



Learning Resource Center
Cape Fear Community College
Wilmington, North Carolina

Selected International Business – Finding Country Data

Print Resources:

The World Factbook.

Reference G 122 .U56 2007

Nations of the World: a Political, Economic & Business Handbook.

Reference G 133 .N38 2006

Kiss, bow, or shake hands.

HF 5389 .M67 2006

Bridging the culture gap.

HF 5389 .C36 2008

Global business etiquette.

HF 5389 .M375 2008

Business etiquette for dummies.

HF 5389 .F696 2008

Don't take the last donut.

HF 5389 .B69 2007

Internet Resources:

Business ServiCenter – (A gateway to the official website of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.) Select the “Develop International Business” link on the left frame. Information includes: International trade services, international investment services, seven international offices, and handy “Resources & Links” to websites such as world trade associations, foreign newspapers, North Carolina agencies with international programs, and some commonly used legal documents.

<http://www.nccommerce.com/en/BusinessServices/StartYourBusiness/>

World Factbook – Coverage: Total entities 268, including 193 countries; the remainder are dependencies (such as Hong Kong or American Samoa), disputed places (Taiwan, Gaza Strip), groups (European Union) etc. Data updated bi-weekly by the CIA since 1947. Topics: 146 points of comparison grouped into Background, Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military, and Transnational Issues.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

United Nations Data Division – Coverage: 192 United Nations members. Some data sets cover many years and reflect varying membership numbers. Topics : Agriculture, Education, Employment, Energy, Environment, Health, HIV/AIDS, Human Development, Industry, Information and Communication Technology, National Accounts, Population, Refugees, Tourism, Trade, Millennium Development Goals , Country Profiles .

<http://data.un.org/>

United States Census Bureau – Coverage: 192 United Nations members. Topics: Not topical coverage. This website provides links to each country’s own bureau of statistics, and the US government does not endorse or guarantee the accuracy of representations.

http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_int.html

World Health Organization – Coverage: 193 WHO Member States (United Nations plus one) Topics : Burden of disease, causes of death, life expectancy, mortality, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, immunization, maternal and neonatal care, alcohol use, nutrition, overweight and obesity, tobacco use, water and sanitation, national health care, the health workforce.

<http://www.who.int/research/en/>

World Bank – Coverage: 181 countries served by the World Bank, examined in 2006. Topics: Rates each country in one of four income levels and displays population and lending status.

<http://geo.worldbank.org/>

World Bank’s “Doing Business” Survey – Coverage: 181 countries served by the World Bank, examined in 2007. Topics: Ease of doing business, starting a business, construction permits, employing workers, registering property, getting credit, protecting investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, closing a business.

<http://rru.worldbank.org/businessplanet/>

GlobalEDGE (Michigan State University ‘s International Business Center) – Coverage: Varies on different resource documents. Topics: a clearinghouse of information posted by more than 37,000 registered users. Credentials of members who post their resources on this site are checked by the University.

<http://globaledge.msu.edu/countryInsights/>