

# doing business in Djibouti



country profile	
<b>government structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive:</b> The president is chief of state, directly elected by absolute majority popular vote for a five-year term and is eligible for a third term. The prime minister is the head of government. Cabinet is appointed by the prime minister.</li> <li>• <b>Legislative:</b> Djibouti has a unicameral National Assembly.</li> <li>• <b>Judicial:</b> The highest court is the Supreme Court. Subordinate courts include the High Court of Appeal, five Courts of First Instance, customary courts and the State Court.</li> <li>• <b>Next presidential elections:</b> 2021</li> </ul>
<b>economic data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominal GDP (USD billions): 2.29</li> <li>• GDP per capita (USD): 2 186.95</li> <li>• Inflation rate (% change): 3.00</li> <li>• Government revenue (% of GDP): 29.88</li> <li>• Government gross debt (% of GDP): 26.92</li> </ul> <p>*Source: IMF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economy of Djibouti is largely driven by the trade and service sector because of Djibouti's strategic location as a Deepwater port on the Red Sea. Mineral deposits such as gold, clay, granite, limestone, marble, salt, diatomite, gypsum, pumice, and petroleum can be found in Djibouti with commercial exploitation yet to be determined.</li> <li>• Djibouti's main export partners are Ethiopia, Somalia, Qatar, Brazil, Yemen, and the United States. The main export commodities include re-exports, hides and skins, and scrap metal.</li> <li>• Djibouti's main import partners are the United Arab Emirates, France, Saudi Arabia, China, Ethiopia, and Yemen. The main import commodities include foods, beverages, transport equipment, chemicals, petroleum products, and clothing.</li> </ul>
<b>risk ratings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Economic Forum Global competitive index (2017-2018): N/A</li> <li>• World Bank ease of doing business (2018): 154/190</li> <li>• Corruption perception index (2017): 122/176</li> </ul>

international treaties and memberships	
<b>international and regional organisations and customs unions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Caribbean and Pacific</li> <li>• African Development Bank</li> <li>• African Union</li> <li>• Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development</li> <li>• Arab League</li> <li>• Arab Monetary Fund</li> <li>• Common Market for East and Southern Africa</li> <li>• Community of Sahel-Saharan States</li> <li>• European Union</li> <li>• Inter-Governmental Authority on Development</li> <li>• International Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> <li>• International Development Bank</li> <li>• International Finance Corporation</li> <li>• International Monetary Fund</li> <li>• Organisation of the Islamic Conference</li> <li>• World Bank</li> <li>• Djibouti receives preferential treatment under the agreements listed here: <a href="http://ptadb.wto.org/Country.aspx?code=262">http://ptadb.wto.org/Country.aspx?code=262</a></li> </ul>
<b>bilateral investment treaties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Djibouti has bilateral investment treaties in force with France, Italy, Kuwait and Switzerland.</li> <li>• Treaties have been signed with Turkey, Malaysia, Iran, India, Egypt and China but these have not yet entered into force.</li> </ul>
<b>investment-related agreements / institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Growth and Opportunity Act</li> <li>• Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency</li> <li>• Overseas Private Investment Corporation</li> <li>• World Trade Organization</li> </ul>
<b>dispute resolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (Washington Convention)</li> <li>• United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention)</li> </ul>
<b>intellectual property ("IP") treaties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A comprehensive list of IP-related treaties signed by Djibouti is available at: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/profile.jsp?code=DJ">http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/profile.jsp?code=DJ</a></li> </ul>



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