

# Perspective on Afghanistan services negotiations in the context of its WTO accession process

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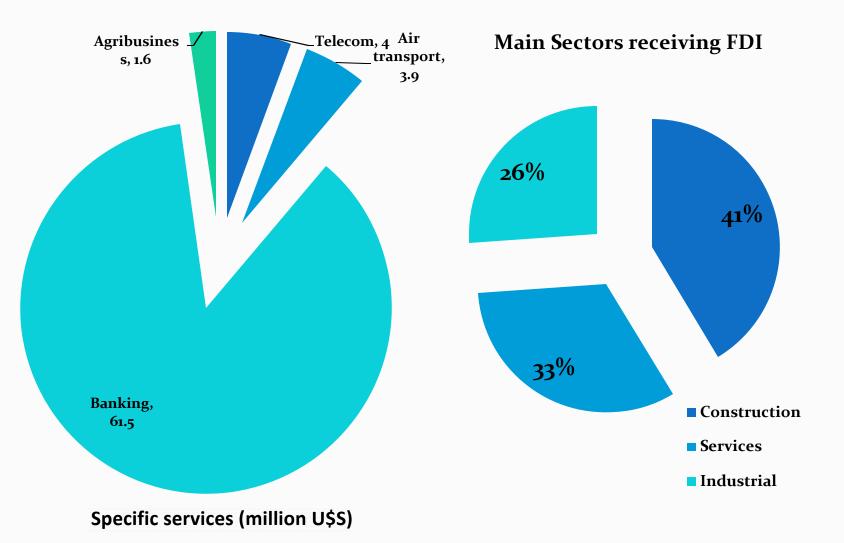
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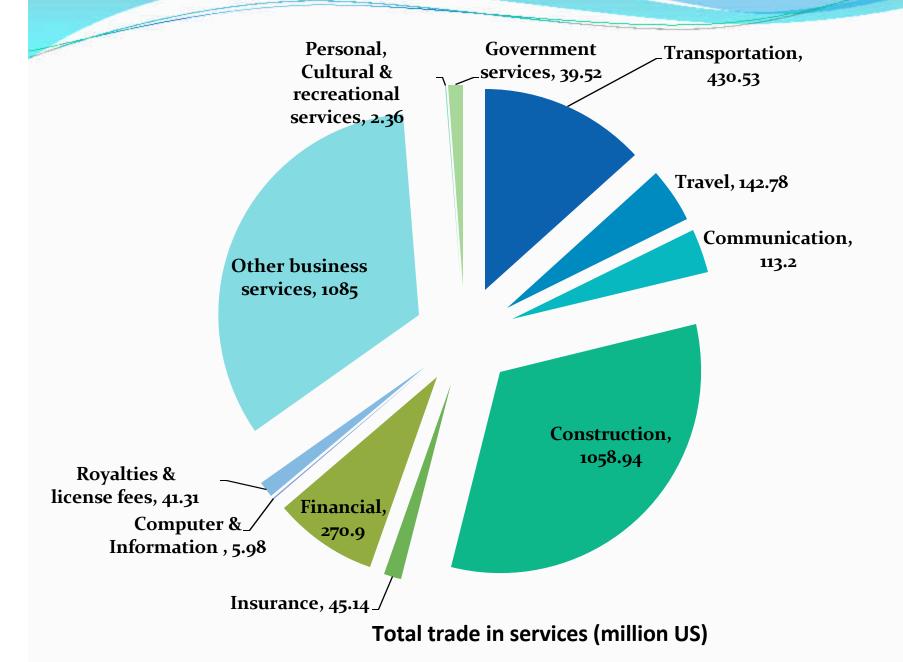
#### Overview

- Services currently account for over 60 percent of global production and employment
- Actually volume of international trade in services is much larger due to unmeasured ways of supplying services and absence of reliable statistics
- South Asia 1.5 billion people, 20% of world.
- Afghanistan population 30.5 million.
- Policies affecting trade in services
- The investment law is liberal

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- Total FDI in Afghanistan reached US\$ 83 million
- The share of FDI is 2.2 % and services 43% in GDP.
- Annual average services GDP Growth rate is 17%.
- US FDI: US\$ 6.5 million. Turkey: US\$ 4.3 million,
  and India: US\$ 2.6 million
- Total trade in services US \$ 3062 million.





## Domestic business efficiency and competitiveness

- The process drives broad legal and institutional reforms that improve the business environment and the competitiveness of Afghanistan
- General policy to promote open and effective competition among service providers.
- Subject to regulation of services via transparent licensing procedures with minimum requirements.
- Reduce cost of doing business, and improve business

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