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## SA ranks 5th in Southern African cross-border trade

South Africa is ranked fifth in the "trading across borders" category for sub-Saharan Africa in the annual World Bank "Ease of Doing Business" review.

First are the island states of Mauritius and Seychelles, followed by The Gambia and Senegal.

The bottom five are Zimbabwe, the Republic of Congo, Chad, Central African Republic and South Sudan.

South Africa is also behind Mauritius in the overall ease of doing business ranking for sub-Saharan Africa.

Mauritius is ranked 28th in the world, and South Africa 43rd.

After South Africa the next three countries where it is easiest to do business are Rwanda (46th in world ranking), Ghana (70th) and Botswana (74th).