

# The Silk Road Agenda

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**The 19th century belonged to Britain**

**The 20th century belonged to America**

**The 21st century is said to belong to Asia**

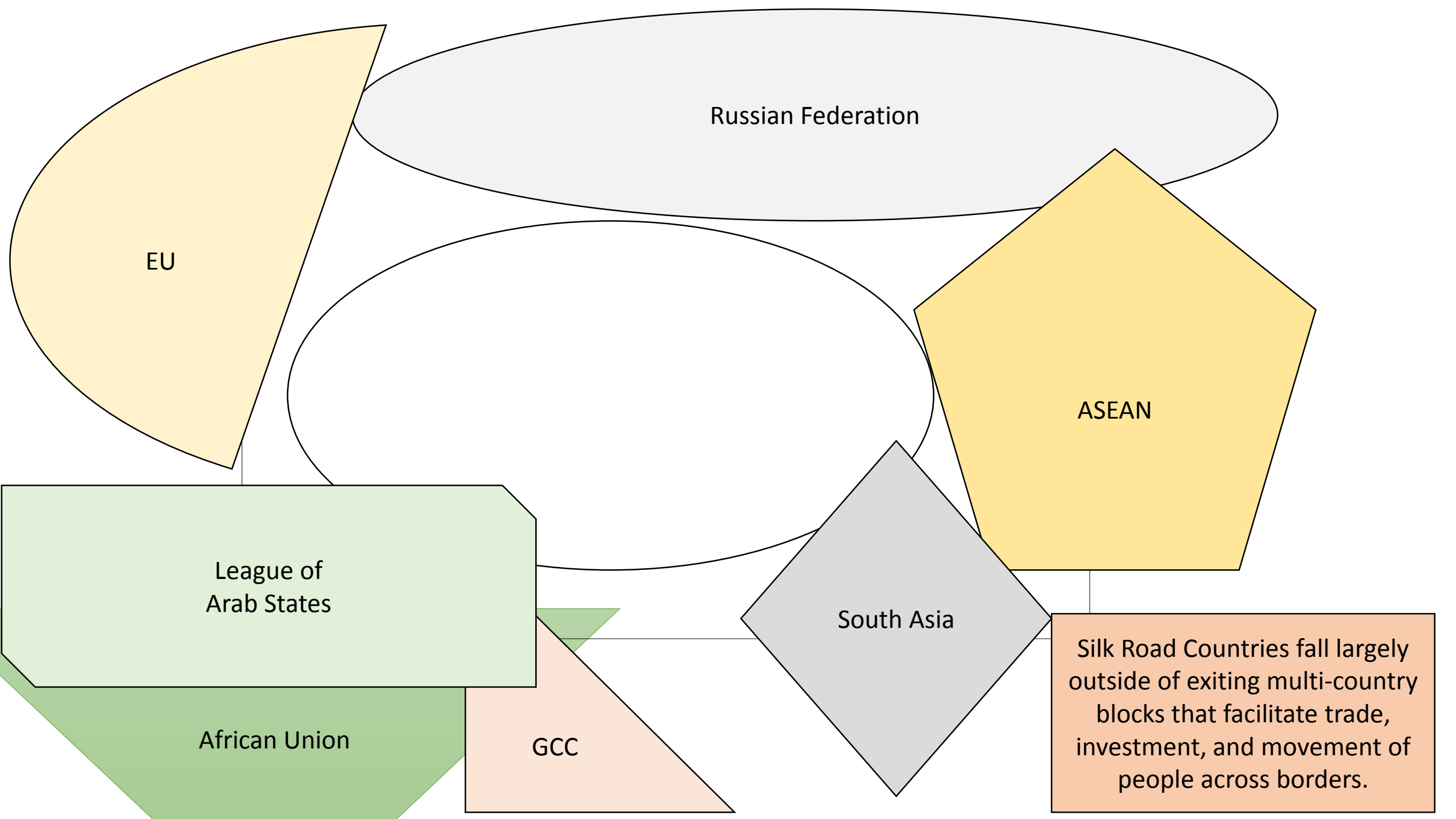


A lot of attention on India and China  
