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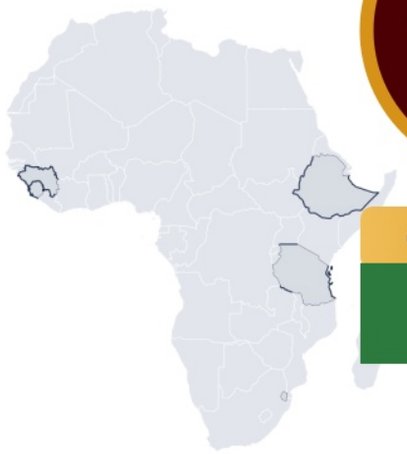

63.29%
Overall

CLASSIFICATION
Good

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Port Louis
REGION	East Africa
POPULATION	1.30 million (2025)
SYSTEM	Parliamentary democracy
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	Ombudsman
CONTINENTAL RANK	1 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	63.29%
CLASSIFICATION	Good

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
63.29%	70.3%	56.6%	65.2%
63.29%	**142**	**120**	**142.8**
weighted score	of 202	of 212	of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
103.3 Very High	78.2 Very High	57.2 Good
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
43.3 Medium	64.2 Good	58.5 Good

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Mauritius leads the founding sample with the most coherent relationship between legal commitments, implementation and real-world outcomes. Its structural score of 142 is closely matched by an outcome score of 142.8, producing a –0.8-point gap. Strong civil and political rights and economic and social rights coexist with weaker performance in freedom of expression and remaining protection gaps affecting asylum-seekers, migrant labour and vulnerable groups.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-800
RIGHTS PATTERN	High institutional coherence
RISK LEVEL	Low
OVERALL TREND	Stable, with emerging qualitative challenges
PRINCIPAL GAP	Freedom of expression and protection of vulnerable groups

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- First overall at 63.29% — the only published "Good" classification.
- Highest outcome dimension in the sample: 142.8 of 219.
- Near-complete structural–outcome alignment: –0.8 points.
- Strongest domain: Civil & Political Rights (103.3).
- Lowest domain: Freedom of Expression (43.3).

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT	Complete asylum and refugee protection and strengthen safeguards for investigative journalism.
MEDIUM	Develop migrant-labour protection and targeted safeguards for vulnerable groups.
LONG-TERM	Preserve institutional alignment through periodic monitoring and accountability.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#1 Rank	63.3% Overall
–0.8 Gap (pts)	Low Risk

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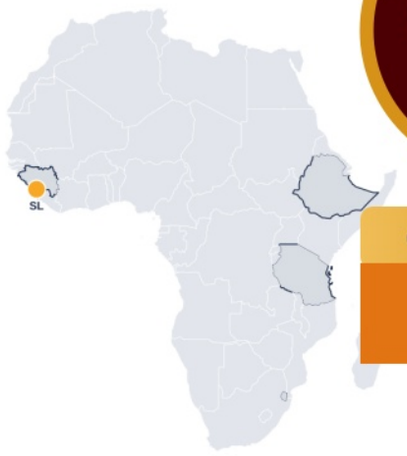
60.60% Overall



CLASSIFICATION

Moderate

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Freetown
REGION	West Africa
POPULATION	8.60 million (2025)
SYSTEM	Presidential republic
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	National Human Rights Commission (HRCSL)
CONTINENTAL RANK	2 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	60.60%
CLASSIFICATION	Moderate

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
60.60%	94.1%	59.0%	29.5%
60.60%	190	125	64.5
weighted score	of 202	of 212	of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
72.5 Very High	63.5 Good	58.3 Good
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
89.4 Very High	60.0 Good	55.0 Good

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Sierra Leone ranks second overall and records the sample's strongest structural framework at 190 of 202, reflecting major legislative reforms. Yet outcomes fall to 64.5 of 219, creating a critical 125.5-point implementation gap. Freedom of expression is the country's strongest thematic result at 89.4, while underfunded justice, corruption, detention conditions and weak enforcement prevent legal advances from becoming consistent protection in practice.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-200 / ADC-100
RIGHTS PATTERN	Paper compliance with an implementation gap
RISK LEVEL	High
OVERALL TREND	Legislative progress with gradual civic-space tightening
PRINCIPAL GAP	A wide gap between legislation and reality

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- Second overall at 60.60%, classified Moderate.
- Highest structural dimension: 190 of 202 (94.1%).
- Critical structural–outcome gap: +125.5 points.
- Sample leader in Freedom of Expression (89.4).
- Lowest domestic domain: Access to Justice (55.0).

