



Introduction to

Africa

WORLD GEOGRAPHY 8

Location of Africa?

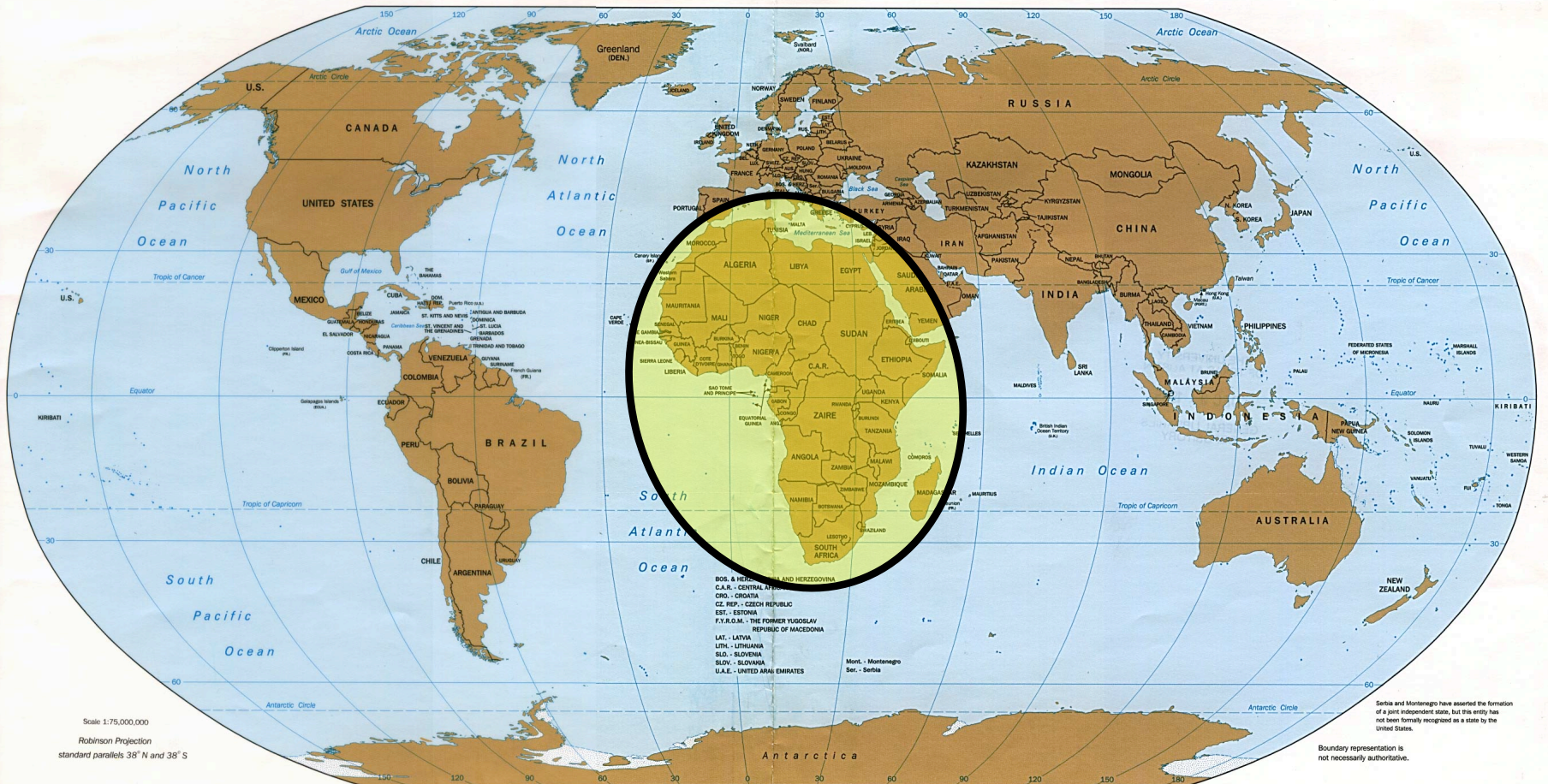
Political Map of the World



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The Basics...

