**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia** 

# Index Simulator for Policymakers in the Arab Region (ISPAR) Introduction to the Platform

Expert Group Meeting

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## Outlines

Selected ISPAR Indicators

- ISPAR Platform Design
- Final word





# **Technology and Innovation**

### Global Cyber Security Index (GCI)

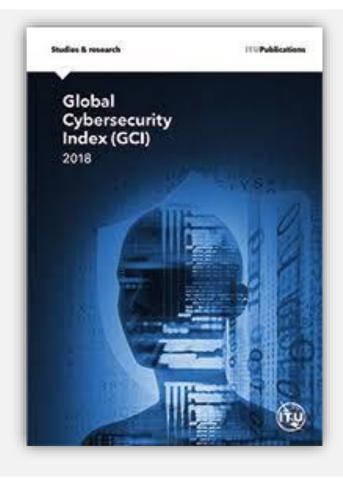
Issued: International Telecom Union (ITU)

Cybersecurity: imperative with the use of digital platforms

**Objective**: measures the commitment of countries to cybersecurity

**Pillars** 

- Legal Measures
- Technical Measures
- Organizational Measures
- Capacity Building
- Cooperation



## ICT Development Index (IDI)

Issued: ITU

Aim: Monitor and compare developments in ICT in the World

Pillars: access, use, and impact

Structure: 11 indicators



### Network Readiness Index (NRI)

### **Developed: Portulans Institute**

Aim: to measure the availability of appropriate infrastructure, skilled human resources, adequate governance and impact on national development

Structure: 4 pillars (Technology, People, Governance and Impact), 60 variables.



### e-Government Development Index (e-GDI)

- Issued: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)
- **Aim**: measures the digital government development (strengths, challenges, opportunities, policies and strategies)
- **Structure**: 3 pillars (Online Service Index, Telecom Infrastructure Index, Human Capital Index)



#### E-Government Survey 2020

Digital Government in the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development

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### e-Participation Index (ePI)

Issued: UN-DESA

Aim: use of online services to facilitate provision of information by governments to citizens ("e-information sharing"), interaction with stakeholders ("e-consultation"), and engagement in decision-making processes ("e-decision making")

**Impact**: to improve citizen's engagement and participation



### **Digital Accessibility Rights Evaluation Index (DARE)**

Developed: Global Initiative for Inclusive ICT (G3ict) - UNDESA

**Aim**: measures country progress in making ICT accessible for all, in compliance with Article 9 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Impact: Allowing persons with disability to access digital devices to enhance socio-economic impact

Structure: 3 pillars, 20 variables (legal, governance & standards, applications)



### Global Innovation Index (GII)

- Issued: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- **Aim**: measures the innovation ecosystem by covering 3 dimensions: innovation input, innovation output and innovation efficiency
- Structure: 80 variables





## Inequality

### Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI)

- Issued: World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Aim: a means to benchmark progress on gender equality. It focuses on measuring gaps (not levels) in outcomes variables (not inputs)
- Impact: create global awareness of the challenges and opportunities of gender
- **Structure**: 4 sub indexes (Economic participation and opportunity, Educational attainment, Health and survival, Political empowerment)



Global Gender Gap Report 2020

Insight Report





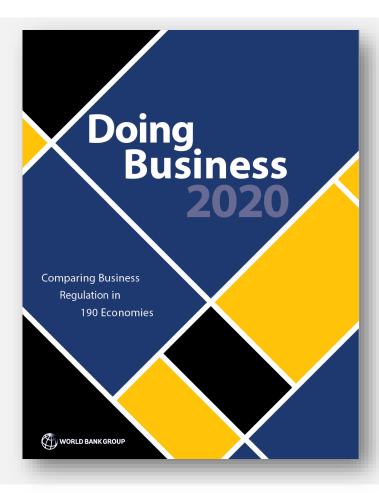
# Economic Diversification and Competitiveness

# **Doing Business**

Issued: World Bank

**Aim**: measures the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it

**Structure**: 12 areas of business regulations (starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency)



### Global Competitiveness Index (GCI)

Issued: World Economic Forum (WEF)

