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Global Citizen Solutions' 2023 Global Passport Index Ranks Africa's Most Powerful Passports

Mauritius ranks #1 followed by Seychelles and South Africa

Johannesburg, South Africa - Today, Global Citizen Solutions unveils a <u>list</u> of the 10 most powerful passports in the world in 2023, with Germany leading the list. In the African continent, The Global Passport Index announces a continental list rating the best passports in the region. The ranking created by data-driven investment migration consultancy Global Citizen Solutions, utilizes a robust quantitative scoring system to evaluate a country's investment opportunities, quality of life indicators, and the number of visa-free countries accessible through each nation's passport.

The top 10 passports on the African continent, ranked in the Global Passport Index are:

- 1. Mauritius
- 2. Seychelles
- 3. South Africa
- 4. Botswana
- 5. Namibia
- 6. Tunisia
- 7. Morocco
- 8. Kenya
- 9. Ghana
- 10. São Tomé and Principe

Once again, Mauritius scored the pole position this year in the continental list of the most powerful passports in Africa. With a total score of 77, the country performed well in the Enhanced Mobility Index, with a passport that offers visa-free access, electronic visa, visa on arrival to 198 countries in the world. Mauritius also performed well in the Quality of Life Index, compared to the runner-ups, Seychelles and South Africa. Mauritius is ranked number 58 in the World's Passport Index, with the number one spot going to Germany this year. Seychelles performed well in the Enhanced Mobility Index, but unfavorably in the Investment Index and Quality of Life Index.

Each of the three indexes that form the Global Passport Index - Enhanced Mobility, Investment, and Quality of Life were evaluated. Each can be used as a standalone ranking where users can filter results for individual country statistics. The final list was developed in collaboration with senior STI data analysts, Dr. Roberto de Pinho and Vladimir Lopez-

Bassols and is based on data from various institutions and multilateral organizations including The World Bank, the World Economic Forum, and The Sustainable Development Report.

"Our Global Passport Index is a valuable tool for anyone looking to make an informed decision about a second citizenship or simply considering relocation temporarily or permanently to another country. The latest findings are based on rigorous research and evaluation that takes into account factors beyond travel mobility, such as taxation, quality of life, sustainability, and cost of living." explains Patricia Casaburi, CEO of Global Citizen Solutions

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For more information about the Global Passport Index and to view the full ranking, please visit <u>passportindex.global</u>

The top 10 strongest passports in the world are:

- 1 Germany
- 2 The United States
- 3 Sweden
- 4 Denmark
- 5 The Netherlands
- 6 Finland
- 7 The United Kingdom
- 8 Canada
- 9 Norway
- 10 Switzerland

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^{*}Methodology – The Global Passport Index offers key insights to readers on topics including travel mobility, tax benefits when opening a business, and more. Using a robust quantitative scoring system, this methodology determines the attractiveness of a passport using three indexes: (1) Enhanced Mobility Index (2) Investment Index, and (3) Quality of Living Index. The ranking allows individuals to see a comprehensive overview of mobility, investment potential, and country attractiveness.

About Global Citizen Solutions

Global Citizen Solutions is a boutique investment migration consultancy firm focused on finding the right residency or citizenship by investment program for individuals wishing to secure their future and become global citizens. From helping individuals find their dream homes or investment to providing successful immigration and relocation services, Global Citizen Solutions will guide clients every step of the way, offering the freedom, mobility, and security that comes with second citizenship or residency. With offices in Portugal, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, and Brazil, their multilingual team guides individuals and families from start to finish, providing expert advice concerning freedom, mobility, taxation, and security.