

SA GEI Report – February 2018

Survey Period: 1 - 28 February, 2018

Past 6 Months	SA Results					Global Results				
	Increased		Decreased		No Change	Increased		Decreased		No Change
Number of full-time employees	60.1%		8.9%		31.0%	56.9%		13.5%		29.6%
Number of part-time employees	37.2%		7.1%		55.7%	38.0%		6.9%		55.1%
Business revenue	71.7%		8.5%		19.8%	68.7%		13.2%		18.2%
Net profit	64.6%		12.6%		22.8%	61.9%		17.5%		20.6%
Use of debt instruments	33.3%		20.3%		46.4%	27.3%		12.8%		59.9%
Access to capital	46.3%		4.8%		48.9%	32.5%		4.6%		63.0%
	Very Difficult	Difficult	Easy	Very Easy	No Opinion	Very Difficult	Difficult	Easy	Very Easy	No Opinion
Difficulty receiving external funding	8.0%	26.5%	34.5%	6.6%	24.4%	6.8%	20.1%	29.3%	9.3%	34.6%

Next 6 Months	SA Results			Global Results		
	Increase	Decrease	No Change	Increase	Decrease	No Change
Number of full-time employees	55.3%	5.2%	39.5%	64.5%	4.7%	30.8%
Number of part-time employees	37.0%	6.4%	56.6%	42.1%	4.0%	53.8%
Business revenue	81.5%	2.8%	15.7%	82.7%	2.9%	14.4%
Net profit	76.0%	3.9%	20.1%	78.8%	4.4%	16.8%
Use of debt instruments	28.1%	14.6%	57.3%	26.3%	9.5%	64.2%
Access to capital	40.9%	3.0%	56.0%	31.5%	1.8%	66.7%

6-Month Economic Outlook	Improve	Deteriorate	Stay the Same
Regional Average – Predicted change in your country's economy	62.3%	8.4%	29.4%
Global Average	48.4%	13.5%	38.0%

6-Month Primary Business Focus	Improve Profit	Employee Growth	R&D
Regional Average Focus	64.4%	6.8%	12.5%
Global Average Focus	59.2%	14.6%	8.9%

73.5% of 562 respondents reported a willingness to start a business in their current economic environment.

Methodology: The EO Global Entrepreneur Indicator survey examines the current economic market and realities for entrepreneurs and gives insight into their predictions for the next six months. 4,480 of 12,000+ business owners that comprise the Entrepreneurs' Organization's membership responded to the survey. Respondents represented 170 chapters from 58 countries. Participants were presented with 15 questions assessing current and projected economic health. During the survey period 1 – 28 February, 2018, responses were obtained by contacting members within each chapter to guide them to the survey materials. Reports were then issued to each of EO's chapters around the world, based on the responses collected from each chapter's members. For more information, contact Graham Marsden at gmarsden@eonetwork.org.