Aim: to provide insights about economic growth

**Impact**: to explore relationship between competitiveness, shared prosperity and environmental sustainability

**Structure**: 4 dimensions (enabling environment, human capital, markets, innovation ecosystem), 12 pillars





## **ISPAR** platform

### How to Use?

Select a country:

Either View its ranking in all covered indicators

Or: Simulate what is

needed to enhance

performance

Index Simulator for Policymakers in the Arab Region

### Facilitating policymaking in the Arab region

through dynamic simulators of international indices



#### Improving policymaking effectiveness

Many Arab countries face difficulties in collecting and producing information about the state of the economy. More coherence is needed within and across priorities and a broader national commitment towards implementation of reforms.

The Index Simulator for Policymakers in the Arab Region (ISPAR) serves as an easy-to-use tool to test the potential impact of specific policies on national ranking against selected international indicators.

Learn more about this project  $\rightarrow$ 

#### Using international indices

ESCWA supports member States in streamlining economic planning and coordination across ministries and partners, and acts as regional policy advisor on the use of international indices for developing effective and transformational policies.

Explore the indices  $\rightarrow$ 

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### **Country Selection**

#### Select a country to get started

















State of Palestine





Comoros



Somalia







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Oman

















### **Functionalities**

## Algeria

View the international index rankings

### Compare with other countries

Read our country analysis

Advanced

Explore the index simulator

### View Scores

Technology readiness and innov	vation			Œ
Global Cybersecurity Index			+	
Ranking	Score	Year: 2018		Algeria <sup>•</sup>
108	0.262			Algeria is an upper middle-income
Network Readiness Index			+	country. It has a GDP per capita of around 3,948 USD (2019) and a HDI value of 0.754 (2020).
Ranking	Score	Year: 2019		Compare with other countries
98	35.3			Explore the index simulator
ICT Development Index			+	Share 💙 🛅 🖪
Ranking	Score	Year: 2017		
102	4.665469274			
Global Innovation Index			+	
Ranking	Score	Year: 2019		
113	24.01079621			
E-Government Developmer	nt Index		+	
Ranking	Score	Year: 2020		
120	0.5173			

## **Compare Countries**

#### Compare countries

Algeria	Lebanon v	Austria
Algeria is an upper middle-income country. It has a GD per capita of around 3,948 USD (2019) and a HDI value	P Lebanon is an upper middle-income country. It has a GDP per capita of around 7,784 USD (2019) and a HDI	

Technology readiness and innovation

#### Global Cybersecurity Index

Ranking 108	Ranking 124	Ranking
Score 0.262	Score 0.186	Score 0.826
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Network Readiness Index		
Ranking	Ranking	Ranking
98	86	15
Score	Score	Score
35.3	41.44	74.36
Year: 2019	Year: 2019	Year: 2019
Global Innovation Index		
Ranking	Ranking	Ranking
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### Simulation

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	2017	2018	Simulator projection				
Rank	37	108	108		Global Details		
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					Developing Economies Ave	erage	0.48
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Select comparison be	enchmarks					Score	0.93
						Global Rank	1
			2018		Lowest Ranked Country	Country	Maldives
			Aspirational valu	e 🛭 Algeria		Score	0
Legal Aspects						Global Rank	175
					Highest Ranked Developed Country	Country	United Kingdom
Cybercriminal Legislati	ion		5.763905325	5.76		Score	0.93
Cybersecurity Regulati	on		6.143293886	6.14		Global Rank	1
					Lowest Ranked Developed Country	Country	lceland
Containement or curbi	ng of spam		4.256410256	4.26		Score	0.45
Technical Measure	25					Global Rank	87
					Highest Ranked Developing Country	Country	Singapore
CIRT, CSIRT or CERT			0	0		Score	0.9
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### **Final Word**

#### Possible use cases:

- Identify the areas that need to be strengthened on national level
- Identify the target value to attain in specific variables/indicators
- Simulate the impact of a specific policy on one indicator (using one or multiple variables)
- Simulate the impact of integrated plan on several indicators
- ,... more to come !





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# Thank You

