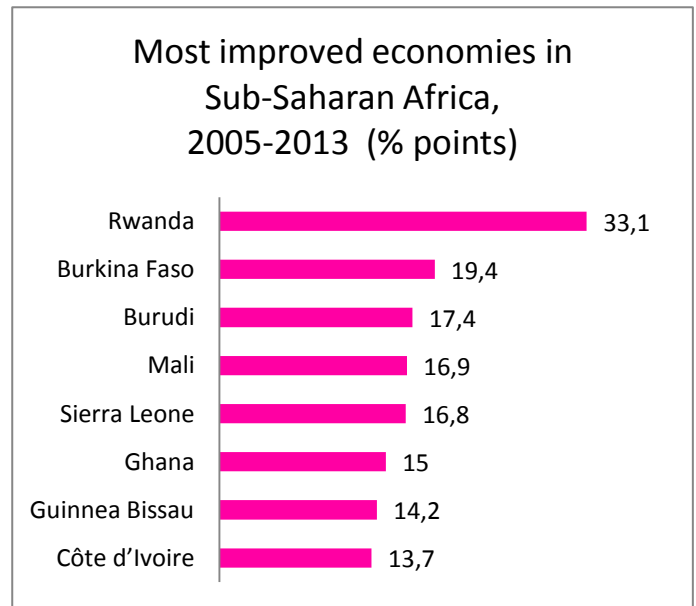




Nearly half of the countries showing the greatest global progress in improving their business environments last year were from Sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan African countries made great progress in 2012/13, representing 9 of the top 20 most-improved business environments globally; other leading improvers include Ukraine, Russia, the Philippines and Kosovo. Rwanda was the top-ranked African country for 2012/13, outperforming Belgium, France and Spain. South Africa, Tunisia, Botswana and Ghana round out the top five.



The Doing Business Report benchmarks 11 areas of business regulation categorized under complexity, cost of regulatory process and strength of legal institutions. Sub-Saharan Africa has shown the greatest improvement in the time required to start a business, improving from an average of 62 in 2005 to about 35 in 2012.

