

2017 CRI executive summary

No country is immune to change, and how a country prepares for and reacts to sudden shocks or long-term trends has a huge impact on the success and welfare of citizens and institutions.

The Change Readiness Index (CRI), by providing an understanding of a country's ability to withstand and capitalize on change, can help key stakeholders — including governments, policy makers, NGOs, civil society institutions, development agencies, investors and private sector enterprises — strengthen a country's readiness for change.

The CRI is comprised of three pillars



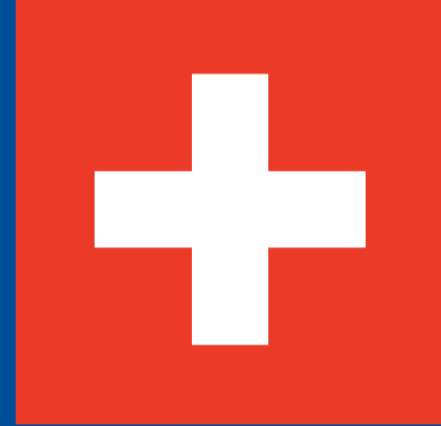
Nine countries were added

- Armenia
- Guyana
- Iran
- Ireland
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Moldova
- Tajikistan



- The CRI now covers **136 countries**
- Primary data includes responses from **1,372 country specialists**
- Secondary data includes **over 125 variables**

The #1 ranked country is...



Switzerland

Ranked #1 for the first time in CRI history
(2015 CRI ranking: 2nd)

Characteristics of top 10



10/10

are high income countries



8/10

are not considered 'natural resource rich' countries



6/10

have populations smaller than 10 million

Biggest movers



Bhutan, Romania and Italy

El Salvador, Cape Verde and Cambodia



Punching above their weight

- Switzerland
- Liberia
- Sweden
- Uganda
- Rwanda



CRI insights



Demographics: ageing global populations require proactive, change ready policies in developing and developed countries alike



Migration: high income is no guarantee of readiness to meet the challenges presented by global migration

Conclusion

The 2017 CRI provides a wealth of insights about the readiness of countries to face abrupt or gradual shifts in economic, political, societal and environmental conditions. A wide range of public and private organizations can apply the data and insights provided by the CRI, for example to: improve government policy, inform investment decisions, build best practice and identify optimal public and private sector partnerships.