And, less on West Asia

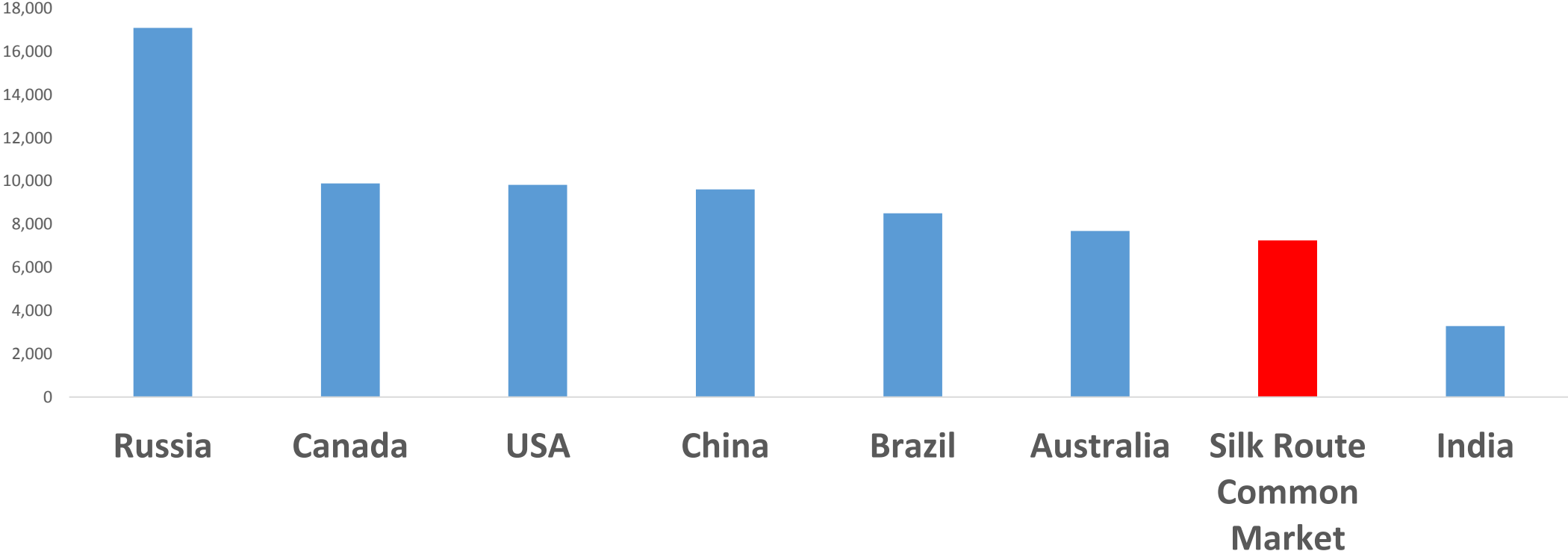


# World's Oldest East-West Trade Route The Silk Route (2<sup>nd</sup> BC-15<sup>th</sup> Century AD)





# Comparative data – Landmass



**The area of the Silk Road Countries is as large as Australia's – 