



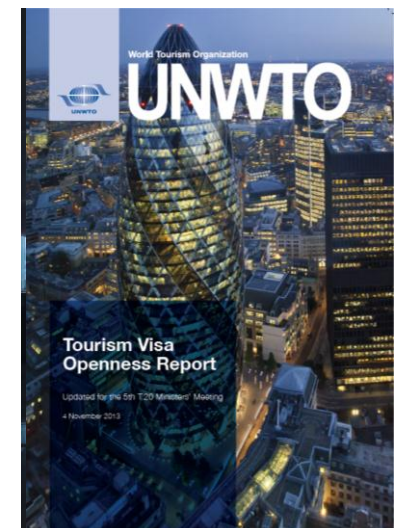
Visa Facilitation in Africa

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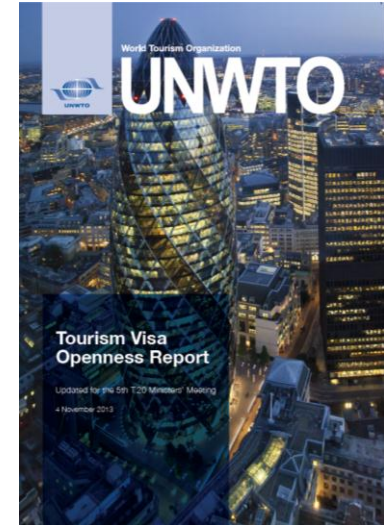
Visa Facilitation

- Visas provide essential functions
 - Immigration Control
 - Security
 - Limitation of duration of stay and activities
 - Application of measures of reciprocity
- However ... visas also act as a constraint to international travel and its economic benefits



Visa Facilitation – Global Summary 2013

- On average 2/3 of the world's population need a visa prior to departure
 - 18 % without a visa
 - 15 % visa on arrival
 - 3 % eVisa
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- Between 2010 and 2013, 44 destinations significantly facilitated the visa for citizens of 20 or more countries
 - The most common facilitation measure: 'Visa on arrival'



Visa Facilitation in Africa



World Tourism Organization | a specialized Agency of the United Nations

Openness

The openness index ranges from 0 to 100 and indicates to what extent a destination is facilitating tourism. The higher the score, the better.

