

Form: BPSE 2014-III

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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		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					
Worsened					
3. Compared to the same quart	er last year, the	e investments of your business have			
Improved		Townstownstow			
Remained the same		<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.)			
I	B: Expected s	short-term economic conditions			
4. During the next six months,	the economic	conditions in Aruba will			
Improve					
Remain the same					
Worsen					
5. During the next six months,	the activities of	of your business will			
Improve					
Remain the same					
Worsen					
6. During the next six months,	the investmen	ts of your business will			
Increase					
Remain the same					
Decrease					
7. During the next six months, the number of employees that work for your company will					
Increase					
Remain the same					
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		Decreased by (in percentages)		
8. Employment	0.0	<5.1	5.1 – 10.1	>10.1	<5.1	5.1 – 10.1	>10.1
9. Profitabilitya. Profit (if applicable)b. Loss (if applicable)							
 Sales Average cost of salaries 							

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%	