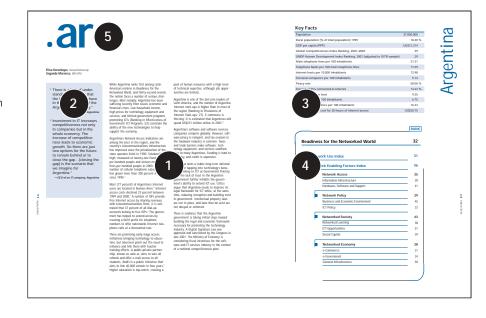# How Country Profiles Work

This section presents a two-page Networked Readiness profile with selected data for each country included in the *Global Information Technology Report 2001-2002*.

To increase the relevance and level of insight in each profile, researchers at the Center for International Development at Harvard University identified (in most cases) in-country experts to serve as coauthors or reviewers. Collaborators come from different sectors and backgrounds, but are united by their profound understanding of the Networked Readiness landscape in their respective countries. Reviewers are distinguished from coauthors by the "with" designation before their names. The country profiles describe the Networked Readiness situation as of the fall of 2001. Obviously, the situation in some countries will have changed only somewhat by our January 2002 press date, but in others (such as Argentina, in which the results of recent political and economic turmoil are yet to be determined), it may change dramatically.

In such short profiles, we do not pretend to have discussed every issue related to Networked Readiness—we have highlighted those elements that have seemed most relevant and noteworthy in each case, and sought to contextualize information and communication technology (ICT) initiatives and challenges within other national goals and interests. In particular, we have emphasized the use of ICTs to address social and economic development goals within each country. Our coauthors and reviewers were invaluable in ensuring accuracy, helping to identify the most important subnational trends and important issues, and in achieving a balanced discussion of both opportunities and challenges for each country.

1 The central component of each profile consists of an executive summary of the country's Networked Readiness situation. Each Readiness snapshot highlights the major trends and events within the country, and makes reference to particularly important elements from the Networked Readiness Index and its subindexes and micro-indexes.

2 Each profile presents two quotations by national ICT and business and policy leaders that lend insight into a country's national Networked Readiness situation. These quotations in most cases were gathered using our Global Information Technology Survey, which was distributed to several thousand ICT leaders around the world in the summer of 2001.

3 The Country Profiles section includes key facts and results for each country that either relate directly to Networked Readiness or help place the discussion in a broader social and economic development context. These facts include GDP per capita, total population, and a country's ranking on both the Growth Competitiveness Index, developed jointly by the CID and the World Economic Forum, and the Human Development Index of the United Nations Development Programme. It is important to note that not all of the listed key facts were considered in the calculation of the Networked Readiness Index and rankings.

4 We include in the profile the country's ranking within the Networked Readiness Index, the component indexes (Network Use and Enabling Factors), the subindexes, and the micro-indexes. The rankings are organized by index, subindex, and micro-index name.

5 In keeping with the development of the Networked Readiness identity of each country, we also have included the top-level country code Internet domain for each country.