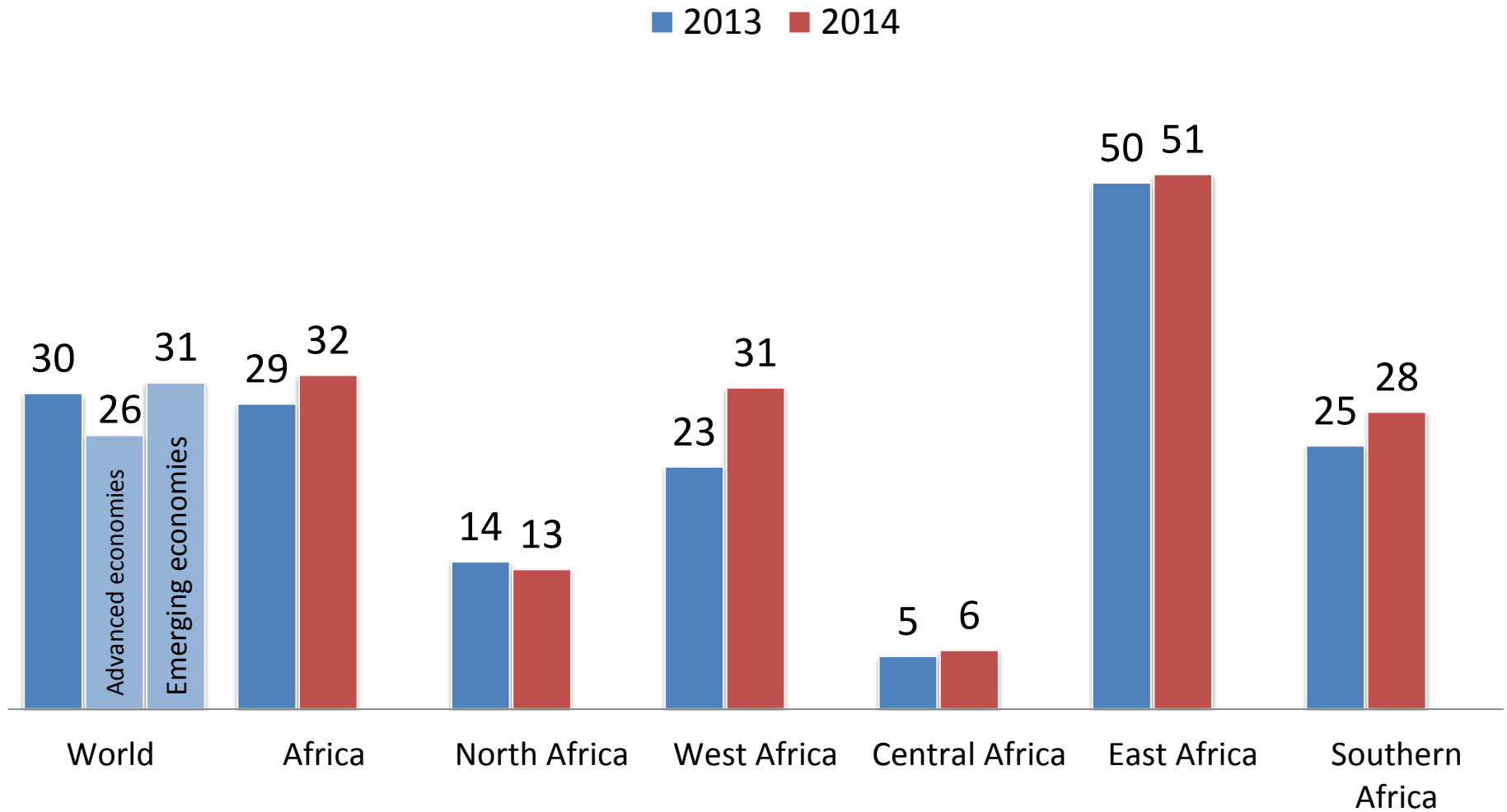


Openness of African countries

- Africa's openness improved from 11 to 29 between 2008 and 2013
- In comparison, the world's openness improved from 20 to 30 between 2008 and 2013
- Africa's openness has continued to improve in 2014 to 32



Openness of African subregions



Data Collection & Verification



Visa Policy Data Verification - Introduction

The following pages present the outcome of our data gathering process concerning **your country specific entry requirements for tourism purposes**¹. By following the four steps that are explained below, you can revise and adjust - if necessary - the data we have collected. Your revision will allow us to use the correct data in our study.

For the purpose of our study, we have defined four main categories for tourist visas:

- o **Category 1 Visa required:** this category comprises all traditional paper visas which are placed in the passport, as well as any other types of traditional visas that have to be obtained prior to departure.
- o **Category 2 Visa on arrival:** visa on arrival comprises all visas obtained upon arrival at the destination without preparation beforehand. Usually, this visa has the form of a stamp, sticker or other visible evidences of clearance in the passport.
- o **Category 3 eVisa:** Visas in this category refer to all types of entry authorizations which can be obtained in electronic format prior to departure. These visas are paperless substitutes for a traditional visa, one which can be obtained by a traveller directly online through the internet, a travel agent, tour operator or participating air carrier at the time of making a travel reservation².
- o **Category 4 No visa required:** this category means that travellers do not need any kind of entry permit when entering your country.

4 Steps

The table on the following pages presents the outcome of our data collection process. The table shows what type of visa is required from citizens of the indicated countries **when travelling to your country** for tourism purposes.

Step 1 - Please look at the table and revise the appointed visa category for each case.

Step 2 - If a visa category is incorrect in the table, please note down the correct visa regulation in Column 5.

Step 3 - In case you have further comments, please share them with us in Column 6 and/or in the text box at the end of this paper.

Step 4 - In case there are two different visas marked in the table, these are the cases for which we have found different information. For these cases, your specification is very much appreciated. Please simply write down the correct category in Column 5.

¹ The following assumptions were made for the collection and analysis of visa policies:

- Only tourist visas are taken into account in the verification process.
- Only holders of general passports have been taken into account for the verification process.
- The option of organized group tours and the resulting ease of visa regulations have NOT been taken into account.
- The duration of stay in the host country is not considered as determining factor for a visa category.

² ICAO Regional Seminar on MRTDs, Biometrics and Security Standards, Maputo, Mozambique, 24-26 November 2010

