# 2026 IIAG scorecard - Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Average)

## OVERALL GOVERNANCE

| 2025 SCORE/100 | 2025 RANK/8 | CHANGE 2016-2025 |
|---|---|---|
| 56.0 | 1st | +1.0 |

## 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 | 54.6 | 1 | -1.1 |
| SECURITY & SAFETY | 74.0 | 2 | -3.2 |
| Absence of Armed Conflict | 94.4 | 2 | -2.3 |
| Absence of Violence against Civilians | 82.1 | 1 | -2.0 |
| Absence of Forced Migration | 92.9 | 1 | -0.7 |
| Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour | 61.2 | 2 | -6.0 |
| Absence of Crime | 59.8 | 6 | -3.6 |
| Public Perception of Security & Safety | 49.4 | 6 | -4.8 |
| RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE | 53.4 | 1 | -2.8 |
| Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law | 64.1 | 1 | -0.8 |
| Impartiality of the Judicial System | 55.7 | 1 | -4.6 |
| Judicial Processes | 52.7 | 1 | -2.4 |
| Equality before the Law | 56.7 | 2 | -2.2 |
| Law Enforcement | 39.4 | 4 | -3.3 |
| Property Rights | 59.9 | 2 | +1.2 |
| Public Perception of the Rule of Law | 44.7 | 3 | -8.2 |
| ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY | 46.6 | 1 | +1.9 |
| Institutional Checks & Balances | 52.0 | 1 | -4.2 |
| Absence of Undue Influence | 43.5 | 1 | -2.2 |
| Civic Checks & Balances | 59.4 | 2 | +4.8 |
| Disclosure of Public Records | 41.2 | 1 | +10.4 |
| Accessibility of Public Records | 36.4 | 3 | +4.8 |
| Public Perception of Accountability | 49.1 | 2 | -2.8 |
| ANTI-CORRUPTION | 44.5 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Anti-Corruption Mechanisms | 37.3 | 2 | -2.5 |
| Absence of Corruption in State Institutions | 51.8 | 1 | +0.8 |
| Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector | 46.5 | 1 | +0.3 |
| Public Procurement Procedures | 30.2 | 5 | +1.9 |
| Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector | 53.0 | 1 | +3.8 |
| Public Perception of Anti-Corruption | 50.4 | 3 | -6.2 |

## FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

| | SCORE/100 2025 | RANK/8 2025 | CHANGE 2016-2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY | 55.6 | 2 | +3.6 |
| PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | 59.7 | 1 | +1.5 |
| Civil Registration | 71.1 | 2 | +4.7 |
| Capacity of the Statistical System | 52.4 | 3 | +8.9 |
| Effective Administration | 52.6 | 2 | -1.2 |
| Tax & Revenue Mobilisation | 59.9 | 1 | -0.5 |
| Budgetary & Financial Management | 65.3 | 2 | -3.6 |
| Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document | 57.5 | 2 | -0.3 |
| BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT | 50.3 | 1 | +1.7 |
| Regional Integration | 50.1 | 1 | +1.5 |
| Economic Diversification | 65.1 | 3 | +1.8 |
| Business & Competition Regulations | 60.9 | 1 | +5.4 |
| Access to Banking Services | 37.6 | 1 | +3.5 |
| Labour Relations | 53.9 | 2 | +1.7 |
| Secure Employment Opportunities | 48.6 | 5 | -0.4 |
| Public Perception of Economic Opportunities | 32.9 | 8 | -2.1 |
| INFRASTRUCTURE | 46.5 | 3 | +6.6 |
| Transport Network | 34.1 | 2 | +1.4 |
| Access to Energy | 49.6 | 2 | +7.1 |
| Mobile Communications | 77.4 | 3 | +14.6 |
| Internet | 38.5 | 3 | +12.0 |
| Shipping & Postal Network | 35.3 | 5 | +5.8 |
| Public Perception of Infrastructure | 44.0 | 5 | -2.3 |
| RURAL ECONOMY | 64.5 | 2 | +5.0 |
| Rural Land & Water Access | 65.6 | 2 | +3.8 |
| Rural Market Access | 56.2 | 2 | +7.4 |
| Rural Economy Support | 69.0 | 2 | +11.4 |
| Rural Representation & Participation | 71.9 | 2 | +2.4 |

## PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

| | SCORE/100 2025 | RANK/8 2025 | CHANGE 2016-2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION | 56.5 | 2 | -0.4 |
| PARTICIPATION | 52.2 | 2 | -1.9 |
| Freedom of Association & Assembly | 41.4 | 2 | -5.5 |
| Political Pluralism | 44.6 | 2 | -1.5 |
| Civil Society Space | 60.2 | 2 | -3.2 |
| Democratic Elections | 50.8 | 2 | -0.3 |
| Deliberative & Participatory Governance | 57.8 | 3 | +0.3 |
| Public Perception of Political Participation | 61.1 | 3 | -1.4 |
| RIGHTS | 57.4 | 2 | -0.7 |
| Personal Liberties | 55.8 | 1 | +1.0 |
| Freedom of Expression & Belief | 67.3 | 2 | -5.4 |
| Media Freedom | 58.7 | 2 | -2.7 |
| Digital Freedom | 66.4 | 1 | -2.0 |
| Protection against Discrimination | 36.8 | 1 | +4.2 |
| Public Perception of Freedom of Speech | 60.5 | 7 | +1.0 |
| INCLUSION & EQUALITY | 52.5 | 2 | -2.5 |
| Equal Political Power | 45.1 | 2 | -1.8 |
| Equal Political Representation | 49.3 | 2 | -1.7 |
| Equal Civil Liberties | 58.7 | 2 | -4.6 |
| Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities | 57.4 | 2 | +0.5 |
| Equal Access to Public Services | 49.3 | 2 | +1.3 |
| Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality | 55.7 | 2 | -11.5 |
| WOMEN'S EQUALITY | 64.1 | 2 | +3.8 |
| Political Power & Representation of Women | 57.2 | 1 | +8.2 |
| Rights & Civil Liberties for Women | 78.6 | 2 | +1.1 |
| Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women | 53.5 | 2 | -3.9 |
| Access to Public Services for Women | 46.5 | 3 | +1.4 |
| Laws on Violence against Women | 83.8 | 3 | +8.8 |
| Public Perception of Female Leadership | 65.9 | 3 | +7.4 |

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

| | SCORE/100 2025 | RANK/8 2025 | CHANGE 2016-2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| HUMAN DEVELOPMENT | 57.1 | 2 | +1.8 |
| HEALTH | 63.5 | 2 | +2.1 |
| Access to Healthcare | 59.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Access to Water & Sanitation | 56.9 | 3 | +5.5 |
| Control of Communicable Diseases | 81.0 | 2 | +5.8 |
| Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) | 72.2 | 3 | -1.2 |
| Child & Maternal Health | 75.4 | 2 | +3.3 |
| Health Quality | 42.0 | 4 | +6.0 |
| Public Perception of Health Provision | 56.9 | 2 | -6.4 |
| EDUCATION | 57.1 | 2 | -0.6 |
| Equality in Education | 51.0 | 3 | +1.5 |
| Education Enrolment | 40.3 | 3 | -1.2 |
| Education Completion | 64.0 | 2 | -1.1 |
| Human Resources in Education | 79.6 | 6 | -5.5 |
| Education Quality | 52.8 | 1 | +3.5 |
| Public Perception of Education Provision | 60.7 | 2 | -1.7 |
| SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE | 52.6 | 3 | +1.7 |
| Social Safety | 42.6 | 2 | +2.0 |
| Poverty Reduction Policies | 53.9 | 2 | -0.2 |
| Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation | 53.3 | 8 | +1.5 |
| Decent Housing | 65.4 | 3 | +13.0 |
| Food Security | 58.1 | 5 | -0.6 |
| Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty | 39.9 | 6 | -7.7 |
| SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | 55.3 | 2 | +4.1 |
| Promotion of Environmental Sustainability | 60.2 | 1 | +6.0 |
| Enforcement of Environmental Policies | 55.1 | 3 | +6.6 |
| Air Quality | 59.8 | 2 | +5.9 |
| Sustainable Use of Land & Forests | 49.6 | 8 | 0.0 |
| Land & Water Biodiversity Protection | 50.0 | 1 | +1.6 |