

Covid-19 Border Status in West Africa (movement of persons)

In the aftermath of the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) across the world, West African governments responded to the sweeping pandemic by limiting the movement of people through its various borders and points of entry, as indicated in the following table.

	Land Borders	Airports	Seaports	Curfew?
Benin	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	NO
Burkina Faso	CLOSED	CLOSED	N/A	YES
Cabo Verde	N/A	CLOSED	OPEN	NO
Cote d'Ivoire	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	NO
Gambia	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	NO
Ghana	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	NO
Guinea	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	NO
Guinea Bissau	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	YES
Liberia	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	YES
Mali	CLOSED	CLOSED	N/A	NO
Niger	CLOSED	CLOSED	N/A	NO
Nigeria	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	YES
Senegal	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	YES
Sierra Leone	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	YES
Togo	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	YES

BORDERLESS ALLIANCE

Éliminer les barrières au commerce en Afrique de l'Ouest
Removing trade barriers in West Africa



Background

Established in 2012, Borderless Alliance is a private sector-owned initiative working in partnership with public agencies, Economic Communities of West Africa States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the media, and donors to promote free movement of goods and people and competitive trade in West Africa, through the removal of barriers to trade and transport.

Borderless Alliance pursues its vision and mission under five(5) main Strategic Pillars:

Building a strong diversified and active membership	Establishing information gathering, research and publications;	Strategic communications and advocacy;	Facilitating trade and investment promotion;	Building a strong and well equipped and managed
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To have a West Africa where goods, people, services and capital move quickly, efficiently and inexpensively across borders.



To create a strong platform for private sector participation in the sub-regional trade facilitation and integration efforts; as well as provide significant business networking opportunities for increased West African trade and investment.



- **Integrity**
- **Professionalism**
- **Team work**
- **Our Members**



We bring together stakeholders from the private sector to leverage resources and address critical issues affecting transport and trade in West Africa. We create platforms for direct dialogue between private and public sector stakeholders, while working with partners to ensure that credible data on the true state of intra-regional trade is regularly collected and disseminated.

Why Borderless Alliance?

If you're in business in West Africa, you're already aware of how much money you are losing because of delays, bribes and inefficient border clearance procedures. At Borderless Alliance, we're working towards a West Africa where a truck can move goods across the region quickly, efficiently and cheaply. More efficient transport means more trade – and in turn, this means stronger economic growth, higher profits for companies, greater income for national governments, increased investment and more jobs.

What are we doing to create a better business environment?

We work directly with stakeholders at every level of the transport value chain – from regional economic communities and national ministries to border officials and traders. We run a network of Border Information Centers at border crossings throughout West Africa, where transporters and traders can get immediate help with cargo clearance problems. We hold discussion forums at borders, where stakeholders at all levels can publicly discuss barriers to trade, and find solutions. We publish and disseminate guides to customs clearance procedures and transport regulations on West Africa's most important trade routes.

Components of Borderless Alliance

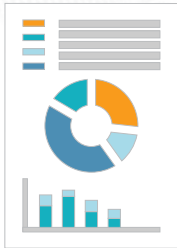
MEMBERSHIP



The Borderless Alliance is a membership based organization. Membership of the Alliance is open to all private sector organizations and stakeholders in trade and transport facilitation in West Africa. Borderless Alliance membership is activated by submitting a completed membership form and the payment of annual membership dues.

By submitting the application form to join Borderless, the incoming member is agreeing to the Terms and Conditions of membership which is subject to an annual subscription fee in line with the membership

Membership Benefits



Access to Borderless Alliance's Reports

Members have access to Borderless Alliance's quarterly and annual reports. Members also have access to Borderless Alliance's special reports about different trade

issues including up-to-date data and insights.



Business Opportunities

Networking with key transport, trade and financial sector stakeholders, businesses, institutions and associations in the region. Members can advertise their companies' products and services, current and upcoming activities on Borderless Alliance website and monthly newsletter.



Assistance

Members can directly get technical assistance from Borderless Alliance's experts

on cross-border trade issues. Problem solving is one of the key benefits of Borderless Alliance's membership.



Updates

Members receive regular updates on regional policy changes and how they affect their businesses



Borderless Alliance Training and discount

Members get specialist training sessions for their staff, to ensure they can easily deal with every trade issue from customs formalities to transport regulations. Members get discount on training and conference fees.



Borderless Alliance general assembly

Members can participate in Borderless Alliance General Assembly elections. Members can stand for Executive Committee election.

**Your membership makes a difference.
Join today and let your voice be heard!**

ADVOCACY and CAPACITY BUILDING



A key function of Borderless Alliance is evidence based advocacy. Borderless works together with key partners and stakeholders to document key concerns such as road governance statistics (checkpoints, bribery and delays along major regional transit corridors), border crossing times, port dwell times, etc. This is then used as a means to drive competition between countries to improve their corridors and also to ensuring that users of these corridors are able to make informed choices of the corridors to use in transporting their cargo. Borderless Alliance therefore works directly with key partners to build its advocacy cases on the most reliable and up to date data in order to spearhead change to promote the free movement of goods at a minimum cost and with minimum delays. Key advocacy activities include:

- High level meetings with national governments to drive implementation of regional regulations at the national level;
- Facilitation of bilateral cross border meetings to address issues related to border crossing;
- Providing feedback from the private sector and business community to Regional Economic Communities to guide policy formulation;
- Engagement with uniformed services (Customs, Police and Gendarmerie) in the various countries to address road governance challenges and other non-tariff barriers to trade;
- Capacity building of members and stakeholders on regional trade and transport.

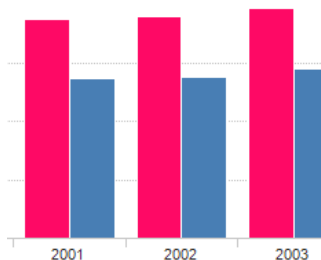
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- Management of Border Information Centers (BICs) at the borders in the sub-region: technical assistance to the business community, information dissemination and training;
- Collect, process, analyze and simplify the national, regional and international regulations governing trade and transport;
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- Produce documents (summaries of relevant information) that can serve as references to advocacy actions;
- The initiation, creation and management of trade and transport information networks at the regional level and with the rest of the world;
- Undertake specific studies and surveys on trade and transport in West Africa.

TRANSPORT and LOGISTICS



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Borderless Alliance Information Centers (BICs)

The Border Information Centers (BICs) are designed to provide all relevant information and necessary technical assistance to importers and exporters at the border posts to reduce costs and delays associated with import, export and transit of goods. These Centers perform such functions as:

- providing information on procedures and tariffs;
- providing technical support for traders in difficulty;
- providing training for border users ;
- facilitating meetings with the entire border community, etc.



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The Borderless E-Platform – Reporting and Monitoring Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in West Africa

Are you a truck driver, freight forwarder, trader? Do you want to know more about trade and transport in West Africa? Are your goods and/or trucks faced with challenges at the West Africa borders or do you have any other complaint to communicate? Do you want timely solutions to the challenges you face?



Then visit the Borderless Alliance electronic platform. Borderless Alliance, working with partners and focal points, has in place a highly interactive and dynamic e-platform whose ultimate objective is to improve identification and monitoring of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) as well as contribute towards the improvement of the policy environment. It allows continuous collation and collection of constraints faced by stakeholders in the trade and transport industry and it generates statistics on the issues and locations of barriers reported.

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