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT	Pair legal reforms with funded implementation plans and address prison overcrowding.
MEDIUM	Fund judicial services, combat corruption and narrow the law–practice gap.
LONG-TERM	Enforce regional-court judgments and build durable institutional accountability.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#2 Rank	60.6% Overall
+125.5 Gap (pts)	High Risk

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REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

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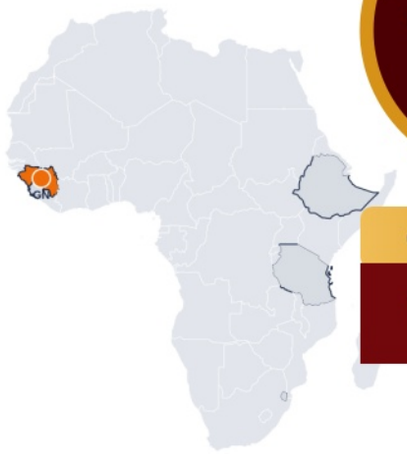

49.49%
Overall

CLASSIFICATION
Very Weak

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Conakry
REGION	West Africa
POPULATION	14.37 million (2025)
SYSTEM	Presidential republic (post-2025 formal transition)
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	National Human Rights Institution (limited mandate)
CONTINENTAL RANK	3 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	49.49%
CLASSIFICATION	Very Weak

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
49.49%	80.4%	33.0%	40.5%
49.49%	162.5	70	88.7
weighted score	of 202	of 212	of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
89.2 Very High	56.4 Good	63.0 Good
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
43.2 Medium	35.6 Weak	33.8 Weak

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Guinea ranks third at 49.49%. Its relatively strong structural score of 162.5 is not matched by process performance of 70 or outcomes of 88.7, producing a concerning 73.8-point gap. Civil and political rights remain the strongest domain at 89.2, but weak justice, restricted civic freedoms, dissolution of opposition parties and alleged enforced disappearances point to regression in institutional guarantees despite the formal end of military transition.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-300
RIGHTS PATTERN	Regression of institutional guarantees and the rule of law
RISK LEVEL	High
OVERALL TREND	Sharp, continuing decline since 2021
PRINCIPAL GAP	Institutional independence and civic freedoms

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- Third overall at 49.49%, classified Very Weak.
- Structural performance reaches 162.5 of 202 (80.4%).
- Concerning structural–outcome gap: +73.8 points.
- Strongest domain: Civil & Political Rights (89.2).
- Weakest domain: Access to Justice (33.8).

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT — Halt enforced disappearances, release political detainees and reverse party-dissolution measures.

MEDIUM — Restore institutional independence, democratic guarantees and open civic space.

LONG-TERM — Build an independent justice system and combat impunity for transition-period violations.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#3 Rank	49.5% Overall
+73.8 Gap (pts)	High Risk

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ETHIOPIA

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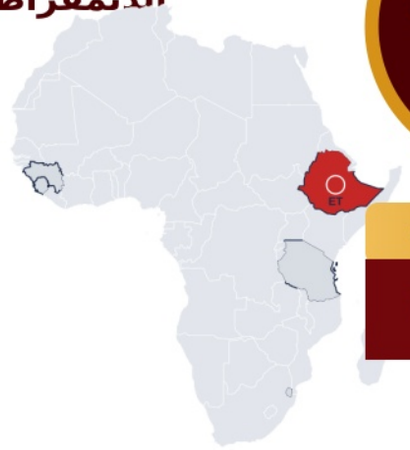

47.00%
Overall

CLASSIFICATION
Very Weak

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Addis Ababa
REGION	East Africa
POPULATION	≈135.50 million (UN mid-2025)
SYSTEM	Federal parliamentary republic
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC)
CONTINENTAL RANK	4 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	47.00%
CLASSIFICATION	Very Weak

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
47.00%	92.6%	30.7%	25.2%
47.00% weighted score	**187** of 202	**65** of 212	**55.1** of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
58.4 Good	58.4 Good	69.2 Good
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
49.6 Medium	35.0 Weak	36.6 Weak

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Ethiopia records the sample's largest implementation gap: a highly developed structural score of 187 of 202 falls to 65 in process and 55.1 in outcomes, leaving a critical 131.9-point divide. Rights of vulnerable groups are the strongest domain at 69.2, while assembly, justice and expression remain weak amid armed conflict, emergency measures, pressure on judicial independence and the suspension of constitutional guarantees.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-400
RIGHTS PATTERN	Disconnect between legal legitimacy and institutional effectiveness
RISK LEVEL	Very High
OVERALL TREND	Dramatic decline driven by conflict and militarisation
PRINCIPAL GAP	Implementation of constitutional guarantees and the rule of law

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- Fourth overall at 47.00%, classified Very Weak.
- Second-highest structural score: 187 of 202 (92.6%).
- Largest implementation gap in the sample: +131.9 points.
- Strongest domain: Rights of Vulnerable Groups (69.2).
- Weakest domain: Assembly & Association (35.0).

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT — Protect civilians in conflict zones and end emergency-based suspension of constitutional guarantees.

MEDIUM — Restore institutional effectiveness, judicial independence and electoral safeguards.

