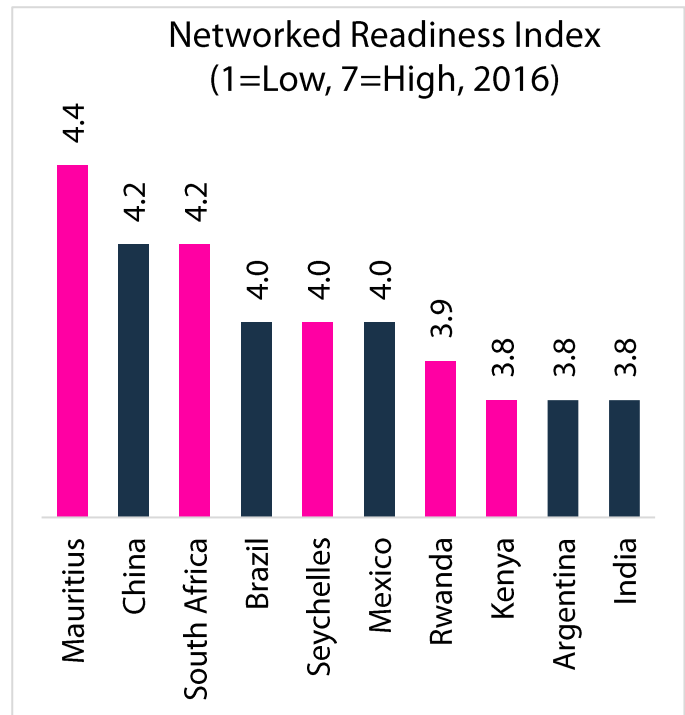


Rwanda and Kenya are more receptive to technological innovation than China or India

The Networked Readiness Index (NRI) evaluates countries' preparedness to reap the benefits of emerging technologies and to capitalize on the opportunities resulting from the digital revolution. According to the Global Competitiveness Report 2016, the top three countries in Sub-Saharan Africa with the strongest government commitment to the adoption of digital technologies include Mauritius (4.4 on a scale of 1 to 7), South Africa (4.2) and Seychelles (4.0) which are all higher than Brazil (4.0) and India (3.8). Other well performing African countries include Rwanda (3.9) and Kenya (3.8).



The NRI is based on four major sub-indices including usage of technology, environment and impact. On the environment sub-index, which analyzes how supportive the political and regulatory environment is on business and technological innovation, four African countries led by Rwanda are in the lead, outperforming major economies like China, India and Brazil. Rwanda's score of 4.9 alludes to positive market conditions and a regulatory framework which supports entrepreneurship, innovation and strong political will in ICT penetration.