7<sup>th</sup> largest landmass in the world**

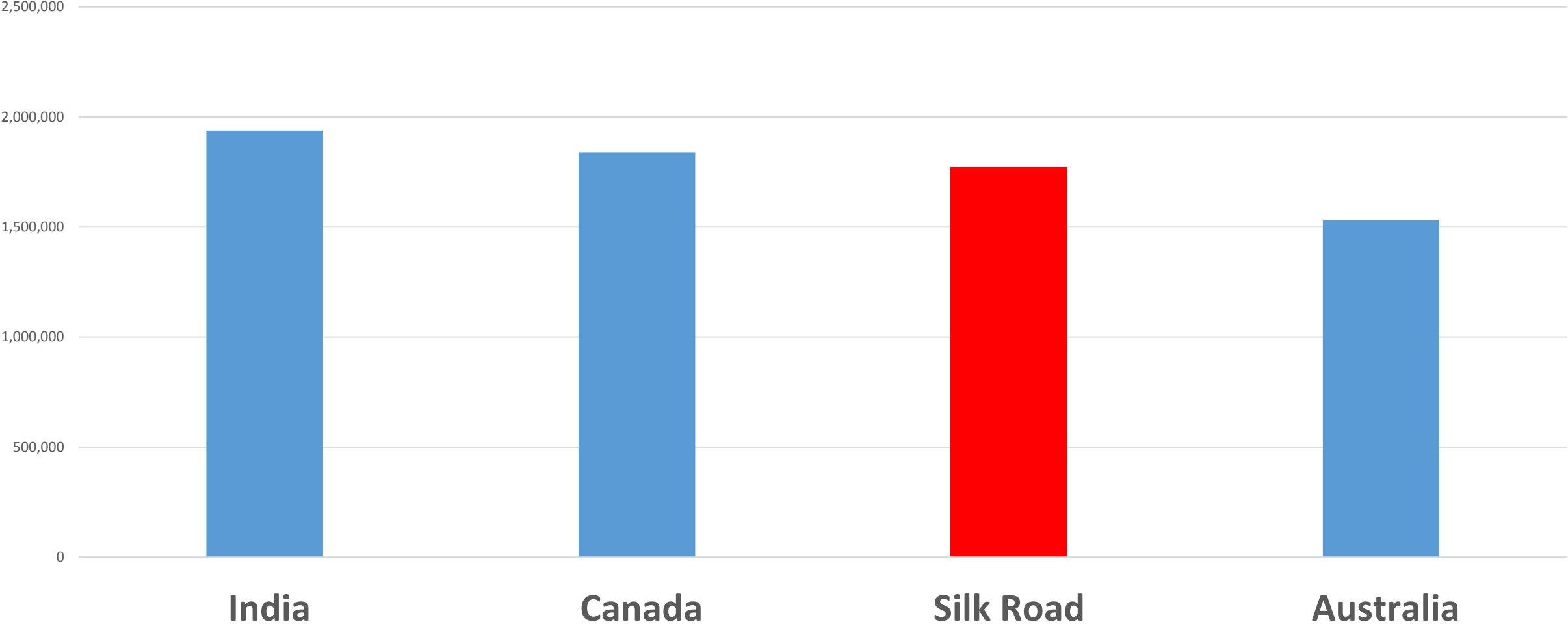
Source: UN, 2013





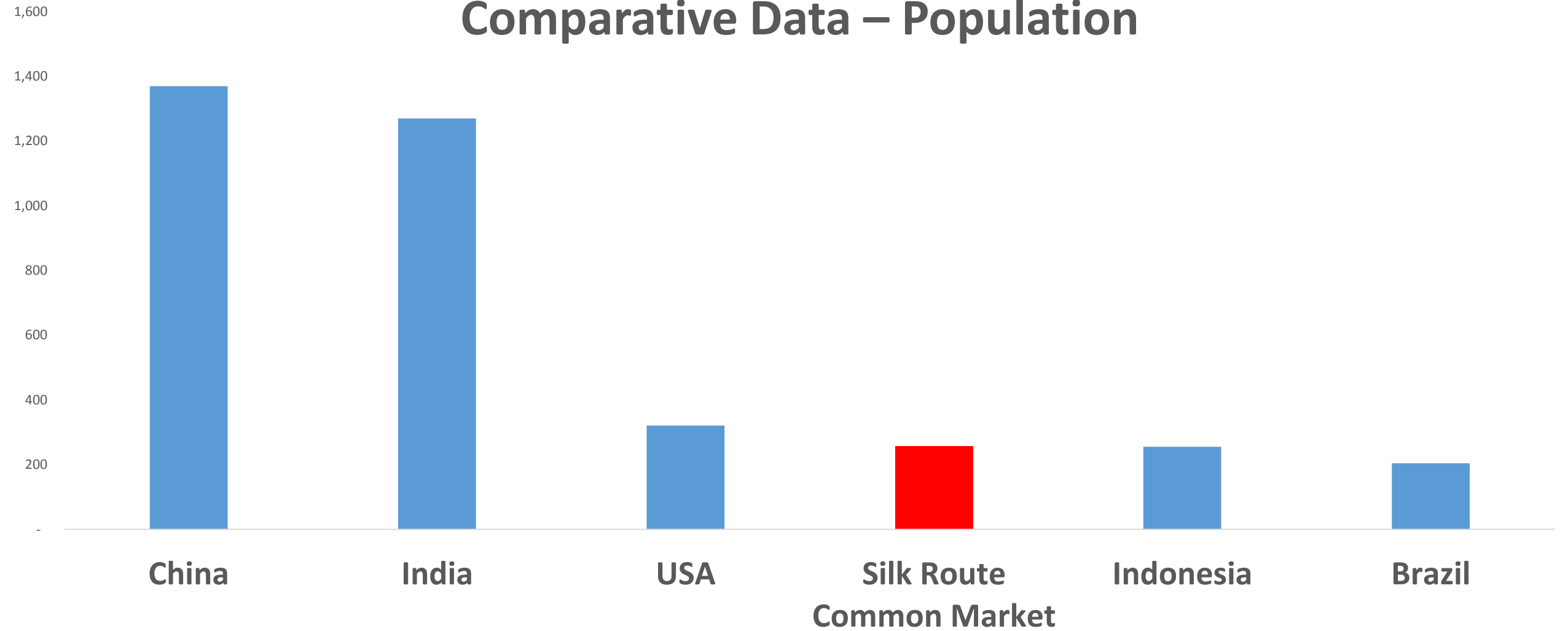


# Comparative data – Economic Power (GDP nominal 2013)



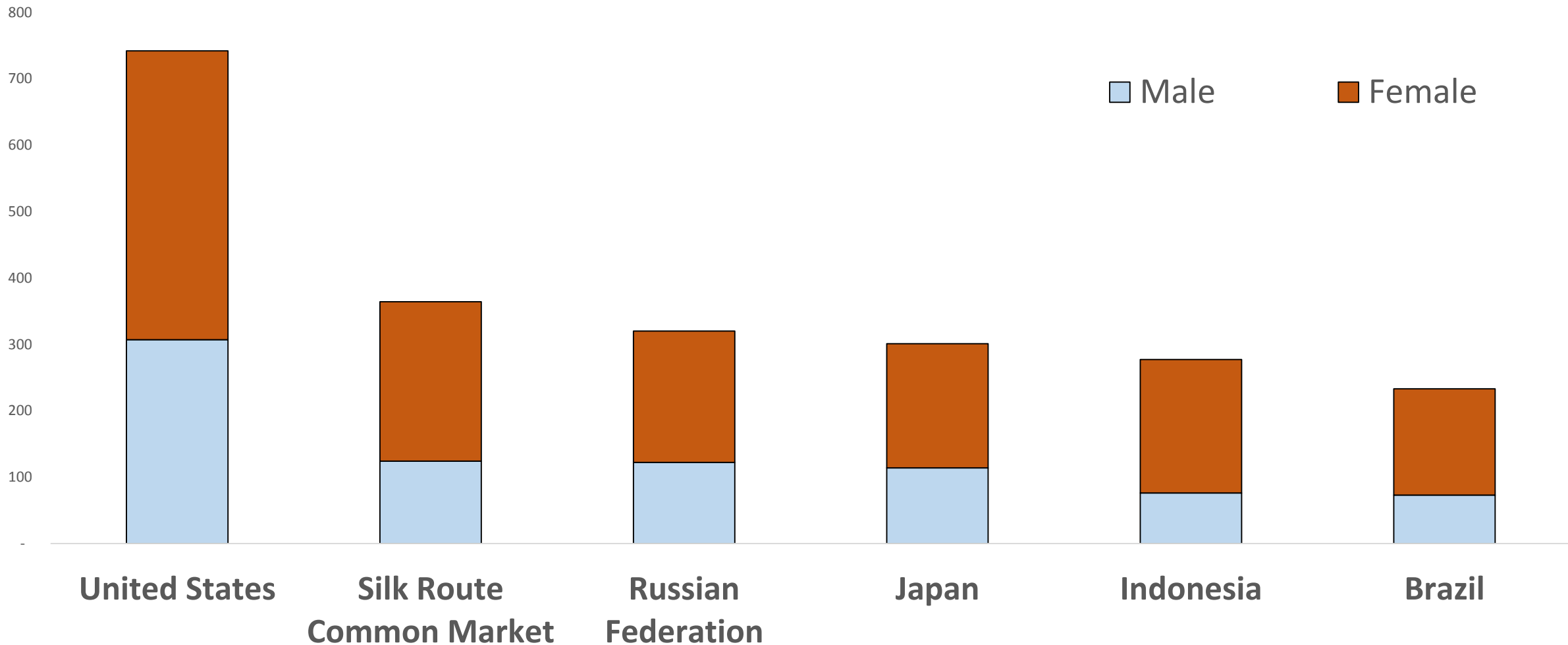