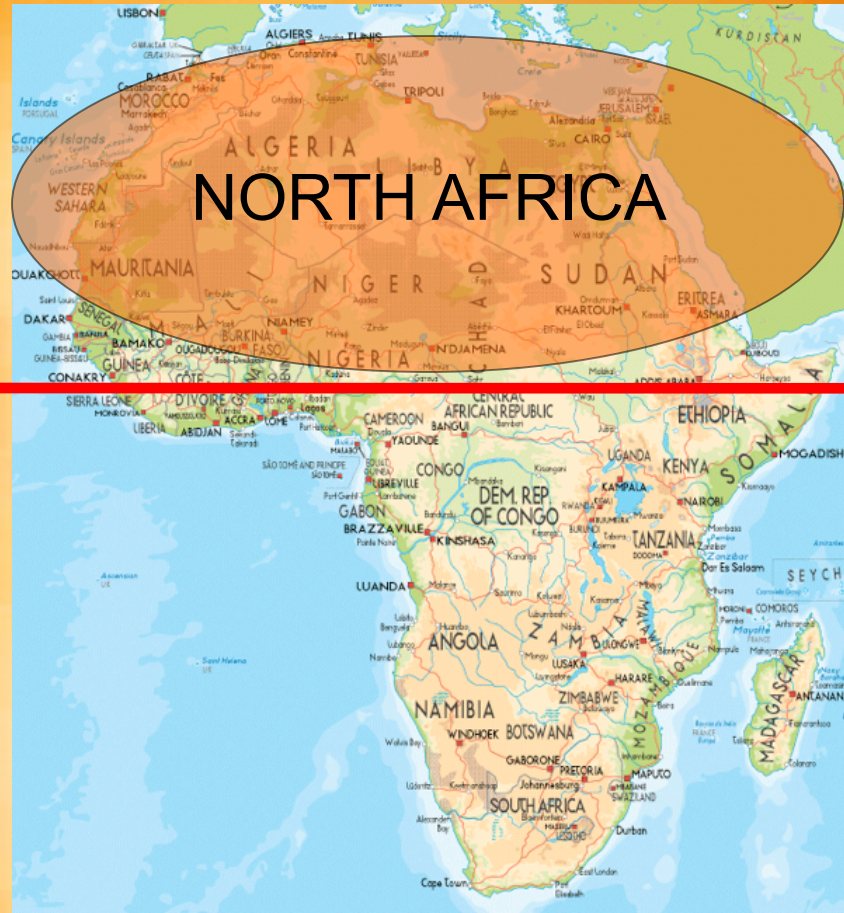
- Home to 54 countries
- Population 1 Billion
- 20% of the earth land surface

Africa Regions



Please sketch a simple map of Africa in your Notes w/ the dividing lines.

