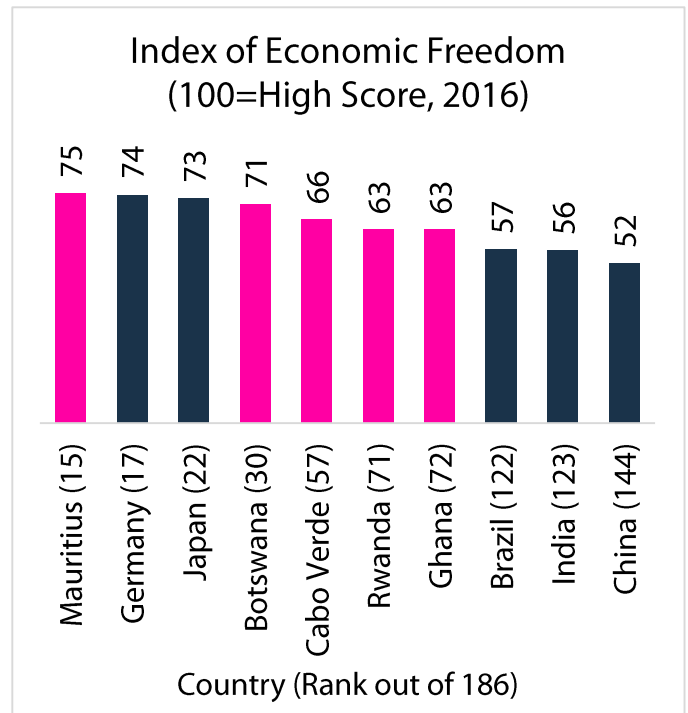


Ghana & Rwanda offer more economic freedom than China, India or Brazil

Mauritius, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Rwanda and Ghana are the top 5 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa on the Heritage Foundation’s 2016 Index of Economic Freedom. The index measures the extent to which individuals from 186 countries have control over their own labor and property in their pursuit of economic prosperity. Compared to the rest of the world, Mauritius ranks 15th beating Germany (17th) and Sweden (26th) among others. Botswana ranks 30th and outranks Brazil (122nd), India (123rd) and China (144th) among others.



The 2016 Index of Economic Freedom is a combination of 10 sub-indices which include Freedom from Corruption and Business Freedom. Botswana’s score of 63 out of 100 in the Freedom from Corruption category makes her the least corruption prone country in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and outperforms Taiwan (61) and Israel (60). As for business freedom (efficiency of government regulation of business) Mauritius (78), South Africa (70), Namibia (68), Botswana (66) and Zambia (66) lead Africa and outperform Brazil (61), China (54) and India (47).