**Between Canada (11<sup>th</sup>) and Australia (12<sup>th</sup>) largest world economies**

# Comparative Data – Population



**Between the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> most populous countries**

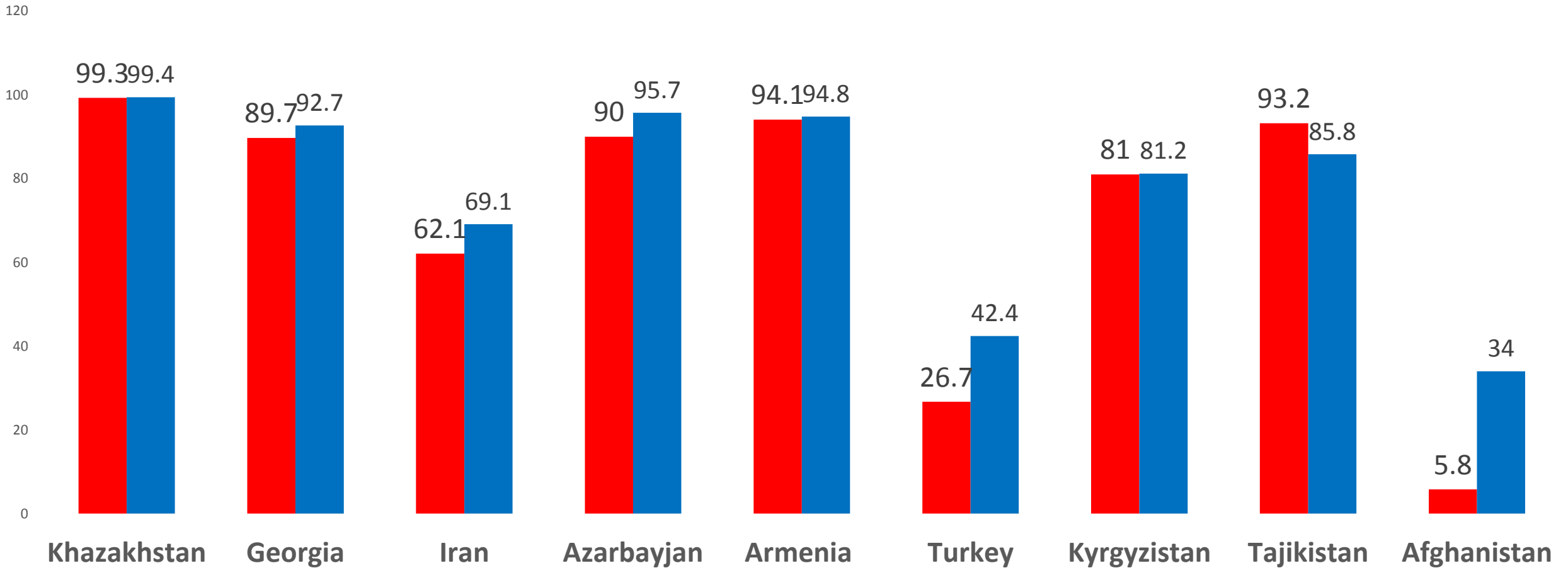
# Available Talent Capacity around the World