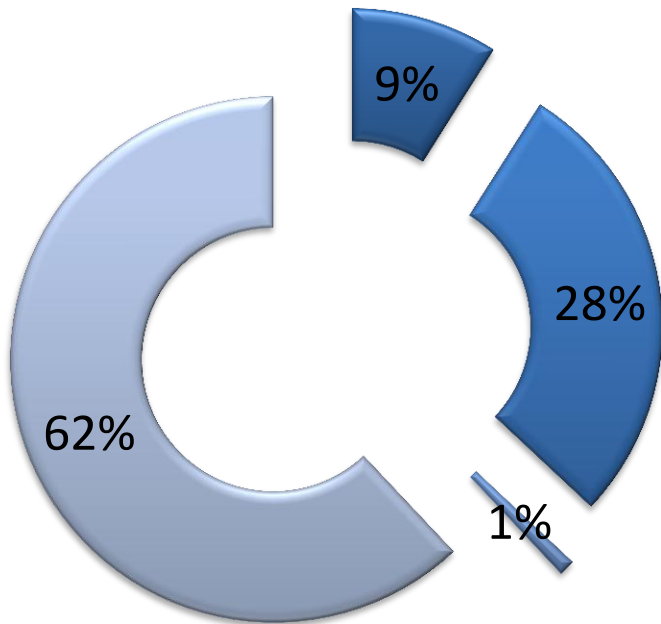
For BARBADOS, the following types of visas are required from the following countries:

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6
Types of visa	Visa required	Visa on arrival	eVisa	No visa required	Correction	Comments
Afghanistan	x					
Albania				x		
Algeria	x					
Andorra	x					
Angola	x					
Antigua and Barbuda				x		
Argentina				x		
Armenia				x		
Australia				x		
Austria				x		
Azerbaijan				x		
Bahamas				x		
Bahrain	x					
Bangladesh				x		
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus				x		
Belgium				x		
Belize				x		
Benin	x					
Bhutan	x					
Bolivia	x					
Bosnia and Herzegovina	x					
Botswana				x		
Brazil				x		

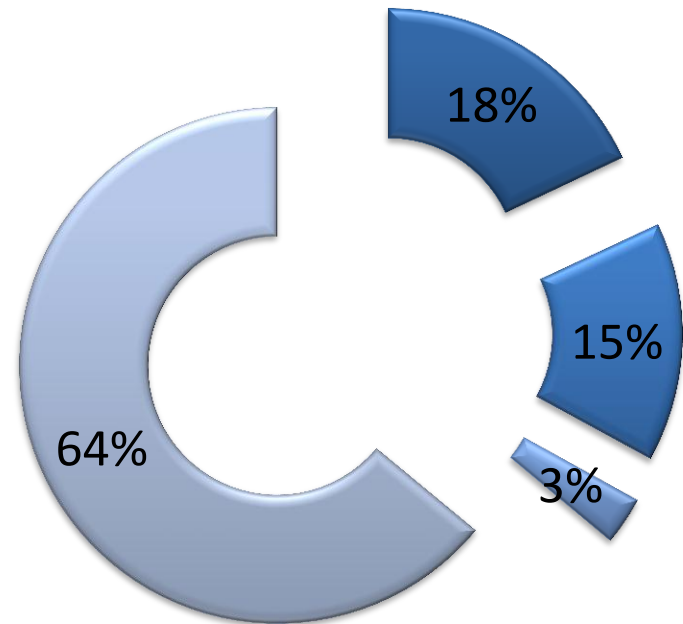


2013: World population affected by...

