



Annexure 2: Visa Openness Index in the African Continent: Free Movement of Persons in Africa (2020)

The top 20 most visa-open countries by region and rank in 2020 are reflected on table below:

	Region	Member States	Visa Openness Ranking Status
1.	East African Region	Comoros Djibouti Ethiopia Kenya Rwanda Seychelles Somalia Uganda	8 countries in the top 20 visa open countries are in East Africa
2.	West African Region	Benin Cabo Verde Gambia Ghana Guinea-Bissau Nigeria Senegal Togo	Eight countries in the Top 20 most visa-open countries are in West Africa.
3.	Southern African Region	Madagascar Mauritius Mozambique	Three countries in the Top 20 most visa-open countries are in Southern Africa
4.	North African Region	Mauritania	One country in the Top 20 most visa open countries is in North Africa
5.	Central African Region	None	Of the Top 20 most visa-open countries, none are in Central Africa.

Facts and Figures

- 11 of the Top 20 countries have signed the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons.
- 11 of the Top 20 countries have ratified the African Continental Free Trade Area.
- 12 of the Top 20 countries have signed up to the Single African Air Transport Market.
- Top performing RECs on visa open reciprocity are the ECOWAS (97%), EAC (90%), SADC (68%) and UMA (60%).