Global leaders in innovation in 2020

Every year, the Global Innovation Index ranks the innovation performance of more than 130 economies around the world.

Top 3 innovation economies by region

EUROPE
1. SWITZERLAND
2. SWEDEN
3. UNITED KINGDOM *

SOUTH EAST ASIA, EAST ASIA, AND OCEANIA
1. SINGAPORE
2. REPUBLIC OF KOREA
3. HONG KONG, CHINA

NORTHERN AFRICA AND WESTERN ASIA
1. ISRAEL
2. CYPRUS
3. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
1. CHILE
2. MEXICO ↑
3. COSTA RICA ↓

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ASIA
1. INDIA
2. IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
3. KAZAKHSTAN

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
1. SOUTH AFRICA / MAURITIUS ↑
2. KENYA
3. UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA *

* Mauritius is ranked above South Africa this year but with wide significant data variability as compared to last year.
↑ ↑ indicates the movement of rank within the top 3 relative to 2019, and ↑ indicates a new entrant into the top 3 in 2020.

Top 3 innovation economies by income group

HIGH-INCOME GROUP
1. SWITZERLAND
2. SWEDEN
3. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UPPER MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP
1. CHINA
2. MALAYSIA
3. BULGARIA

LOWER MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP
1. VIETNAM
2. UKRAINE
3. INDIA *

LOW-INCOME GROUP
1. UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ↑
2. RWANDA ↓
3. NEPAL *

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