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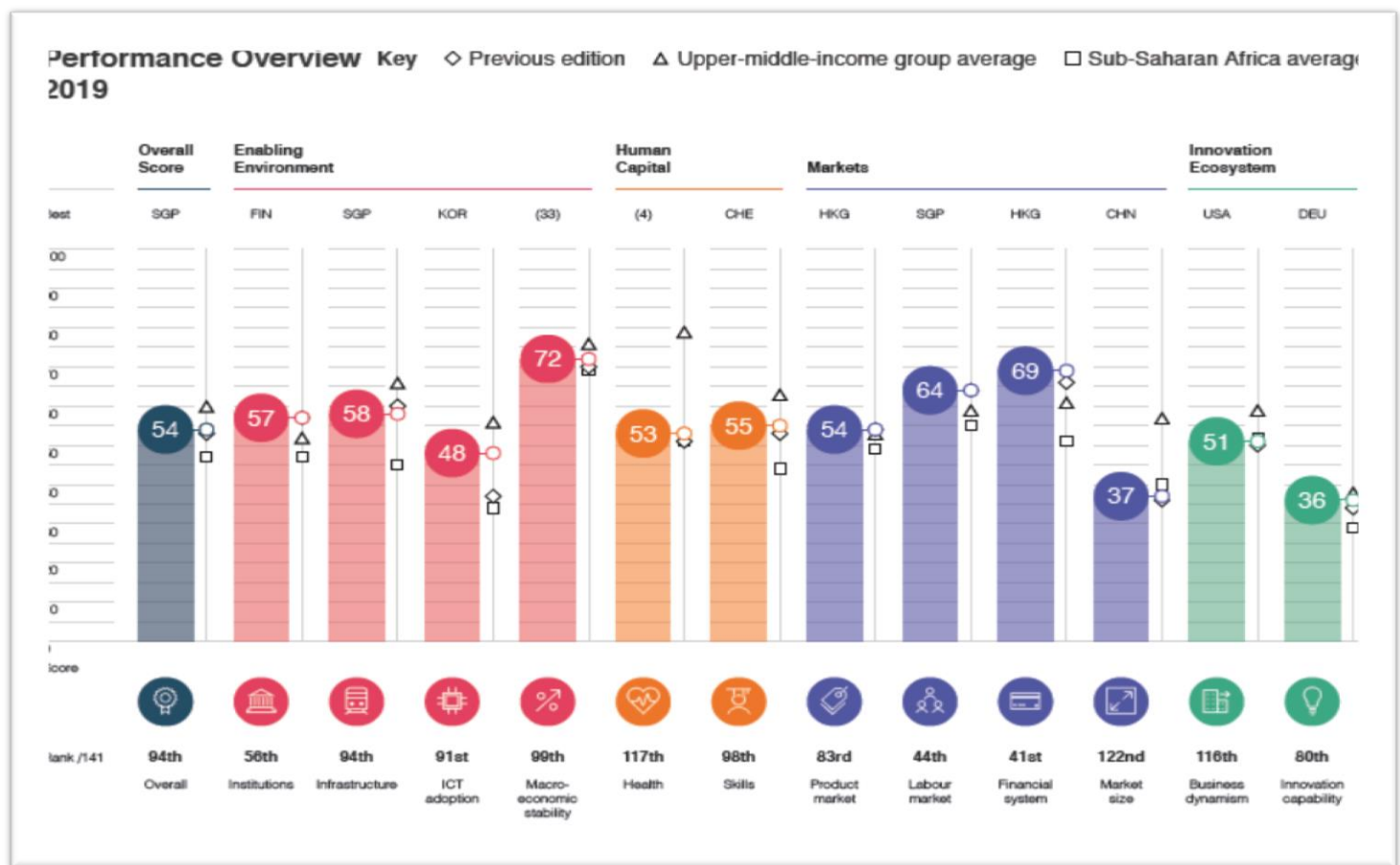
Global Competitiveness Reporting 2019 Briefing



GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS REPORT 2019 BRIEFING

Namibia is currently ranked 94th in ranking of 141 countries that were assessed by the World trade forum for 2019. The ranking indicates an improvement of 6 places from 100th out of 140 countries. On the regional front, Namibia is now 4th in ranking at the Sub-Saharan region level, an improvement from 6th place during 2018. The improved ranking is the much needed relief indicating that the policies that we have been implementing are now showing promise and that now we need to accelerate the speed of implementation.

Figure 1: Global Competitiveness Report 2019



In terms of **enabling environment**, there was a mixed performance with improvements in ICT adoption and macroeconomic stability from 105th & 100th in 2018 to 91st & 99th in 2019 respectively. While the institutions and infrastructure pillars recorded declines from 51st and 91st in 2018 down to 56th and 94th in 2019. The declines in the infrastructure pillar were exacerbated by fallings scores in the utility infrastructure, while the declines in the institution pillar were led by the poor performance in all the major indicators.

In the Human Capital component, the health pillar remained the same at 117th place as in 2018 and the skills pillar increased in ranking to 98th, up from 100th place. The increase in ranking of skills pillar is due to improvements in the scores in all indicators under the pillar.

The markets components saw improvements in terms of the financial system (from 47th to 41st) and market size (from 121st to 122nd) pillars while the product market and labour market pillars declined in ranking. The declines in the product market (from 80th to 83rd) were attributed to the score declines in both trade openness and domestic competition. The declines in the labour markets (from 39th to 44th) are reflected in the score declines for meritocracy and incentivisation. The increases in financial system (from 47th to 41st) can from the improvements in the depth and stability indicators.



On the component of innovation ecosystem, the ranking in business dynamism (from 121st to 116th) increased on the basis of improvements in administrative requirements and entrepreneurial culture indicators. On innovation capability, the ranking declined from 77th down to 80th in 2019, the decline is based on poor performance in research and developments.

Sub Saharan Africa

Country	Rank	Score	Rank difference	Regional ranking
Mauritius	52	64.3	-3	1
South Africa	60	62.4	+7	2
Botswana	91	55.5	-1	3
Namibia	94	54.5	+6	4
Kenya	95	54.1	-2	5
Rwanda	100	52.8	+8	6
Ghana	111	51.2	-5	7
Cape Verde	112	50.8	-1	8
Senegal	114	49.7	-1	9
Uganda	115	48.9	+2	10
Nigeria	116	48.3	-1	11
Tanzania	117	48.2	-1	12
Cote d'Ivoire	118	48.1	-4	13
Gabon	119	47.5	n/a	14
Zambia	120	46.5	-2	15
Eswatini	121	46.1	-1	16
Guinea	122	46.1	+4	17
Cameroon	123	46.0	+4	18
Gambia	124	45.9	-5	19
Benin	125	45.8	-2	20
Etiopia	126	44.4	-4	21
Zimbabwe	127	44.2	+1	22
Malawi	128	43.7	+1	23
Mali	129	43.6	-4	24
Burkina Faso	130	43.4	-6	25
Lesotho	131	42.9	-1	26
Madagascar	132	42.9	n/a	27
Mauritania	134	40.9	-3	28
Burundi	135	40.3	+1	29
Angola	136	38.1	+1	30
Mozambique	137	38.1	-4	31
Congo, Dem Rep	139	36.1	-1	32
Chad	141	35.1	-1	33