African countries' policies



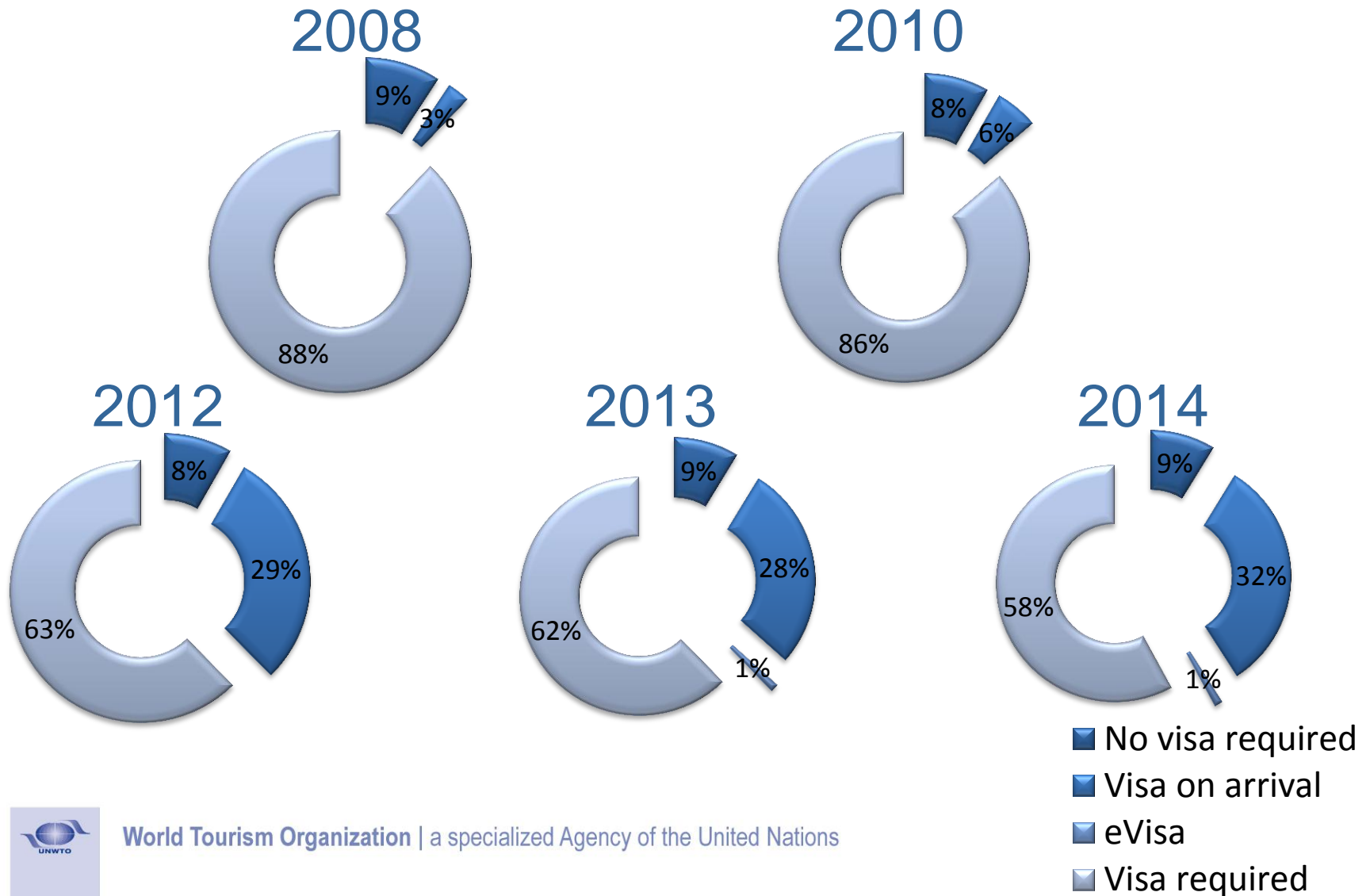
Global policies



- No visa
- Visa on arrival
- eVisa
- Visa required

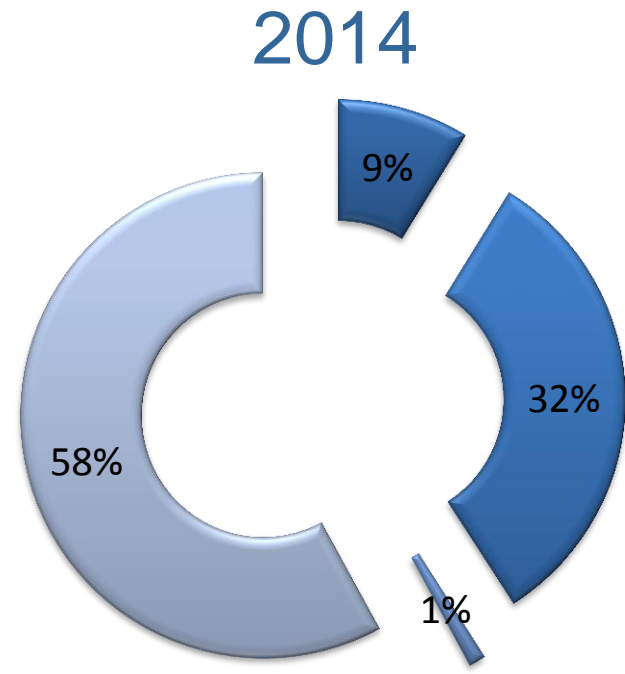
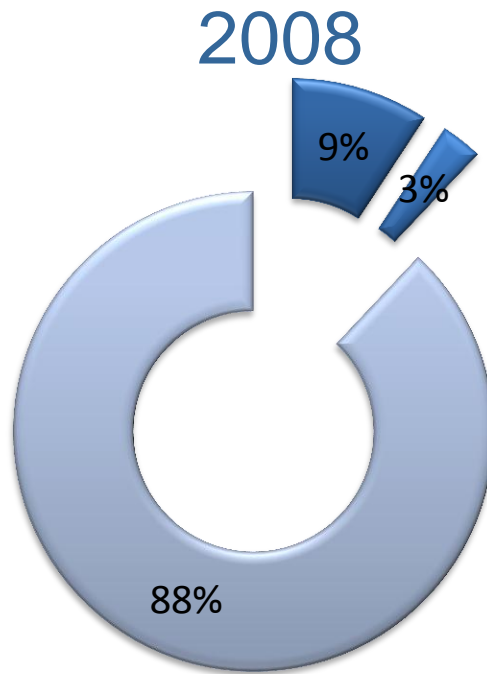


