seeking advancement

Labor regulations (hiring/firing practices, minimum wages, etc.) do not hinder business activities

Subsidies do not distort fair competition and economic development

WJP Factor 6: Regulatory enforcement

Code Data Source Name

ADB African Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments

AFR Afrobarometer

ASD Asian Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments

BPS Business Enterprise Environment Survey
BTI Bertelsmann Transformation Index

CCR Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads

EBR European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Transition Report

EIU Economist Intelligence Unit Riskwire & Democracy Index FRH Freedom House GCB Transparency International Global Corruption Barometer Survey GCS World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report GII Global Integrity Index **GWP** Gallup World Poll HER Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom HUM Cingranelli Richards Human Rights Database and Political Terror Scale IFAD Rural Sector Performance Assessments IFD iJET Country Security Risk Ratings IJT IPD Institutional Profiles Database IRP IREEP African Electoral Index LBO Latinobarometro

MSI International Research and Exchanges Board Media Sustainability Index

OBI International Budget Project Open Budget Index

PIA World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments PRC Political Economic Risk Consultancy Corruption in Asia Survey PRS Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide

RSF Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index US State Department Trafficking in People report TPR VAB Vanderbilt University Americas Barometer

VDM Varieties of Democracy Project

WCY Institute for Management and Development World Competitiveness Yearbook

WJP World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

WMO Global Insight Business Conditions and Risk Indicators