Region – North Africa

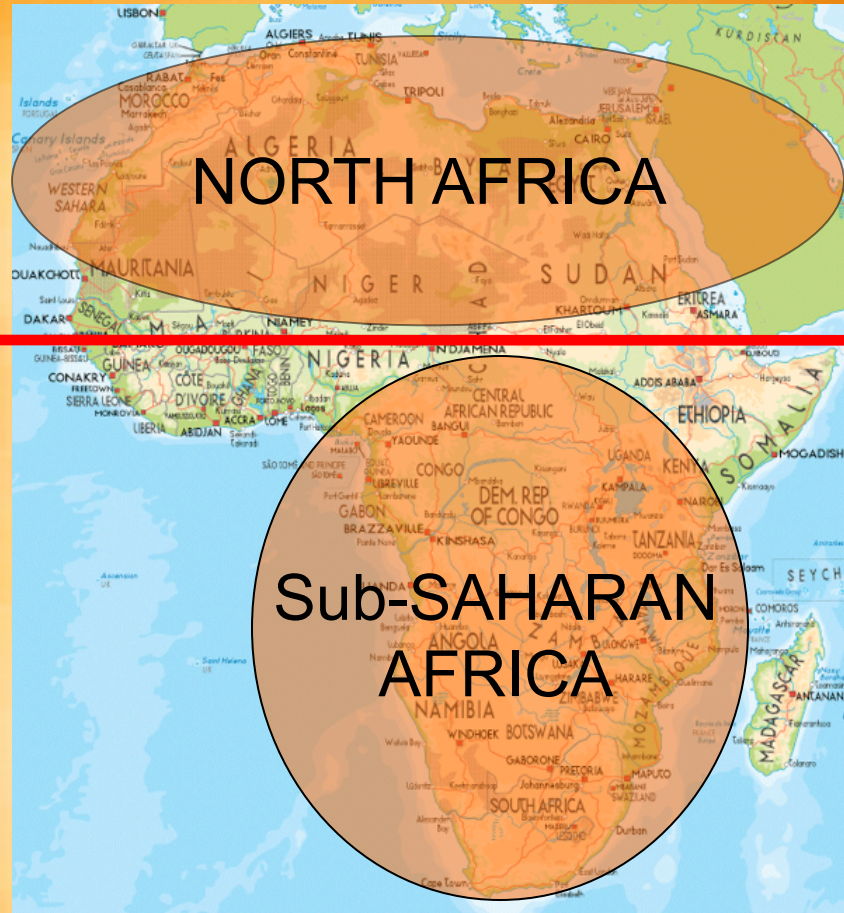


North Africa



- Islamic/Muslim Traditions
- close ties to the Middle East
- dominated by the Sahara Desert
- land of pyramids, camels & Sand Dunes
- think Disney movie... "Aladdin"

Region – Sub-Saharan



Sub-Saharan Africa



- more “typical” Africa
- land BELOW (SUB) Sahara Desert
- tribal belief system/Christianity
- AIDS, Hunger, & Political Problems
- land of Zebras, Giraffes, & Lions
- think Disney “Lion King”

Life in Africa





Life in Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa is beset with so many problems that the mind boggles. The average per capita income (excluding South Africa), inflation-adjusted, is \$315, lower than it was in 1960. Africa's population is more than twice that of the U.S., but its total income is not much more than Belgium's. The median gross domestic product per African country is \$2 billion. That's equal to the output of a town of 60,000 in a rich country.

excerpt from Forbes Magazine

Human Development Index

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a yearly published report by the United Nations (UN) on the basic Quality of Life throughout the world.



What is the UN?



UN Headquarters in New York City

United Nations (UN)



The United Nations, founded in 1945 after WWII, is an International Organization of 193 countries to promote general peace around the world.



4 Main Purposes of UN

- 1 - keep peace throughout the world
- 2 - To develop friendly relations among nations
- 3 - help nations work together to improve the lives of poor people, to conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy, and to encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms
- 4 - be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations to achieve these goals



EVERY DAY

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THE UNITED NATIONS

PROVIDES FOOD TO **90** MILLION PEOPLE IN **73** COUNTRIES



COMBATS CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEADS A CAMPAIGN TO END LEADED FUEL USE IN OVER **100** NATIONS



ASSISTS OVER **36** MILLION REFUGEES AND PEOPLE FLEEING WAR, FAMINE OR PERSECUTION



VACCINATES **58%** OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN, SAVING **2.5** MILLION LIVES A YEAR



KEEPS THE PEACE WITH **120,000** PEACEKEEPERS IN **16** OPERATIONS ON **4** CONTINENTS



ADVANCES DEMOCRACY ASSISTING SOME **30** COUNTRIES A YEAR WITH THEIR ELECTIONS



PROTECTS AND PROMOTES HUMAN RIGHTS ON SITE AND THROUGH **80** TREATIES/DECLARATIONS



FIGHTS POVERTY HELPING **370** MILLION RURAL POOR ACHIEVE BETTER LIVES IN THE LAST **30** YEARS



MOBILIZES US\$ **12.4** BILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AID TO HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY EMERGENCIES

