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# THE IBRAHIM INDEX: MAURITIUS REMAINS No.1 IN AFRICA'S LEADING ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNANCE

The 2011 Ibrahim Index ranks Mauritius for the fifth consecutive year as the No.1 over 53 African countries. Mauritius obtains a score of 82.5 out of 100, being 1st across most of the 86 indicators.

The Ibrahim Index, funded and led by an African institution, is the most comprehensive collection of qualitative and quantitative data that provides an assessment of governance performance in every African country. It measures the delivery of public goods and services to citizens by government and non state actors.

### THE 2011 IBRAHIM INDEX

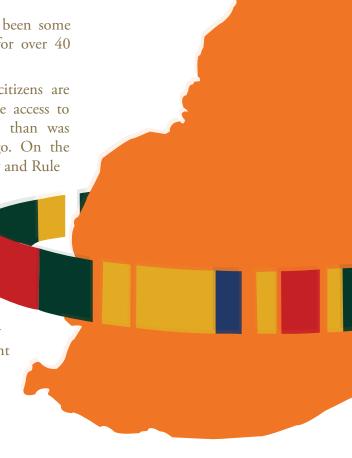
The 5th annual Ibrahim Index of African Governance shows that balance, equity and inclusiveness are keys to governance quality. The Index illustrates countries that pursue a balanced approach to all dimensions of governance, which are more successful. Mauritius is among the countries that have been consistently been in the top five for overall governance over the last five years.

The continental average for governance quality was 50 out of 100, with Mauritius having the highest score of 82.5 and Somalia at the bottom with a score of 8. The Southern Africa showed the strongest performance overall with an average score of 58.3 while the Central Africa showed a poor performance with an average score of 38.6. It has been noted that in the Sustainable Economic Opportunity and Human Development-categories there have been some form of improvement for over 40 countries.

Generally the African citizens are healthier and have more access to economic opportunities than was the case some years ago. On the other hand, in the Safety and Rule of Law and Participation and Human Rights

and Human Rights categories, a decline can be noted.

On the overall, the improvement in the Sustainable Economic Opportunity and Human Development stands in contrast to deterioration in national performance in security, rule of law, participations and rights.









### IBRAHIM INDEX INDICATORS

The Ibrahim Index compiles 86 indicators grouped into 14 sub-categories and four overarching categories to measure the effective delivery of public goods and services to the citizens

The four main categories can be listed as follows:

### Safety and Rule of Law

It looks at how effective and accessible is the judicial system in a country, whether it is administered by competent and independent judges who work independently of political influences and in a corruption free environment and make decisions depending on merits.



It also includes the accountability of public officials and prevention, control and elimination of corruption in the country.

## Participation and Human Rights

Participation encompasses and overlaps with areas of human rights, such as the right to vote, the right to a fair election, and freedom to express views on political issues and to hold government accountable for commitments made under national and international law.



## Sustainable Economic Opportunity

Sustainable Economic Opportunity is one of the four pillars under which the governance is measured in the Ibrahim Index. It measures the governments' ability to manage the macro economy along the sound lines to measure the broad economic development, the regulatory framework which allows the wealth creating private sector to grow within the constraints and interest of the society as a whole.

It also covers the basic infrastructure available within a system determined by the governments as well as the rural and environmental issues.



### **Human Development**

The human development indicators measure the efforts contributed by the individual, family, community and society as a whole.

Government commitments to meeting the appropriate investment to provide equitable access to, and quality outcomes of education, training, and health care systems is key to success.

These indicators provide a profile of the quality of a country's human capital base and its ability to participate in the global knowledge economy.



The 2011 Ibrahim Index includes new indicators in the following areas:

- Physical and telecommunications infrastructure
- O Gender
- Health
- Welfare service provision
- Economic management

The complete report can be downloaded from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation website.

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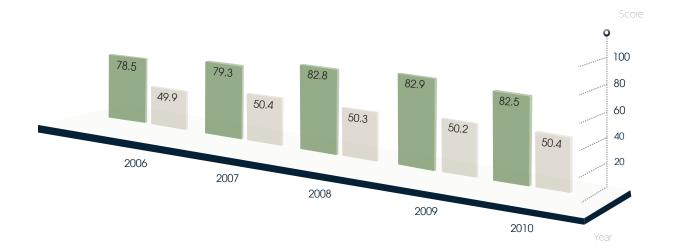
# MAURITIUS PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES - 2011 IBRAHIM INDEX

Category–Subcategory	Mauritius Rank (of 53 countries) higher is better	Mauritius Score (out of 100) higher is better	Africa Average Score (out of 100)
Overall Score	1st	82.5	50
Safety and Rule Law	1st	88.9	53
Rule of Law	2nd	94	47.9
Accountability	2nd	81.7	42.7
Personal Safety	1st	80	43.8
National security	1st	100	77.7
Participation and Human Rights	2nd	75.3	45.2
Participation	2nd	79.5	42
Rights	2nd	81.4	42.9
Gender	9th	65	50.6
Sustainable Economic Opportunity	1st	78.9	47.4
Public management	6th	66.5	55.5
Business environment	1st	97.6	49.9
Infrastructure	3rd	70.1	31.4
Rural Sector	2nd	81.3	53.6
Human Development	2nd	86.8	56.2
Welfare	1st	88.7	52.3
Education	3th	84.4	50.7
Health	7th	87.2	65.6



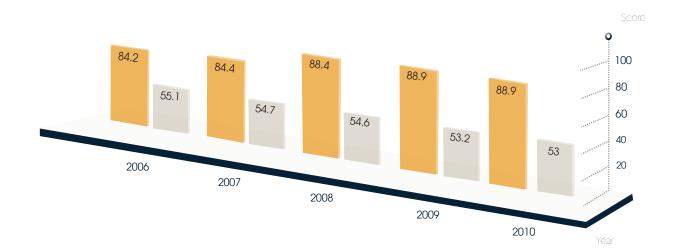
### MAURITIUS OVERALL SCORE





### SAFETY AND RULE LAW





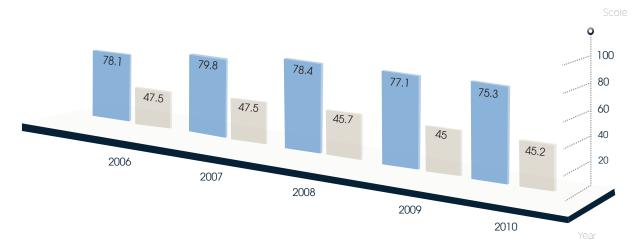




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### PARTICIPATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mauritius

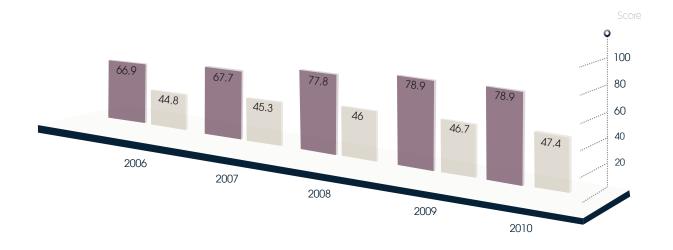


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### SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Mauritius

Average Score



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