LONG-TERM — Convert constitutional commitments into measurable protection and narrow the implementation gap.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#4 Rank	47.0% Overall
+131.9 Gap (pts)	Very High Risk

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41.57%
Overall

CLASSIFICATION
Very Weak

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Dodoma
REGION	East Africa
POPULATION	67.00 million (2025)
SYSTEM	Presidential republic
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG)
CONTINENTAL RANK	5 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	41.57%
CLASSIFICATION	Very Weak

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
41.57%	76.7%	25.0%	28.5%
41.57% weighted score	155 of 202	53 of 212	62.5 of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
45.0 Medium	55.0 Good	65.0 Good
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
30.0 Weak	25.0 Weak	20.0 Critical

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Tanzania ranks fifth at 41.57%. A structural score of 155 of 202 is followed by process performance of 53 and outcomes of 62.5, producing a concerning 92.5-point gap. Rights of vulnerable groups remain the clearest positive at 65.0, while access to justice is the country's weakest domain at 20.0. The monitoring period records a sharp contraction of civic space around the contested October 2025 elections.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-500
RIGHTS PATTERN	Regression of institutional protection of civic freedoms
RISK LEVEL	High
OVERALL TREND	Sharp decline accompanying the October 2025 elections
PRINCIPAL GAP	Civic freedoms and accountability

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- Fifth overall at 41.57%, classified Very Weak.
- Structural performance: 155 of 202 (76.7%).
- Concerning structural–outcome gap: +92.5 points.
- Strongest domain: Rights of Vulnerable Groups (65.0).
- Weakest domestic domain: Access to Justice (20.0), second-lowest in the sample.

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT	Investigate extrajudicial killings and end systematic detention of journalists and activists.
MEDIUM	Lift disproportionate restrictions on media, the internet and civic space.
LONG-TERM	Reform justice and accountability institutions and protect freedoms during elections.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#5 Rank	41.6% Overall
+92.5 Gap (pts)	High Risk

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KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

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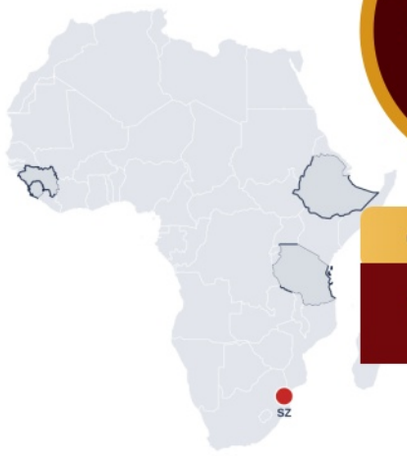

37.80%
Overall

CLASSIFICATION
Very Weak

1. IDENTITY CARD

CAPITAL	Mbabane
REGION	Southern Africa
POPULATION	1.24 million (2025)
SYSTEM	Absolute monarchy
NATIONAL HR INSTITUTION	Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (lacks independence)
CONTINENTAL RANK	6 of 6
OVERALL SCORE	37.80%
CLASSIFICATION	Very Weak

2. SCORE CARD — OVERALL & THREE DIMENSIONS

OVERALL COMPOSITE	STRUCTURAL DIMENSION	PROCESS DIMENSION	OUTCOME DIMENSION
37.80%	68.3%	25.0%	24.2%
37.80% weighted score	138 of 202	53 of 212	53 of 219

Overall is a weighted composite; dimension percentages use each dimension's own maximum.

3. SIX RIGHTS DOMAINS

Civil & Political Rights	Economic & Social Rights	Rights of Vulnerable Groups
15.0 Critical	35.0 Weak	30.0 Weak
Freedom of Expression	**Freedom of Assembly & Association**	**Access to Justice & Rule of Law**
20.0 Critical	10.0 Critical	15.0 Critical

4. DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY

Eswatini ranks last at 37.80% and records the weakest performance across all six thematic domains. Structural performance reaches 138 of 202, while process and outcomes both fall to 53, creating a concerning 85-point gap. Assembly and association record the report's single lowest thematic score at 10.0. The pattern reflects comprehensive structural weakness, closed civic space, restricted political organisation and weak accountability.

1. DIAGNOSTIC IDENTITY

ADC CODE	ADC-600
RIGHTS PATTERN	Comprehensive structural weakness
RISK LEVEL	Very High
OVERALL TREND	Entrenched negative stability and continuing decline
PRINCIPAL GAP	Civic freedoms and the rule of law

2. FIVE KEY FINDINGS

- Last overall at 37.80%, classified Very Weak.
- Lowest result in all six thematic domains.
- Process and outcome dimensions both record 53 points.
- Report's lowest thematic score: Assembly & Association (10.0).
- Concerning structural–outcome gap: +85.0 points.

3. REFORM PRIORITIES

URGENT — End grave violations, protect fair-trial rights and remove unlawful restrictions on assembly.

MEDIUM — Open civic space and strengthen the independence of the national rights institution.

LONG-TERM — Build constitutional guarantees, independent justice and durable public accountability.

4. COUNTRY FINGERPRINT

#6 Rank	37.8% Overall
+85.0 Gap (pts)	Very High Risk

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