SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

QUICK FACTS

- **US$1,530.8 billion** GDP (2017)
- **51.5 million** Population (2017)
- **3.1%** GDP growth (2017)
- **US$29,743** GDP per capita (2017)

FINANCIAL MARKETS

- **2,114** Domestic listed companies (2017)¹
- **US$1,771.8 billion** Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2017)¹
- The value of stocks traded represented **131.4%** of GDP in 2017.¹
- Sustainability-related indices are **provided** on the country’s stock exchange.²
- National sustainability reporting policies are **not in place**.³
- **US$3.8 billion** Green bonds issuance (as of end September 2018)⁴

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- **Not available** Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)⁵
- Climate vulnerability **Moderate**⁶
- Carbon vulnerability **Moderate**⁶

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

- **16.3** Bank branches per 100,000 adults (2016)
- **94.9%** Share of adults with a bank account (2017)

WORK WITH THE INQUIRY

- The Inquiry, on behalf of UN Environment, is working with country representatives to the G20 Sustainable Finance Study Group.

Sources:
MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES

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POLICIES AND MEASURES

- **2012**: Green Posting System
- **2015**: National Pension Service Act 2015 updated
- **2017**: Green Bond Guidelines

Notes: Infrastructure investment gap does not include additional investment needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Membership of sustainable finance initiatives as of October 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Green Finance Progress Report