

Form: BPSE 2014-IV

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# **Business Perception Survey (Quarterly form)**

### A: Current economic conditions

1. Compared to the same quarter last year, the economic conditions in Aruba have				
Improved	Economic condition:			
Remained the same $\Box$	How the economy is performing, i.e., the level economic prosperity			
Worsened				
2. Compared to the same quarter last year, the activities of your business have				
Improved 🗌				
Remained the same $\Box$				
Worsened				
3. Compared to the same quarter l	ast year, the investments of your business have			
Improved 🗌	Tunnalan			
Remained the same $\Box$	<i>Investments:</i> All expenses made to acquire physical capital (machines, cars			
Decreased 🗌	etc.), human capital (courses and education of personnel), and			
	structural capital (buildings etc.)			
B: 1	Expected short-term economic conditions			
4. During the next six months, the	economic conditions in Aruba will			
Improve				
Remain the same $\Box$				
Worsen				
5. During the next six months, the	activities of your business will			
Improve				
Remain the same $\Box$				
Worsen				
6. During the next six months, the	investments of your business will			
Increase				
Remain the same $\Box$				
Decrease				
7. During the next six months, the	number of employees that work for your company will			
Increase				
Remain the same $\Box$				
Decrease				



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#### C. Employment, profitability, sales and average costs of salaries

Please indicate the approximate percentage change in the following variables, with regard to your company, compared to the same quarter last year.

	Unchanged		Increased b (in percentag				
8. Employment	0.0	<5.1	5.1 – 10.1	>10.1	<5.1	5.1 – 10.1	>10.1
<ul><li>9. Profitability</li><li>a. Profit (if applicable)</li><li>b. Loss (if applicable)</li></ul>							
<ol> <li>Sales</li> <li>Average cost of salaries</li> </ol>							

#### **D.** Future expectations and activities

12. Over the next 12 months what do you expect the annual average rate of inflation to be, based on the Consumer Price Index?

Below 0%	
Between 0-1%	
Between 1-2%	
Between 2-3%	
Above 3%	

13. Over the next 12 months, your business will invest

Below Afl. 1 million	
Between Afl. 1- 5 million	
Above Afl. 5 million	
Not applicable	

14. Compared to the past 12 months, over the next 12 months the prices of products or services that you sell are expected to

Increase	
Decrease	
Remain the same	



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15. Over the next 12 months what do you expect the annual effective rate of financing (interest rate) to be, based on the lending rates of the local commercial banks?

Below 5%	
Between 5-8%	
Between 8-12%	
Above 12%	

16. Over the next 12 months what do you expect the annual rate of economic growth (GDP growth) to be?

Below negative 10%	
Between negative 10% - negative 5%	
Between negative 5-1%	
Between 1-5%	
Between 5-10%	
Above 10%	