# Population with at least a high-school education (USA @ 88%)

Male-Female education

■ female ■ male

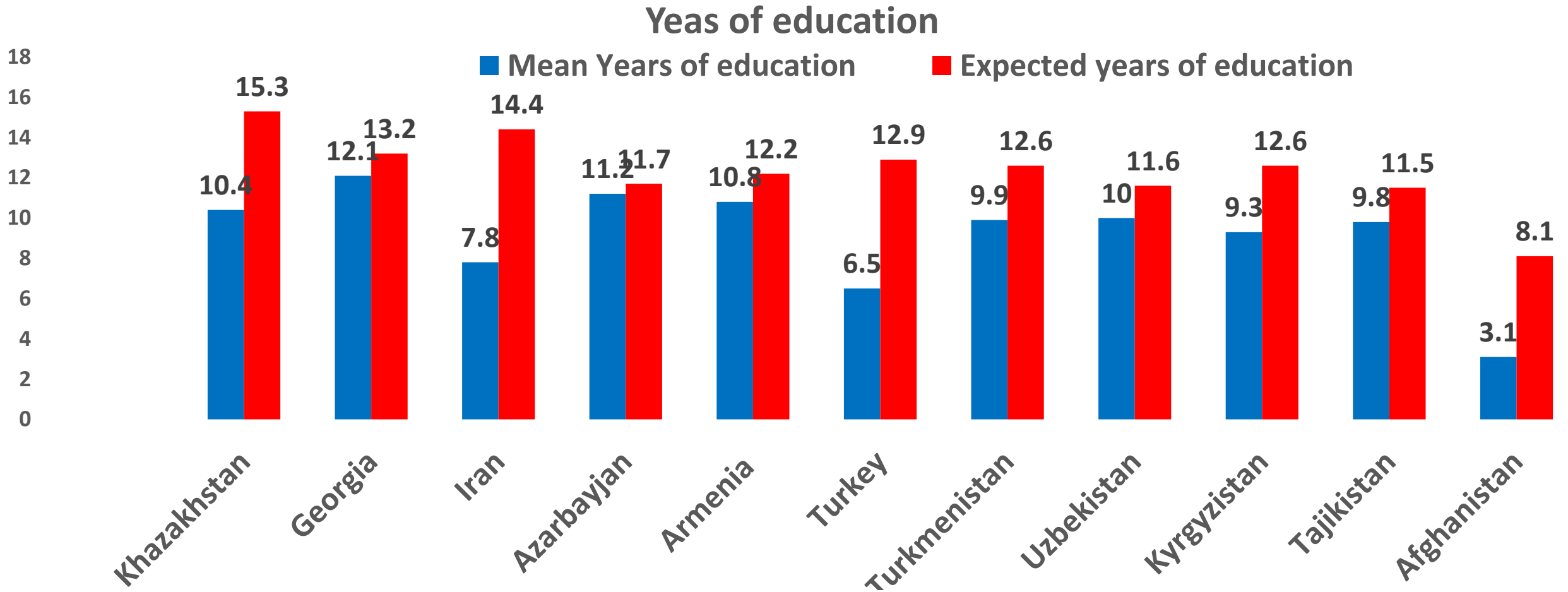


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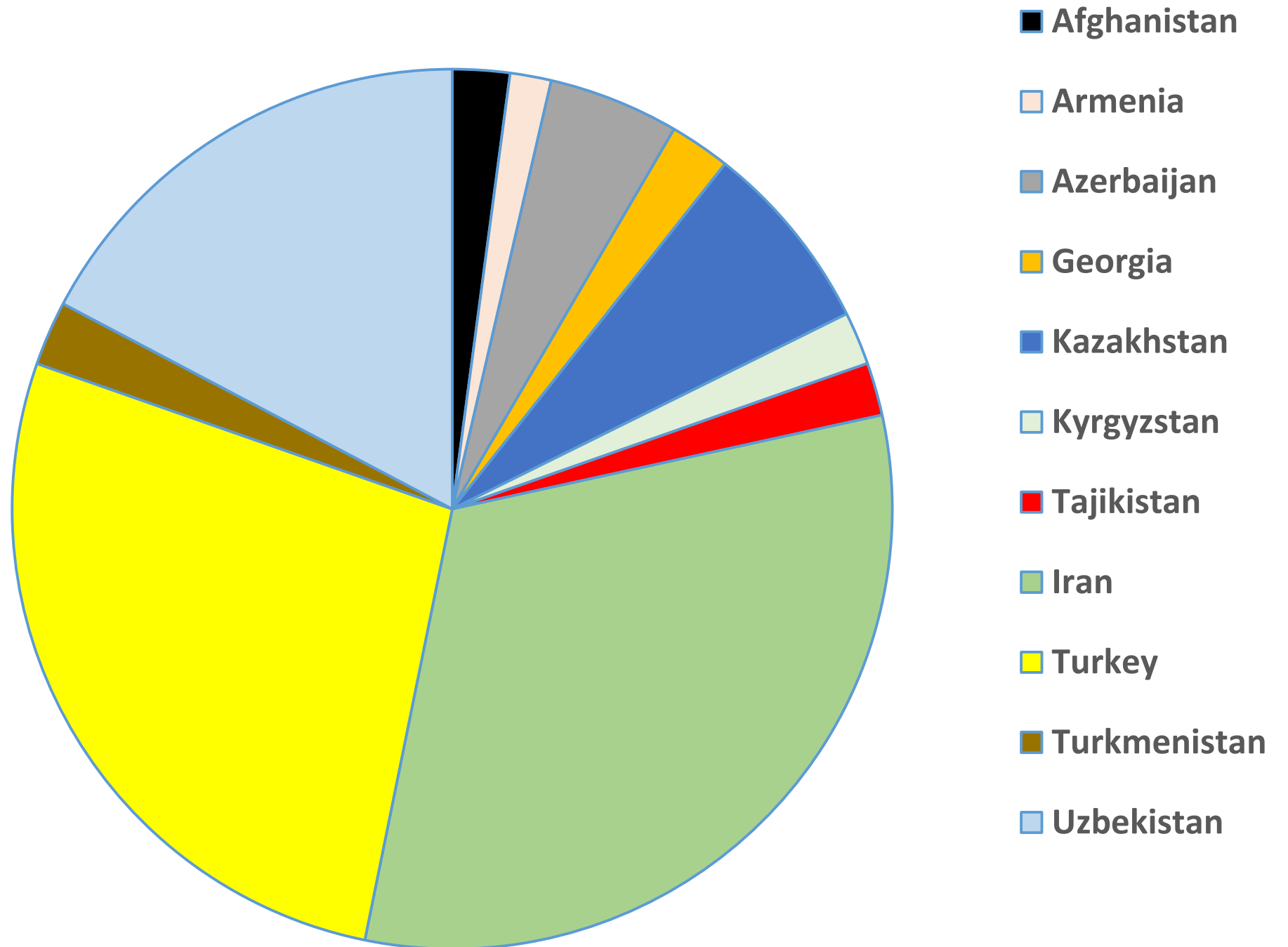
Source: UN Human Development Report – The Rise of the South, 2013