World population affected by visa policies of African countries, 2008-2014



World population affected by visa policies of African countries, 2008-2014

Traditional visa policies decreased from 88% to 58%
Visa on arrival policies increased from 3% to 32%



- No visa required
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- eVisa
- Visa required



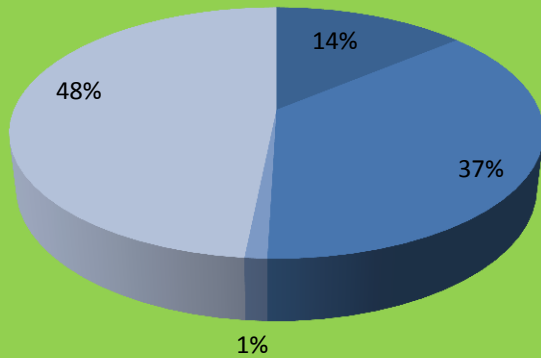
How African countries are opening to global tourism

- Between 2008 and 2014, African countries have **reduced the requirement for traditional visas for 30%** of the global population
- In the same period African countries have increased their openness by implementing visa on arrival policies in the place of traditional visa requirements
- Between 2013 to 2014, all regions of the world benefitted from African countries substituting traditional visa requirements for visa on arrival policies

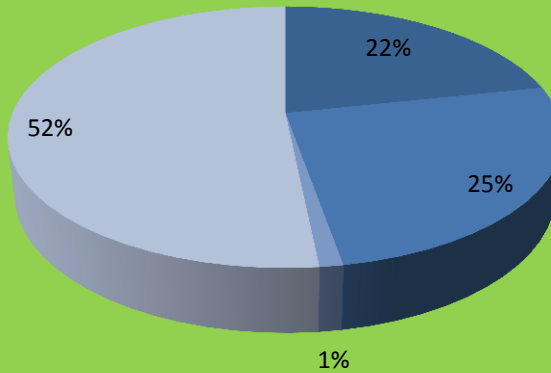


Regional markets affected by visa policies of African countries, 2014

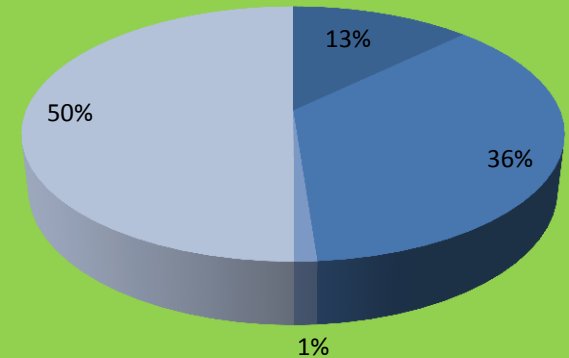
Citizens of the Americas



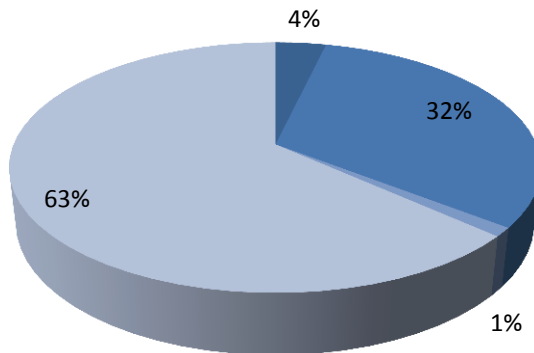
Citizens of Africa travelling to other African countries



