

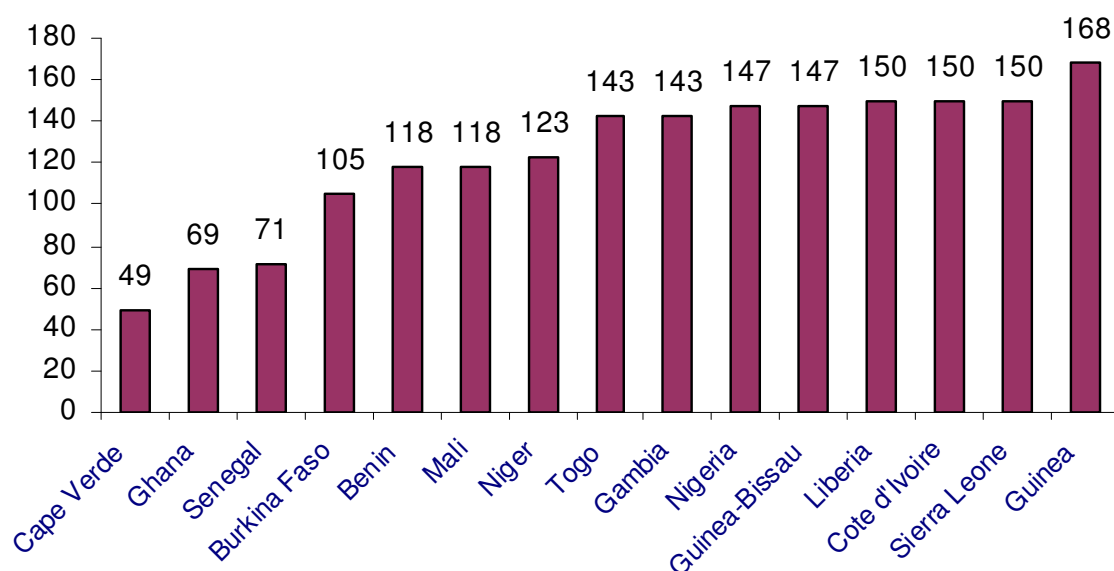
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX – REGIONAL RANKINGS 2007 - 2008

The Corruption Perception Index is a widely used as an indicator of the prevailing level of corruption in a given country. The index is based on a variety of elements (see **Definition of Indicators**) and is calculated annually by Transparency International, an international NGO very active in combating corruption in social and economic affairs worldwide (see <http://www.transparency.org/>).

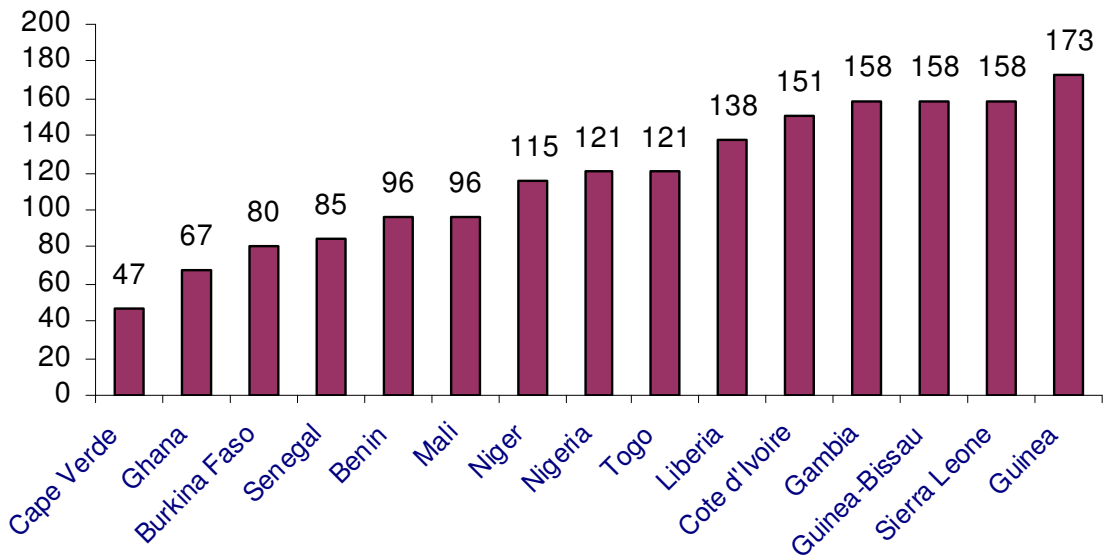
In both 2007 and 2008, ECOWAS countries covered a wide spectrum of positions, with some faring fairly well and others figuring at the bottom of the overall ranking. Cape Verde is the country displaying the best performance (ranking in both years between the 45th and 50th place out of a total of 181 countries), while Guinea is regarded as the most problematic (ranking around the 170th position).

Between 2007 and 2008, the assessment progressed considerably in the ECOWAS region, with several countries improving their ranking by more than 10 positions (and sometimes by more than 20). Overall, 9 countries improved their ranking, while 6 recorded a worsening (although this was usually a marginal one).

Corruption Perception Index – Overall Ranking of ECOWAS Countries – 2007 (out of 180 countries surveyed)



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