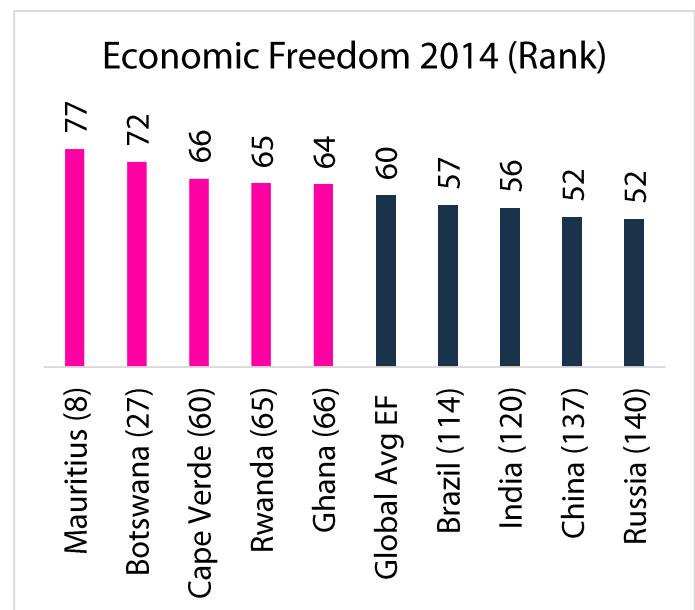


Ghana, Rwanda and 16 other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa provide greater economic freedom than the BRIC countries

Economic Freedom (EF) measures the degree to which citizens are able to control their own labor and property. The Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) scores EF as an index from 0 to 100 by analyzing commitment to the rule of law, principles of limited government, regulatory efficiency and open markets in 186 countries. In Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), Mauritius ranks first (and 8th globally) with a score of 76.5. A total of 18 countries in SSA outperform each of the BRIC countries.



Business Freedom (BF) measures the regulatory efficiency of a country and the degree to which individuals can establish and run enterprises without undue interference from the government. In Zambia, the level of business freedom is double that of India. The first, second and fourth most improved nations in terms of BF between 2013 and 2014 are in SSA. These are Zambia (+14.5), Djibouti (+12.7) and Ivory Coast (+11.8).

