2026 IIAG scorecard - Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (Average)

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/8	CHANGE 2016-2025
54.3	2nd	+0.9

TREND

- Increasing Improvement
- Slowing Improvement
- Warning Signs
- Bouncing Back
- Slowing Deterioration
- Increasing Deterioration
- No Change
- Not Classified

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/8 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	53.2	2	-2.9
SECURITY & SAFETY	73.4	3	-4.0
Absence of Armed Conflict	91.0	3	-4.3
Absence of Violence against Civilians	81.3	2	-6.3
Absence of Forced Migration	90.6	2	+0.1
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	61.3	1	-4.1
Absence of Crime	63.4	4	-1.8
Public Perception of Security & Safety	50.0	5	-8.1
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	51.7	2	-4.7
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	55.6	2	-7.1
Impartiality of the Judicial System	53.4	2	-7.6
Judicial Processes	49.0	2	-3.4
Equality before the Law	58.9	1	-1.8
Law Enforcement	43.3	2	+1.7
Property Rights	62.3	1	-4.9
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	39.6	6	-9.7
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	44.6	2	-2.2
Institutional Checks & Balances	49.4	2	-8.5
Absence of Undue Influence	41.4	2	-16.5
Civic Checks & Balances	59.8	1	-1.8
Disclosure of Public Records	35.8	2	+10.5
Accessibility of Public Records	36.9	1	+7.9
Public Perception of Accountability	45.7	3	-5.1
ANTI-CORRUPTION	43.1	2	-0.5
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	39.0	1	-2.4
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	45.9	2	+3.7
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	44.0	2	+1.1
Public Procurement Procedures	39.0	2	-3.8
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	45.6	2	+4.8
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	46.8	5	-7.1

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/8 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	52.9	3	+4.1
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	57.7	2	+3.9
Civil Registration	69.8	3	+5.2
Capacity of the Statistical System	53.8	2	+16.5
Effective Administration	55.4	1	+3.6
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	54.1	2	+0.7
Budgetary & Financial Management	70.0	1	+3.8
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	43.6	5	-8.2
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	49.1	2	+2.5
Regional Integration	47.3	2	+6.7
Economic Diversification	60.0	4	-1.5
Business & Competition Regulations	60.0	2	+3.7
Access to Banking Services	31.7	2	+10.7
Labour Relations	58.6	1	-6.0
Secure Employment Opportunities	51.1	3	+9.6
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	35.5	3	-5.6
INFRASTRUCTURE	41.6	5	+6.8
Transport Network	22.3	5	+1.5
Access to Energy	40.2	5	+9.2
Mobile Communications	78.5	2	+18.1
Internet	30.3	6	+8.4
Shipping & Postal Network	32.5	7	+6.9
Public Perception of Infrastructure	48.1	3	-4.4
RURAL ECONOMY	63.1	3	+3.0
Rural Land & Water Access	64.8	3	+4.0
Rural Market Access	48.9	7	-7.9
Rural Economy Support	68.3	3	+9.9
Rural Representation & Participation	70.0	3	+6.9

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/8 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	59.1	1	-0.5
PARTICIPATION	55.1	1	-5.2
Freedom of Association & Assembly	43.8	1	-9.3
Political Pluralism	48.9	1	-0.4
Civil Society Space	65.0	1	-12.3
Democratic Elections	51.1	1	-4.8
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	60.5	2	-1.1
Public Perception of Political Participation	63.4	2	-2.5
RIGHTS	59.8	1	-2.5
Personal Liberties	55.6	2	-3.8
Freedom of Expression & Belief	75.4	1	-4.1
Media Freedom	61.7	1	-6.9
Digital Freedom	65.4	2	-8.0
Protection against Discrimination	35.2	2	+11.1
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	67.5	4	-3.2
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	56.1	1	+0.9
Equal Political Power	50.6	1	+2.2
Equal Political Representation	53.2	1	+1.9
Equal Civil Liberties	68.9	1	+0.5
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	59.7	1	+3.1
Equal Access to Public Services	46.1	3	+0.2
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	59.2	1	-2.6
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	65.3	1	+4.7
Political Power & Representation of Women	52.1	4	+10.2
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	82.2	1	+4.6
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	54.4	1	+1.2
Access to Public Services for Women	55.3	2	+2.3
Laws on Violence against Women	90.0	2	+10.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	58.6	5	-0.7

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/8 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	52.2	4	+2.9
HEALTH	55.7	5	+1.1
Access to Healthcare	38.5	7	-0.4
Access to Water & Sanitation	48.4	5	+7.0
Control of Communicable Diseases	78.2	5	+11.8
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	70.6	4	-3.2
Child & Maternal Health	67.0	4	+6.0
Health Quality	40.5	6	-5.0
Public Perception of Health Provision	46.5	6	-9.2
EDUCATION	50.4	4	+2.4
Equality in Education	51.1	2	+4.2
Education Enrolment	37.3	4	+4.4
Education Completion	49.6	6	+6.0
Human Resources in Education	73.7	7	-2.2
Education Quality	46.4	4	+4.6
Public Perception of Education Provision	56.7	5	+0.7
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	53.8	2	+2.1
Social Safety	35.5	3	+4.4
Poverty Reduction Policies	49.5	3	+3.9
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	64.5	2	+6.3
Decent Housing	68.7	2	+6.2
Food Security	64.6	3	+0.3
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	39.7	7	-9.9
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	48.7	6	+6.0
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	59.2	2	+5.1
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	51.4	4	+6.2
Air Quality	36.7	8	+6.5
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	60.1	3	+10.8
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	36.8	5	+1.2