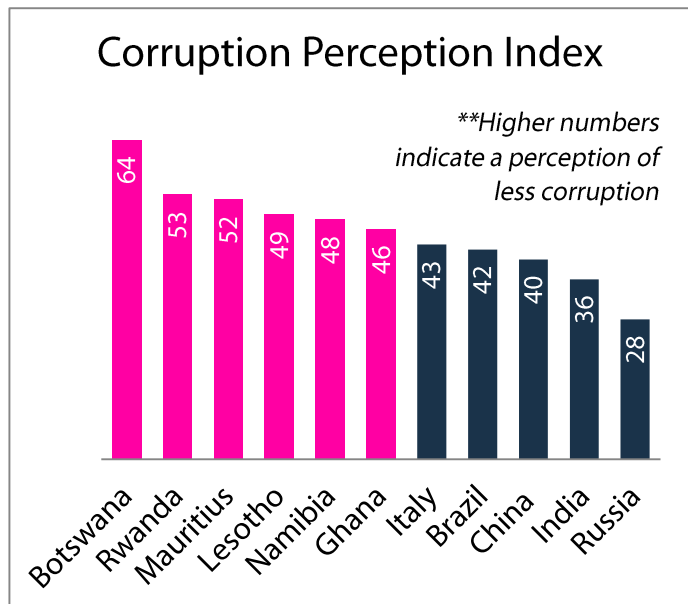




Botswana, Rwanda, Mauritius & Ghana are all less corrupt than Italy, Brazil, Russia, India or China

Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index measures corruption levels in 177 countries based on a scale of 100 – with 0 being the most corrupt and 100 the most clean. The 2013 report found 6 Sub-Saharan countries outperforming Italy and BRICS members Brazil, Russia, China and India.



As one attempt to explain the lower corruption levels for the African countries, we consider the number of (legal) reforms implemented to simplify the process of acquiring construction permits from 2009 to 2013. Sub-Saharan Africa comes second to Europe and Central Asia in this comparison.

