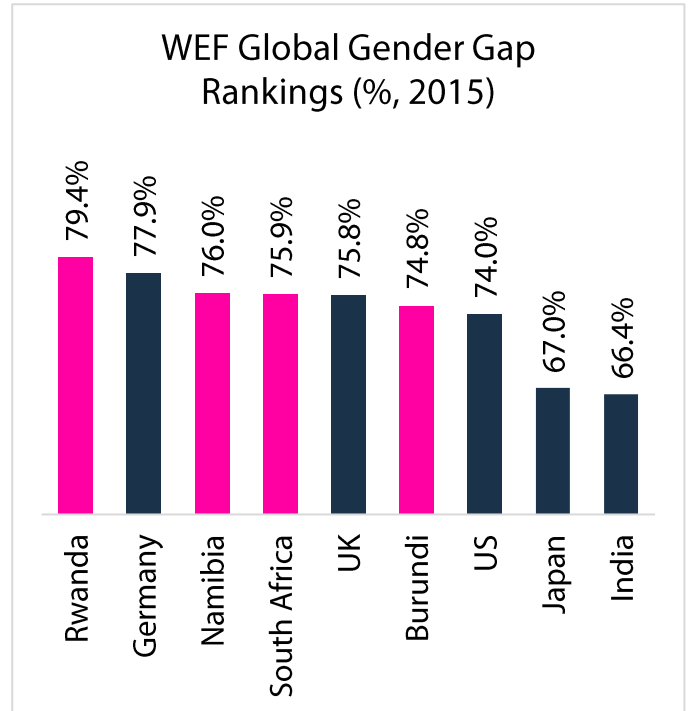


Rwanda outperforms the US and UK in Gender rankings

The World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report 2015 ranks 145 economies according to how well they are leveraging their female talent pool. With a score of 79% Rwanda ranks higher than the UK (76%), US (74%) and Japan (67%). Three other African countries rank highly with Namibia (76%) and South Africa (76%) outperforming the US and the UK as well. Overall Rwanda ranks sixth place globally (a total of 145 countries) on the gender gap index and 8 African countries rank in the top 50.



The Global Gender Gap ranking is based on economic, educational, health-based and political indicators. Health-based indicators measure the gap between female’s and male’s healthy life expectancies and the sex ratio (female-over-male) at birth. Namibia and South Africa are the lead African countries in the health sub-index with each scoring 98%. Among the world’s top 20 countries that offer equal opportunities for men and women, five are African and include Botswana, Rwanda, Ghana, Malawi and Burundi.

