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Zimbabwe ranks 47th out of 52 in 2013 Ibrahim Index of African Governance

Since 2000, Zimbabwe has progressed most in the category Human Development

The 2013 Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG), released today, shows that Zimbabwe ranks 47th out of 52 African countries.

Zimbabwe is one of six countries to have remained consistently in the IIAG's bottom ten since 2000—along with Equatorial Guinea, Chad, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Somalia.

The 2013 IIAG provides full details of Zimbabwe's performance across four categories of governance: *Safety & Rule of Law, Participation & Human Rights, Sustainable Economic Opportunity* and *Human Development*.

Since 2000, Zimbabwe has shown its biggest improvement in the category of *Human Development*. *Human Development* measures welfare, education and health.

Despite improvements since 2000, Zimbabwe's governance score remains below the continental average for Africa as well as the regional average for Southern Africa.

The 2013 IIAG shows that 94% of Africans – including those in Zimbabwe – live in a country that has experienced overall governance improvement since 2000.

The 6% of people living in a country that has experienced governance deterioration since 2000 are based in Madagascar, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia, Libya and Mali.

Zimbabwe's performance in the 2013 IIAG:

- Ranks 47th (out of 52) overall
- Scores 35.4 (out of 100), lower than the continental average (51.6)
- Has improved by +1.5 since 2000
- Scores lower than the regional average for Southern Africa (59.2)
- Ranks its highest in the category *Human Development* (30th out of 52)
- Ranks its lowest in the category of *Sustainable Economic Opportunity* (51st out of 52)
- Ranks its highest in the sub-category *Health* (18th out of 52) and ranks its lowest in the sub-category *Rural Sector* (51st out of 52)

Zimbabwe's category and sub-category scores:

Category / Sub-Category	Rank (out of 52)	Change in Rank since 2000	Score (100 = highest)	Change in Score since 2000
Overall	47	-3	35.4	+1.5
Safety & Rule of Law	49	-4	29.7	-5.8
Rule of Law	45	0	27.5	+1.7
Accountability	49	-4	18.2	-3.2
Personal Safety	48	0	18.9	-9.1
National Security	47	-11	54.1	-12.4
Participation & Human Rights	45	-2	31.2	+0.3
Participation	43	-7	19.4	-2.0
Rights	49	-6	19.4	-10.6
Gender	22	+9	54.8	+13.4
Sustainable Economic Opportunity	51	-5	25.5	+1.1
Public Management	49	+1	39.2	+13.6
Business Environment	50	-1	15.6	-5.0
Infrastructure	19	0	34.7	+3.3
Rural Sector	51	-3	12.5	-7.7
Human Development	30	0	55.1	+10.4
Welfare	47	0	35.1	+3.1
Education	24	-5	54.2	+6.3
Health	18	+3	76.2	+21.9

Southern Africa's performance in the 2013 IIAG:

- Southern Africa is the best performing region at the overall governance level. This has been the case every year since 2000
- Eight out of the 12 countries in Southern Africa score above the continental average (51.6)
- Five Southern Africa countries rank in the top ten. One country (Zimbabwe) ranks in the bottom ten
- The region has improved its overall score by +4.3 since 2000. Three categories have shown improvements since 2000: *Participation & Human Rights* (+1.4), *Sustainable Economic Opportunity* (+6.7) and *Human Development* (+9.9)
- *Safety & Rule of Law* is the only category that has declined since 2000 (-0.7)
- Southern Africa achieved its highest score ever since 2000 in 2012. Southern Africa only declined between 2001 and 2002
- Mauritius is the highest-ranking country in the region, ranking 1st (out of 52) overall and scoring 82.9
- Zimbabwe is the lowest-ranking country in the region, ranking 47th (out of 52) overall and scoring 35.4

Notes to editors

The full data set of the 2013 IIAG will be published on the Foundation's [website](#) on Monday 14th October.

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The Foundation's media page, <http://www.moibrahimfoundation.org/media/>, will include the following further resources:

- The full IIAG dataset
- 52 country specific news releases
- The 2013 IIAG Summary Report
- Photographs
- Background materials

The press conference will be streamed live on the Foundation's website at 9amGMT/10am BST, where journalists, civil society and the general public will also be able to submit live questions. The live stream is accessible here: <http://live.moibrahimfoundation.org>.

The Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG)

Established in 2007, the IIAG is the most comprehensive collection of quantitative data on governance in Africa. Compiled in partnership with experts from a number of the continent's institutions, it provides an annual assessment of governance in fifty-two African countries.

Data used in the compilation of the 2013 IIAG are from 2000 – 2012.

The IIAG provides a framework for citizens, governments, institutions and business to assess the delivery of public goods and services, and policy outcomes, across Africa.

The IIAG provides a tool with which to govern, highlighting continental, regional, national and thematic governance results.

The data are classified within four categories: *Safety & Rule of Law*, *Participation & Human Rights*, *Sustainable Economic Opportunity* and *Human Development*.

The IIAG is compiled using many international and African sources. A full list of sources and a summary of the IIAG's methodology can be found at <http://www.moibrahimfoundation.org/iiag-methodology/>.

The Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan are not yet included in the IIAG due to a lack of sufficient disaggregated data.

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation was established in 2006 with a focus on the critical importance of leadership and governance in Africa. By providing tools to support advancements in leadership and governance, the Foundation aims to bring about meaningful change on the continent.

The Foundation, which is a non-grant making organisation, helps to define, assess and enhance governance and leadership in Africa using the following tools:

- Ibrahim Index of African Governance
- Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership
- Ibrahim Forum
- Ibrahim Fellowships and Scholarships