



# ITC in Tajikistan

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# Republic of Tajikistan



**Capital:** Dushanbe  
**Location:** South-East of Central Asia  
**Territory:** 143.1 thousand km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 7.917 million  
**GDP:** US\$ 7.59 billion (2012)  
**GDP growth:** 7.5% (2012)  
**Exports:** US\$ 1.35 billion (2012)  
**Imports:** US\$ 3.77 billion (2012)

**Principal exports:**  
aluminium, electricity, cotton, fruits,  
vegetable oil, textiles

**Principal Imports:**  
petroleum products, aluminium oxide,  
machinery and equipment, wheat,  
foodstuffs





# COOPERATION WITH ITC SINCE 2002: key areas of assistance

- Competitiveness of agro-processing and textile and clothing sectors
- Strengthening of trade and business support services
- Improvement of quality management infrastructure
- Assistance in WTO accession process
- Support in establishing efficient public-private dialogue and awareness-building on WTO accession
- Post-accession assistance in implementation of WTO commitments





**Participation of Tajik Artisanal and T&C companies at the "Ethical Fashion Show", Paris, France (1-4 September 2011) and "Textillegprom", Moscow, Russia (27-30 September 2011)**

# RESULTS: SOME HIGHLIGHTS

## Textile and Clothing sector (2009-2012)

### In the assisted enterprises

- 150% increase in export volumes
- 300% increase in production volumes
- 45% increase in employment
- 32% decrease in production waste
- Sector export strategy developed
- The National Notification Authority and the National Enquiry Points on Technical Barriers to Trade and SPS established
- Two laboratories accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025 standard

## Policy advice and capacity building on WTO negotiations (2012 to present)

- Successful completion of the multilateral and bilateral negotiations for WTO accession
- Private sector more confident on implications of WTO accession
- Strengthened knowledge of the opportunities offered by WTO accession





**ITC missions on improving the national quality management infrastructure in Tajikistan**

# SUCCESS FACTORS

- Full alignment with Tajikistan's National Development Strategies and Government priorities
- In-depth needs assessments
- Active involvement of the government, and public and private sector organizations in needs assessments, project design and implementation
- Long-term commitment by the donor
- Professionalism
- Flexibility and responsiveness during project implementation
- Presence of field office in Tajikistan
- Trust





ITC events on Tajikistan's accession to WTO, 2012





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