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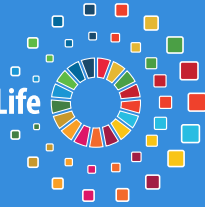


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# Country Profile

## COMOROS



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## Summary



The Comoros was officially known as the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros before changing its name in 2001 to the Union of the Comoros. The Comoros was formed from three Islands after independence from the French Mandate in 1975. The country has a mixed legal system of Islamic Law, civil law inherited from the French Civil Code, and customary law. Since its independence from France, Comoros has experienced around 20 coups or attempted coups d'état.

## Competition



- Comoros has a **COMPETITION LAW, No. 13-014/AU**;
- However, the law **DOES NOT PROVIDE CLEAR DEFINITIONS** of **anti-competitive behaviour**, nor any **coherent methods** of **tackling monopolistic behaviour**.

## Foreign Direct Investment



- Comoros adopted a **NEW INVESTMENT LAW, Law No. 07-010 of 31 August 2007**. A **reform** is being **prepared**, but has not yet been approved;
- **SPECIAL FDI PROCEDURES**, including **enforcement** and **institutions to approve** and manage FDI, are **not clearly defined** and provided for in the law;
- The law **LACKS CLEAR DEFINITIONS** related to FDI, as well as **clear restrictions and/or requirements** for **foreign investors** to invest in specific sectors.



## Anti-Corruption



- The **COMOROS ANTI-CORRUPTION RULES** are provided in **Law No. 08-013 (Transparency of Public, Economic, Financial and Social Activities)**, **Law No. 082 P/A.F** (penal law), and **Law No. 11-027/AU** (Public Markets and Delegation of Public Services);
- The law **LACKS A CLEAR DEFINITION OF CORRUPTION** and related concepts, or any specific procedures to **tackle corruption**;
- An **OFFICIAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BODY** is **created by the law**. However, it is **not an independent body**.

## Consumer Protection



- Comoros has **LAW NO. 95-013** on **Public Health and Wellbeing of the Population**;
- This law is **STILL NOT ENOUGH** to address the **consumer protection** subject and **lacks definitions, procedures, enforcement and specific bodies** and **authorities to handle violations**.

## Main Headings

● Very Strong  
 ● Strong  
 ● Developed  
 ● Moderate  
 ● Basic  
 ● Weak  
 ● Very Weak

### COMPETITION

● **MODERATE**

Anti-Trust and Competition Laws ● Developed

Anti-Dominance and Monopolisation Laws ● Very Weak

Cartels and Anti-Competitive Agreements ● Moderate

Competition Enforcement Practices ● Basic

International Trade Agreements ● Developed

Liberalisation and Competition Intervention  
in Regulated Sectors ● Moderate

Merger Regulatory Regime ● Moderate

Labor Protection ● Developed



### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

● **BASIC**

Banking Regulations ● Developed

Macroeconomic Policies ● Moderate


Investment Regulatory Framework ● Weak

Incentivisation Schemes ● Very Weak

Bi-lateral Treaties ● Developed





<b>ANTI-CORRUPTION</b>		<b>● MODERATE</b>
Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Public Sector	● Developed	
Anti-Bribery and Whistle Blow Laws	● Basic	
Budgeting and Public Expenditures	● Very Weak	
Digital Government	● Very Weak	
Open Government and Transparency	● Strong	
Public Procurement Standards	● Moderate	

<b>CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		<b>● VERY WEAK</b>
Physical Safety Regulations	● Very Weak	
Protection of Consumers' Economic Interests	● Weak	
Measures Enabling Consumers to Obtain Redress	● Very Weak	
Promotion of Sustainable Consumption	● Very Weak	

## Sub-categories

● Very Strong  
 ● Strong  
 ● Developed  
 ● Moderate  
 ● Basic  
 ● Weak  
 ● Very Weak

### COMPETITION

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations) ● Moderate



Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties) ● Moderate

Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities) ● Moderate

International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements) ● Moderate

Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences) ● Basic

Exemptions ● Basic

Accessibility/Transparency ● Weak

### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations) ● Moderate



Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties) ● Weak

Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities) ● Moderate

International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements) ● Developed

Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences) ● Weak

Exemptions ● Very Strong

Accessibility/Transparency ● Weak

## ANTI-CORRUPTION

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	Moderate	
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Very Weak	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Moderate	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Moderate	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Strong	
Exemptions	Developed	
Accessibility/Transparency	Weak	

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	Very Weak	
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Weak	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Weak	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Very Weak	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Very Weak	
Exemptions	Very Weak	
Accessibility/Transparency	Weak	



