Rule of Law and Conflict Dynamics

Africa’s Contemporary Security Challenges Course

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Rule of Law

Everyday interactions between residents and state security/justice actors

Mutual respect, accountability, transparency

Popular trust in state security and justice institutions, institutional legitimacy

More sustainable and effective prevention and response to conflict, violence, crises

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Rule of Law in Africa

Figure 7: Rule of law performance across Sub-Saharan Africa.

For the 2019 edition of the WJP Rule of Law Index, the WJP expanded coverage of Sub-Saharan Africa to include 12 new countries. Two of these new countries – Namibia and Mauritius – now rank among the top performers in the region.

Ibrahim Index of African Governance

Safety & Rule of Law

2017 AFRICAN AVERAGE SCORE / 100.0 | CHANGE 2008-2017 | SLOWING DETERIORATION
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52.6 | -2.5 |

Rule of Law | 53.9 | +0.6 |
Transparency & Accountability | 35.3 | 0.0 |
Personal Safety | 46.2 | -6.1 |
National Security | 75.1 | -4.4 |

Ghanaians strongly endorse rule of law but see inequities in how laws are applied

Afrobarometer
