

Round 6

Africa Integrity Indicators

Category

Rights



Indicator 71

The rights of ethnic minorities are protected by law

Scoring
Criteria

A constitutional principle guarantees the protection of ethnic minorities from discrimination, with a specific law establishing the process for their rights to be implemented; and the law either prohibits discrimination based on belonging to a national minority, and/or includes a specific right to maintain and develop the essential elements of their identity such as religion, language, and traditions

In Law

-  Only **10 countries** across the continent explicitly guarantee the rights of ethnic minority in legal frameworks beyond a generic constitutional principle of equality among all citizens.
-  The **Republic of Congo's** law on the protection of ethnic minorities sanctions the use of the term "pygmy" - considered derogatory, guarantees indigenous people's right to administer their internal affairs and protects their cultural, intellectual, religious and spiritual elements.
-  All nations and nationalities in **Ethiopia** have a constitutional right to self-determination up to secession, and a minimum of 20 seats in the House of People's Representative are reserved for minority nationalities and peoples.