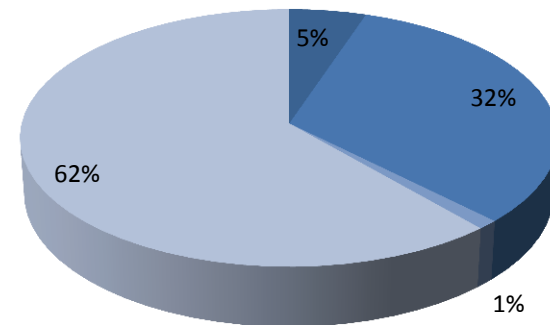
Citizens of Europe



Citizens of Asia and the Pacific



Citizens of the Middle East

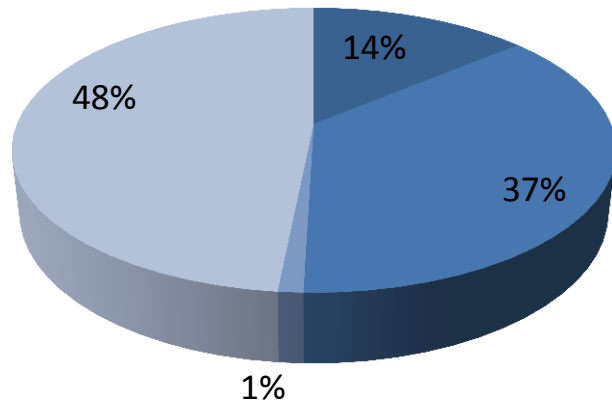


- No visa
- Visa on arrival
- eVisa
- Visa required

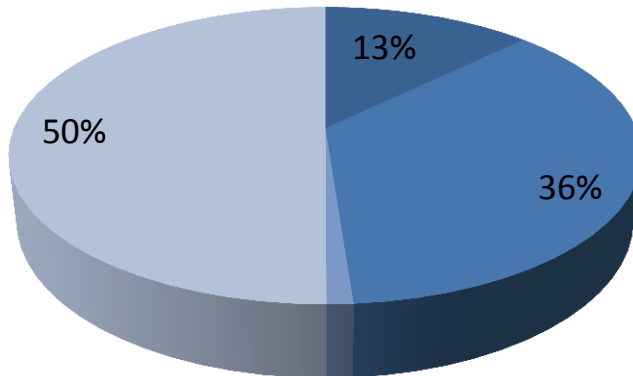


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Visa requirements for citizens of the Americas



Visa requirements for citizens of Europe

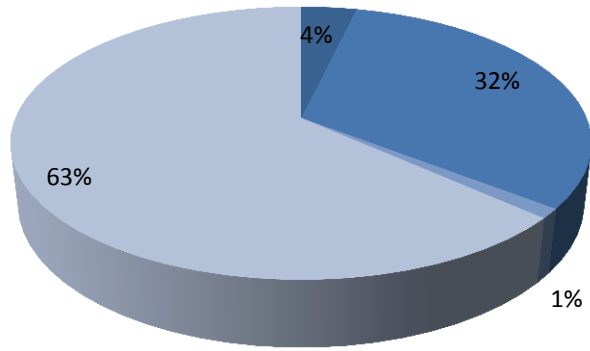


Citizens of the Americas and Europe are able to travel to African countries with the fewest visa requirements

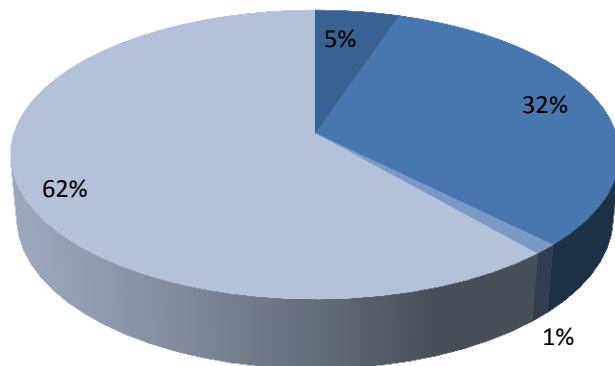
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Visa requirements for citizens of Asia and the Pacific



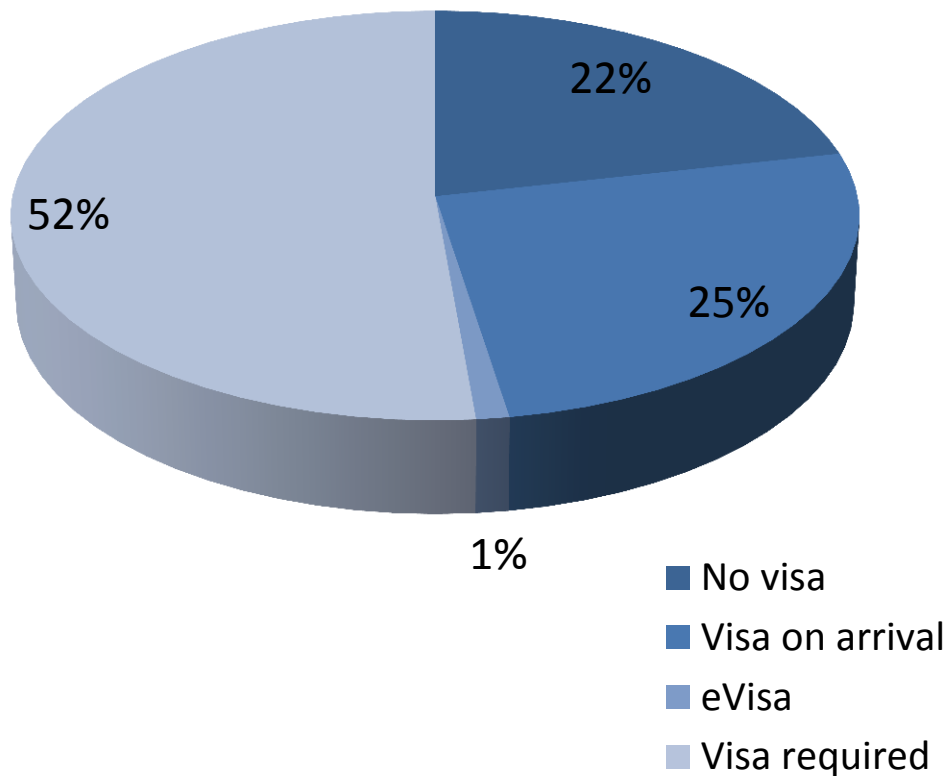
Visa requirements for citizens of the Middle East



