

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE



REPUBLIC OF KOREA

QUICK FACTS¹

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 INCLUSION¹

- **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.

MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES



7
members



2
members



6
signatories



Member

POLICIES AND MEASURES⁷

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

● Policy and regulatory

● Market

● Hybrid

Please refer to UN Environment Inquiry (2018). [Greening the Rules of the Game](#) for more analysis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Green Finance Progress Report

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.