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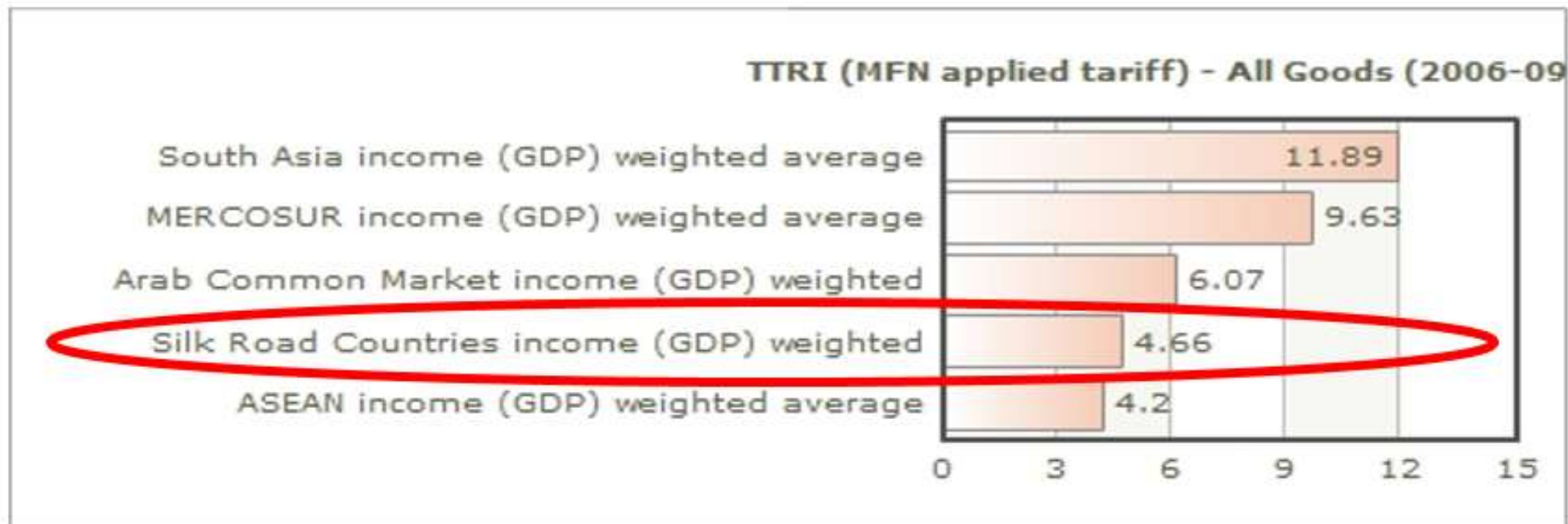
# Human Capital – Generally well-educated with yet higher education expectation



