04 — JUSTICE AUDIT - INVESTMENT EDITION

Justice performance is part of *the investment environment.*



Examines commercial dispute resolution and enforcement, alongside the predictability and capacity of justice institutions. Identifies justice-system factors affecting investment risk.

WHERE CASES STALL · WHY · WHICH COURTS · ENFORCEMENT · MISSING RESOURCES · WHAT CAN CHANGE

A — THE QUESTION IT ANSWERS

"What lies beneath the country's headline rule-of-law score, and where does the justice system create – or reduce – investment risk?"

Capital needs confidence. Confidence needs evidence.

Investment depends on more than market size, infrastructure, labour and incentives. Investors need confidence that contracts can be enforced, property and assets protected, commercial disputes resolved within reasonable timeframes, and decisions implemented in practice.

B — KEY QUESTIONS

01 How long does a commercial dispute actually take?

02 Where do cases become stuck?

03 How effectively are judgments enforced?

04 Do commercial courts have sufficient judges and staff?

05 Are filing and case-management systems digitalised?

06 Are property and company records reliable and accessible?

07 Do different regions present materially different legal risks?

08 Does the system operate in practice as legislation suggests it should?

BUILT FROM
Justice Snapshot / Justice Audit / Court Audit, as agreed for the assignment

FOR
Development finance institutions, Development banks, Investment promotion agencies and partners

KEY OUTPUT
Commercial justice baseline

C — HOW IT WORKS

From audit to investment

STEP 01
Measure
Collect and validate data on how commercial justice operates.

STEP 02
Map
Visualise institutions, services, case flows and geographic differences.

STEP 03
Diagnose
Identify the bottlenecks creating delay, uncertainty and investment risk.

STEP 04
Reform
Translate findings into targeted, costed and prioritised interventions.

STEP 05
Track
Maintain the baseline and measure whether reforms improve performance over time.

D — WHAT YOU RECEIVE

01 **Commercial justice baseline**
A measured picture of commercial adjudication and enforcement – how long, how predictable, how well resourced.

02 **Subnational risk picture**
Commercial centres, economic corridors and regions where justice institutions perform better – or worse – than the national average suggests.

03 **Action Matrix and time-bound Roadmap**
Prioritised, costed actions in case management, digitalisation and institutional capacity, with responsibilities and measures of progress over time.

04 **A data asset, not just a report**
A baseline that can be updated as institutions and investment conditions change.

E — WHERE IT FITS

	NATIONAL JUSTICE REFORM	FRAGILE STATES	EU ACCESSION	INVEST-MENT	FIRST 100 DAYS
Justice Audit	●	–	●	●	–
Justice Snapshot	●	●	●	●	●
Court Audit	●	–	●	●	●
Prison Audit	●	–	–	–	●

The Investment Edition can combine Justice Audit, Justice Snapshot and Court Audit, according to the commercial justice questions and institutions in scope.

F — WHAT IT EXAMINES

WHO IT IS FOR

- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS
- DEVELOPMENT BANKS
- INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES
- MINISTRIES OF ECONOMY
- CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS
- INVESTORS
- GOVERNMENTS AND JUDICIARIES

G — IN PRACTICE

>30%

Estimated backlog reduction from Court Audit measures in Bangladesh. This example concerns the underlying method; it is not an Investment Edition result.

EVIDENCE INTO ACTION
BANGLADESH

H — NEXT STEP

Examining justice and *the investment environment?*

Every Audit begins with a conversation about a specific problem. Tell us about your context and we will show you what the Investment Edition could reveal.

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