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New Chandler Good Government Index Shows Worrying Growth In Performance Gap Between Best And Worst Performing Countries

Singapore holds on to the top spot in the rankings for second year in a row

Russian government performance has declined significantly, as country struggles with the strain of Putin's war

15 MAY 2024 – The Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG) launches the fourth edition of the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) today live from London with an event featuring The Hon. Julia Gillard AC, Australia's 27th Prime Minister.

The 2024 CGGI rankings captured some significant movements in government performance that reinforce existing global trends – most worryingly for those working in the development space, that the performance gap, or 'governance gap', between the better performing states and those which are weaker, appears to be widening. Put simply, countries that have improved the most were generally already performing well, while countries that declined the most were already not performing as well. Indicative of this trend, noteworthy moves up in this year's rankings were the UAE (+6 places, to 14th) and Greece (+4 places to 41st), while in the bottom half of the rankings were some of the most pronounced fallers: Honduras (-13 places to 97th), Ethiopia (-12 places to 106th) and Türkiye (-12 places to 70th).

Standing out amongst this year's moves in the rankings, the 2024 CGGI reveals a major slide in government effectiveness and capabilities in Russia, likely exacerbated by the invasion of Ukraine and ongoing war. Russia fell 12 places in the overall rankings from 2023, with the slide most pronounced in the index 'pillars' for 'Financial Stewardship' (-27 places); 'Robust Laws & Policies' (-16 places); 'Global Influence & Reputation' (-16 places); and 'Attractive Marketplace' (-14 places).

Also of note this year, the addition of nine new countries takes the index's coverage to over 90% of the world's population. These new nations included high, mid, and lower performing states like Luxembourg (7th), Saudi Arabia (38th), and Bangladesh (91st), among others. The increased country coverage – in combination with analysis of data from 35 indicators across seven categories – makes the CGGI the most comprehensive comparative snapshot of government capabilities that is freely available to researchers and practitioners. By design, the CGGI serves as a comprehensive analytical tool for public sector leaders to improve government performance through clear, insightful data and actionable insights.

The 2024 CGGI Top Ten Countries

Country	CGGI 2024 Rank	CGGI 2024 Score	Change from 2023
Singapore	1	0.865	-
Denmark	2	0.835	+2
Finland	3	0.829	-
Switzerland	4	0.816	-2
Norway	5	0.810	-



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Sweden	6	0.806	-
Luxembourg	7	0.796	New
Germany	8	0.792	-
Netherlands	9	0.790	-2
Ireland	10	0.771	+1

Key Global Insights from the 2024 CGGI:

- Europe continues to dominate the top 10 positions in the rankings, with only one non-European country – Singapore.
- Botswana is this year’s biggest gainer in the overall rankings, moving up 12 places to 53rd, and overtaking Rwanda as the 2nd top-performing Sub-Saharan African country.
- Other major moves up the rankings include the United Arab Emirates (up six places to 14th) and Greece (up four places to 41st).
- According to analysis captured in the 2024 CGGI report, good government is closely correlated with several critical future-forward capabilities. CIG analysis found that, generally:
 - Good governments are better placed to achieve peace and stability.
 - Good governments are better able to attract, retain and develop professional talent.
 - Good governments are better prepared to adopt and deploy new technologies like AI.
 - Good governments are able to better adapt to environmental threats and climate change.
- As with previous years’ results, governments which score well on the capability indicators have generally also scored better in their ability to deliver better outcomes for their citizens, in important areas like education and healthcare.

The 2024 CGGI report takes a forward-looking approach and focuses on the theme of ‘Governing for the future’. While last year’s report zeroed in on the huge, multifaceted complex challenges of the early 2020s, this year’s publication pivots to the future, exploring how public sector leaders can develop the national capabilities required for effective 21st Century government. In doing so, the report focuses on how to best invest in the next generation of public servants, taking a skills-first approach. Further, the CGGI report looks at the systems and processes needed to survive and thrive despite the turbulence and uncertainty of the years to come. Finally, the report looks at the societal outcomes that are key to national well-being into the future.

Kenneth Sim, Managing Director for Strategy and Research at the CIG said:

“2024 is a monumental year for global governance, and potential leadership transitions around the world, as elections covering more than half the world’s population are held. While the CGGI takes a neutral view on models of government, 2024 provides a moment to reflect on what a future-ready government looks like given the magnitude of the challenges national leaders face.



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In a year fraught with crisis and conflict, as well as the uncertainty of elections and potential political transitions, it can be challenging to focus on the long-term good, but this year's Report focusses on how best to do just that.

With the benefit of 4 years of data, the CGGI is starting to show some potentially concerning trends, such as what appears to be a widening of the 'governance gap', as better performing nations get better, and many poorer performing states decline. But we have also been able to see steady improvements and significant leaps in certain areas and with some nations, and want to recognise these efforts through our index, to help countries focus on long-term improvements that will create strong and prosperous nations, at a time when they are needed more than ever.

Our index is built by government practitioners, for government practitioners, and our goal remains to provide government leaders with a practical and non-ideological tool to diagnose their performance with peer countries and a guide for self-reflection and continual improvement."

Julia Gillard, Former Prime Minister of Australia:

"Governance systems and political ideology are often thrown into the spotlight in the discourse on government. These matter, of course, as they reflect the values of government leaders and the people they represent. But regardless of where we stand on the political spectrum, most public sector leaders will agree that government capabilities, like ethical leadership, financial stewardship, long-term planning, and cross-government coordination matter greatly in determining national outcomes. In providing a measurement framework that zeroes in on the key elements of government capability and performance, the CGGI is a useful analytical tool to help government leaders on their respective paths toward improvement and innovation."

About the Chandler Good Government Index: The CGGI measures government capabilities and effectiveness of 113 countries – representing over 90% of the world's population. The CGGI framework has been developed through extensive research, drawing on interviews with practitioners and experts on what capabilities and characteristics are most important for a government to perform well and deliver good outcomes for citizens and businesses. The 35 indicators are made up of more than 50 metrics. Importantly, the CGGI is constructed with a non-partisan and non-ideological worldview, and focuses on the capabilities that governments must develop so as to build stronger and more prosperous nations. This makes the index results more relevant to a wider range of countries, regardless of their income level, political system, and culture.

About the Chandler Institute of Governance: CIG is an international non-profit organisation, headquartered in Singapore. CIG is a partner to governments, supporting them in building strong nations for the next generation through training programmes, government projects and partnerships, and knowledge creation and sharing.

The full index rankings and a full copy of the 2024 CGGI Report will be available from **00:01 BST / UTC+1, 15 MAY 2024, on** the interactive CGGI website, [here](#).

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