- No visa
- Visa on arrival
- eVisa
- Visa required

Citizens of Asia and the Pacific and the Middle East are required the most, on average, to obtain visa prior to travelling to African countries

Visa policies for African citizens travelling to other African countries, 2014



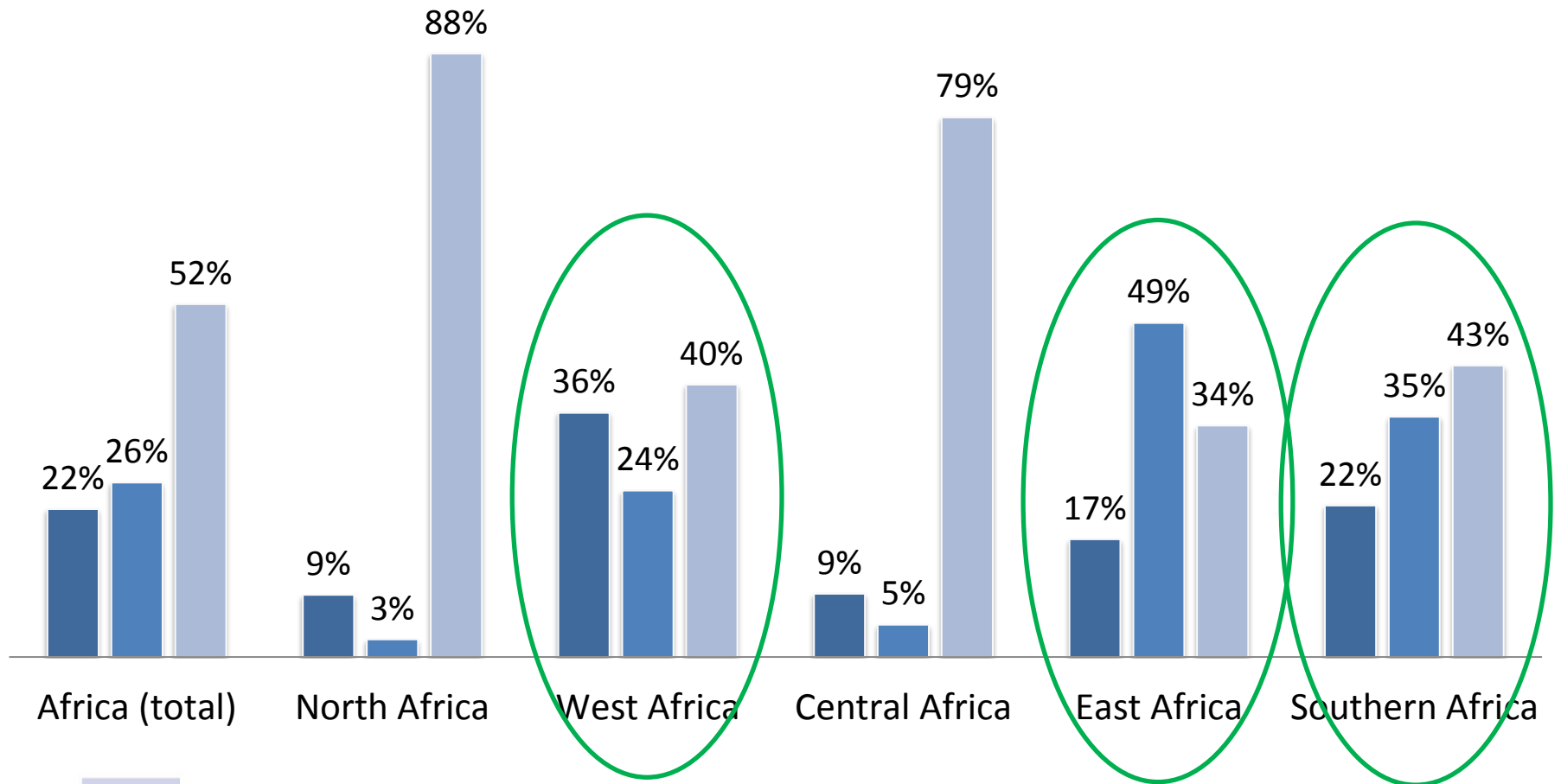
52% **Visa required** vs
48% Europe and
50% Americas