# Talent Pool



# Tariff Trade Restriction Index

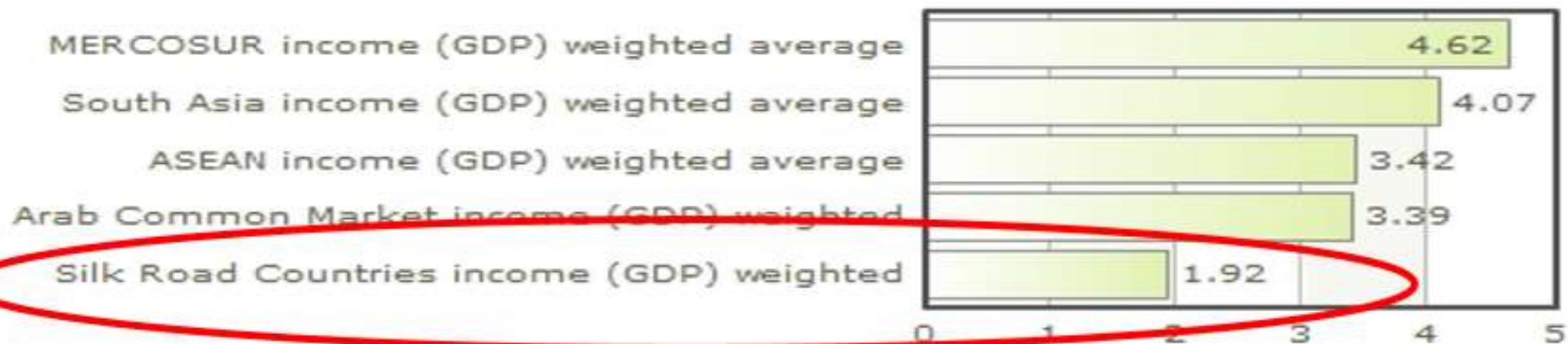


**In comparison with other trade blocks, tariff rates are relatively low. Product level tariffs are weighted by import shares as well as responsiveness of imports to price changes (import demand elasticity); expressed as a tariff rate.**



# Market Access

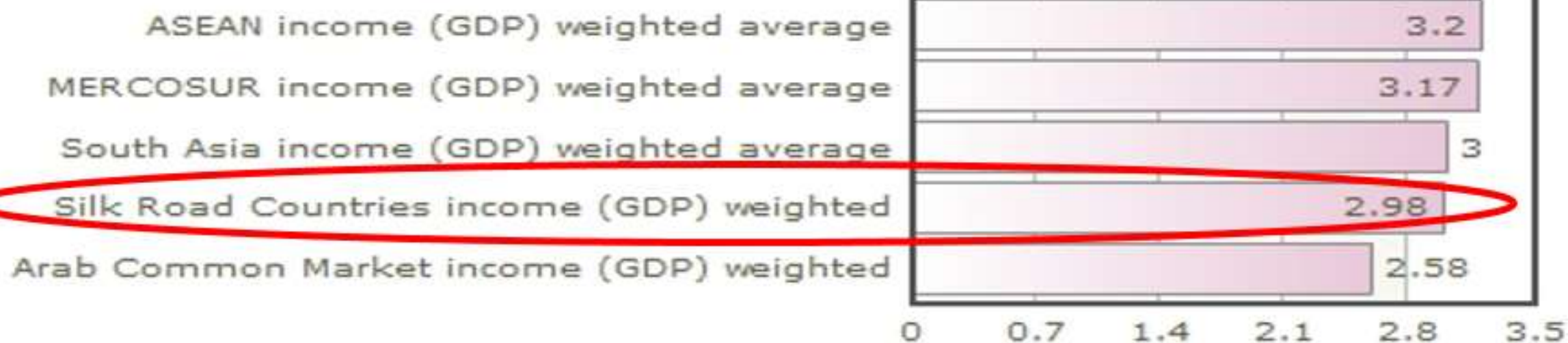
MA-TTRI (applied tariff incl. prefs.) - All Goods (200)



**Relative to other country blocks, the Silk road countries have lower access to export markets.**

# Logistics and Infrastructure

LPI - Overall (2006-09 Latest)



**Index reflects perceptions of 1000 responses in each country of a country's logistics environment. A high score represents better performance. The Silk Road countries, overall, could improve considerably.**



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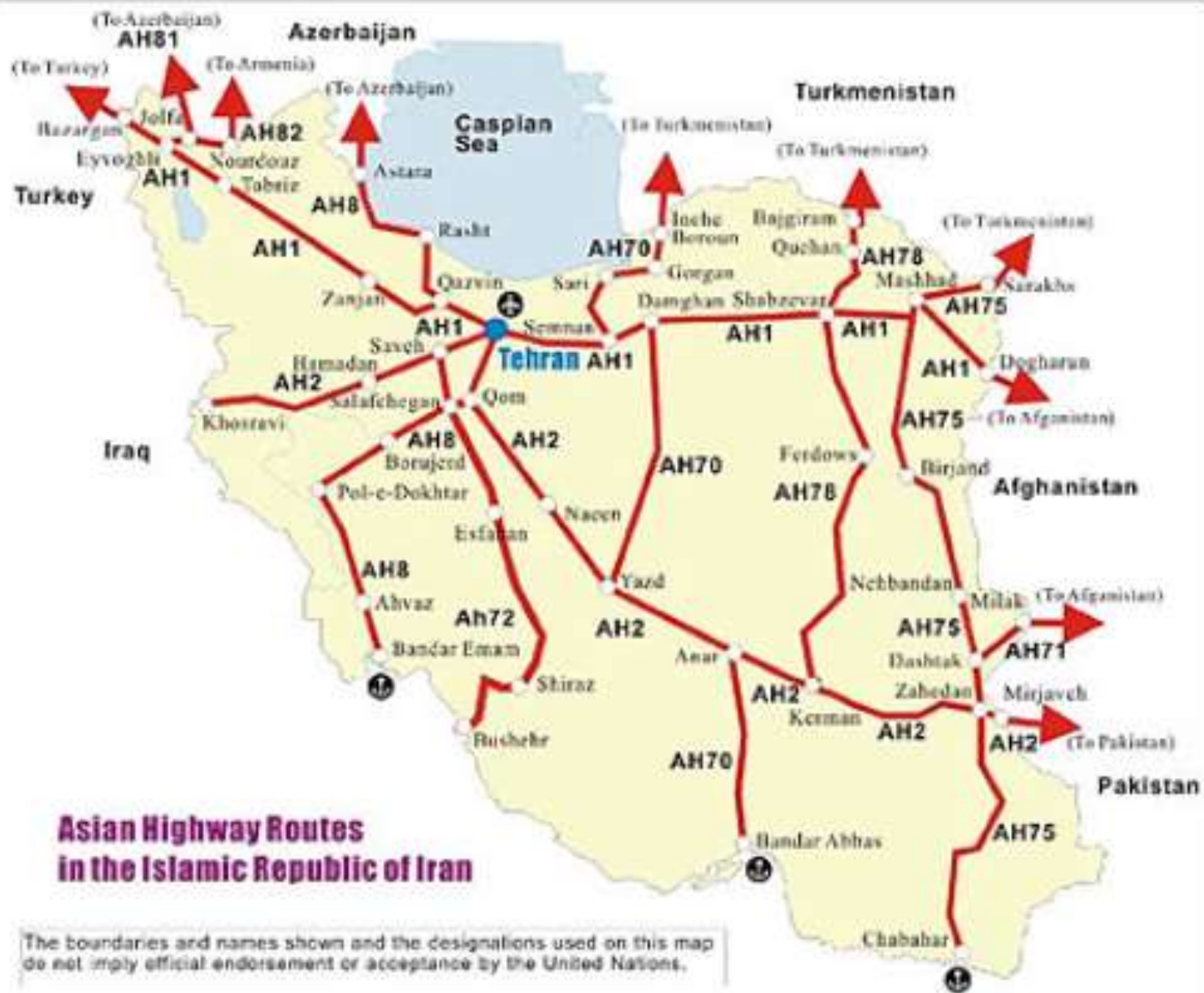
## President Rouhani stresses speedy construction of Chabahar-Mashhad railway

Source: Tehran Times

TEHRAN - President Hassan Rouhani has emphasized the need to expedite the construction of the Chabahar-Zahedan-Mashhad railway, which will extend 1,380 kilometers from southeast to northeast of Iran. On Tuesday, Rouhani accompanied by a delegation, traveled to the port city of Chabahar on the east coast of the Sea of Oman.









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- ۵۱۸۵ کیلومتر طول خطوط محورهای موجود راه آهن
- ۴۱۲۲ کیلومتر اعم از یک خطه ، دو خطه سه خطه
- ۱۶۵۲ کیلومتر طول خطوط اصلی راه آهن معادل یک خطه
- ۱۹ کیلومتر طول خطوط راه آهن دو خطه موجود
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- ۳۲۳۹ کیلومتر طول خطوط اصلی دارای محور اجرا
- ۹۸۱ کیلومتر خطوط در دست مطالعه مرحله دوم (تلفیقی)
- ۴۳۳ کیلومتر خطوط در دست مطالعه مرحله اول
- ۳۴۴۲ کیلومتر خطوط در دست مطالعه مقدماتی
- ۳۵۶۱ کیلومتر طول خطوط اصلی و فرعی احداث شده
- بعد از انقلاب معادل یک خطه

راهنما

- راه آهن یک خطه موجود
- راه آهن دو خطه موجود
- دو خطه در دست احداث
- یک خطه در دست احداث
- ..... خطوط در دست احداث و دارای محور
- راه آهنهای در دست مطالعه مرحله دوم
- راه آهنهای در دست مطالعه مرحله اول
- راه آهنهای در دست مطالعه مقدماتی
- راه آهن دو خطه که یک خط آن رنگداری
- راه آهنهای در دست مطالعه مقدماتی که پیش از انقلاب به انجام رسیده
- راه آهنهای در دست مطالعه مرحله اول پیش از انقلاب
- پایتخت
- مراکز استان
- شهرهای بزرگ
- ایستگاه
- معادن

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The Existing Railroad & Under Construction

# Kicking off a common market

- Improvements of business environment and trade logistics
- Establishment of standards that are acceptable across countries
- Addressing issues of common concern, e.g. climate change, environmental commons, etc.
- Exchange programs for students and faculty
- Selection of one or two sub-sectors to harmonize across borders, such as telecommunications, education, etc.
- Regular meetings and summits at working levels, professional levels, heads of state.

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