25% **Visa on arrival** vs
36% Europe
37% Americas

22% **No visa** vs
13% Europe
14% Americas

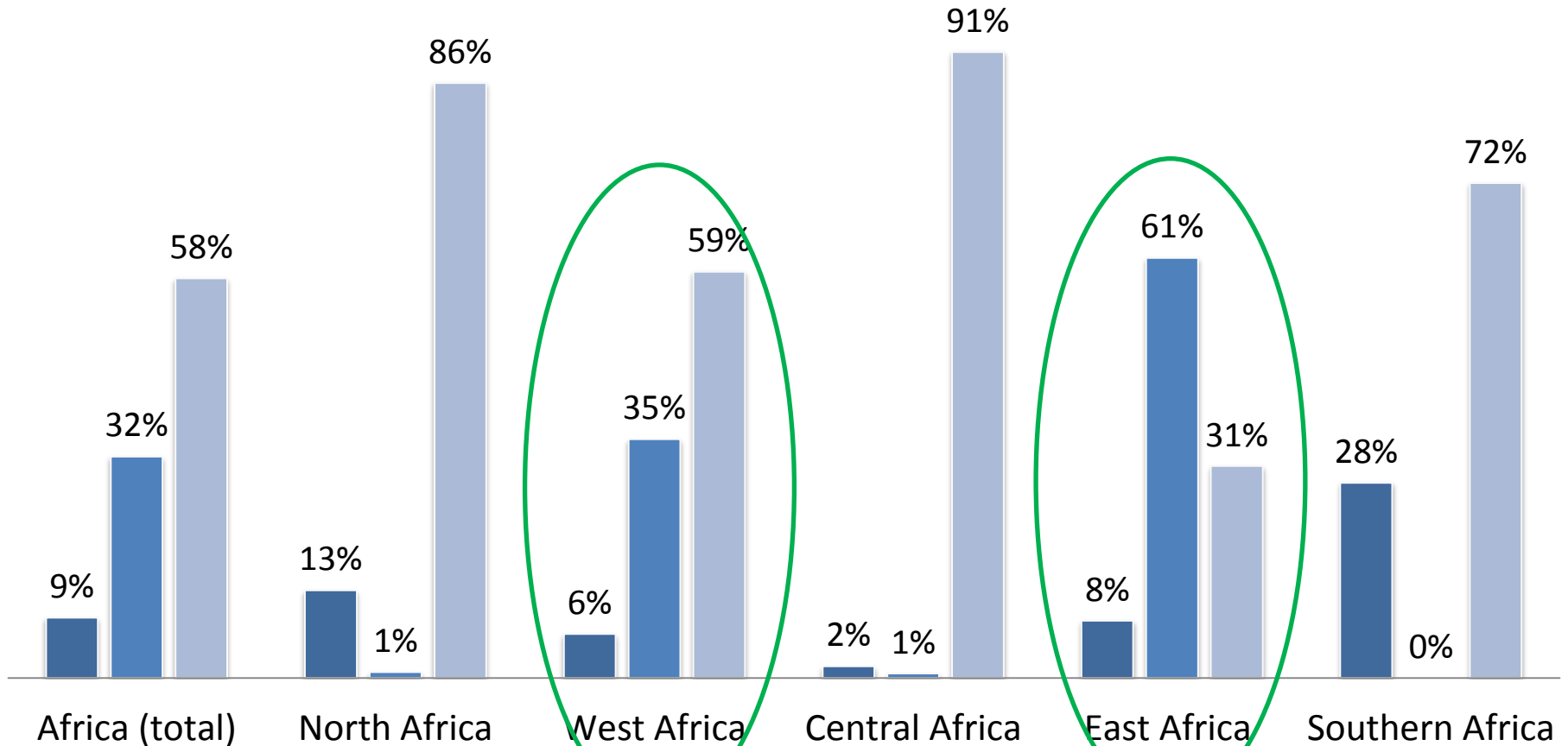
African population affected by visa policies of African subregions, 2014

■ No visa ■ Visa on arrival ■ Visa required



World population affected by visa policies of African subregions, 2014

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Thank you!

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