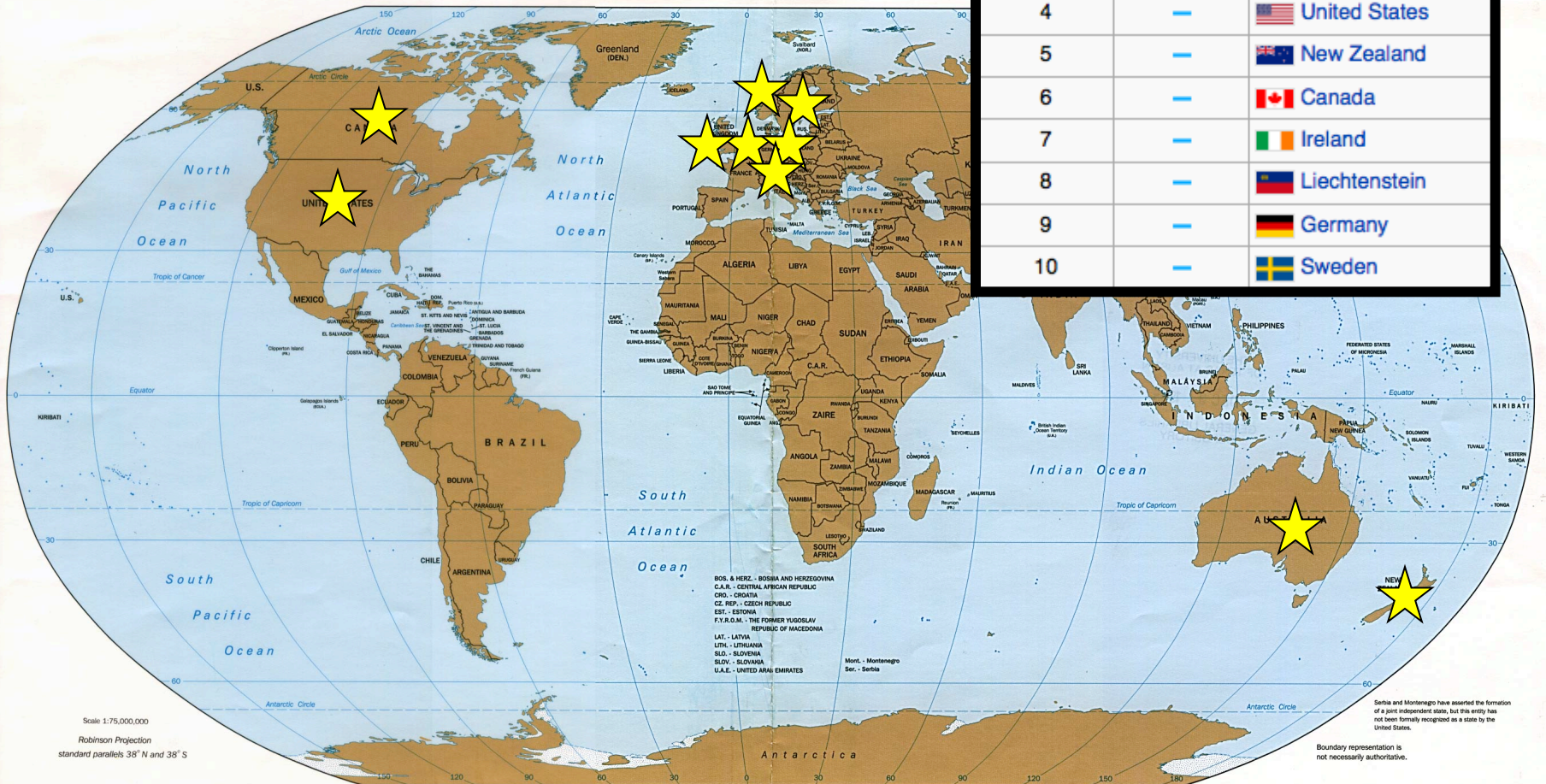


PROMOTES MATERNAL HEALTH, SAVING THE LIVES OF **30** MILLION WOMEN A YEAR



Top 10 MOST Livable

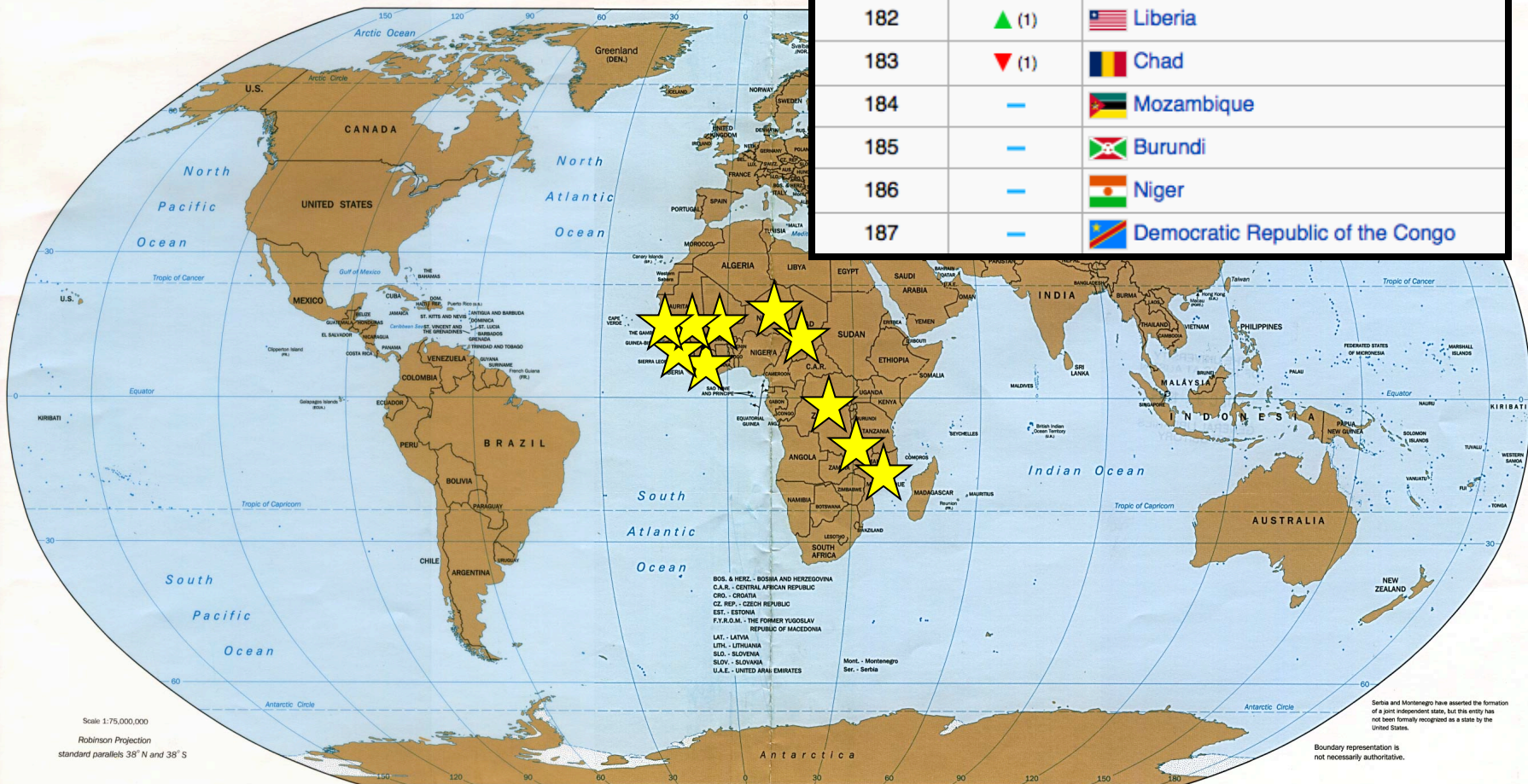
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1		Norway
2		Australia
3		Netherlands
4		United States
5		New Zealand
6		Canada
7		Ireland
8		Liechtenstein
9		Germany
10		Sweden

Top 10 Least Livable

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178	—	 Guinea
179	—	 Central African Republic
180	—	 Sierra Leone
181	—	 Burkina Faso
182	▲ (1)	 Liberia
183	▼ (1)	 Chad
184	—	 Mozambique
185	—	 Burundi
186	—	 Niger
187	—	 Democratic Republic of the Congo

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BOS. & HERZ. - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
C.A.R. - CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CRO. - CROATIA
CZ. REP. - CZECH REPUBLIC
EST. - ESTONIA
F.Y.R.O.M. - THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
LAT. - LATVIA
LTH. - LITHUANIA
SLO. - SLOVENIA
SLOV. - SLOVAKIA
U.A.E. - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Mont. - Montenegro
Ser. - Serbia

Serbia and Montenegro have asserted the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.



18 out of the next 20 of
Least Livable are African

Note: Haiti & Afghanistan are the other 2

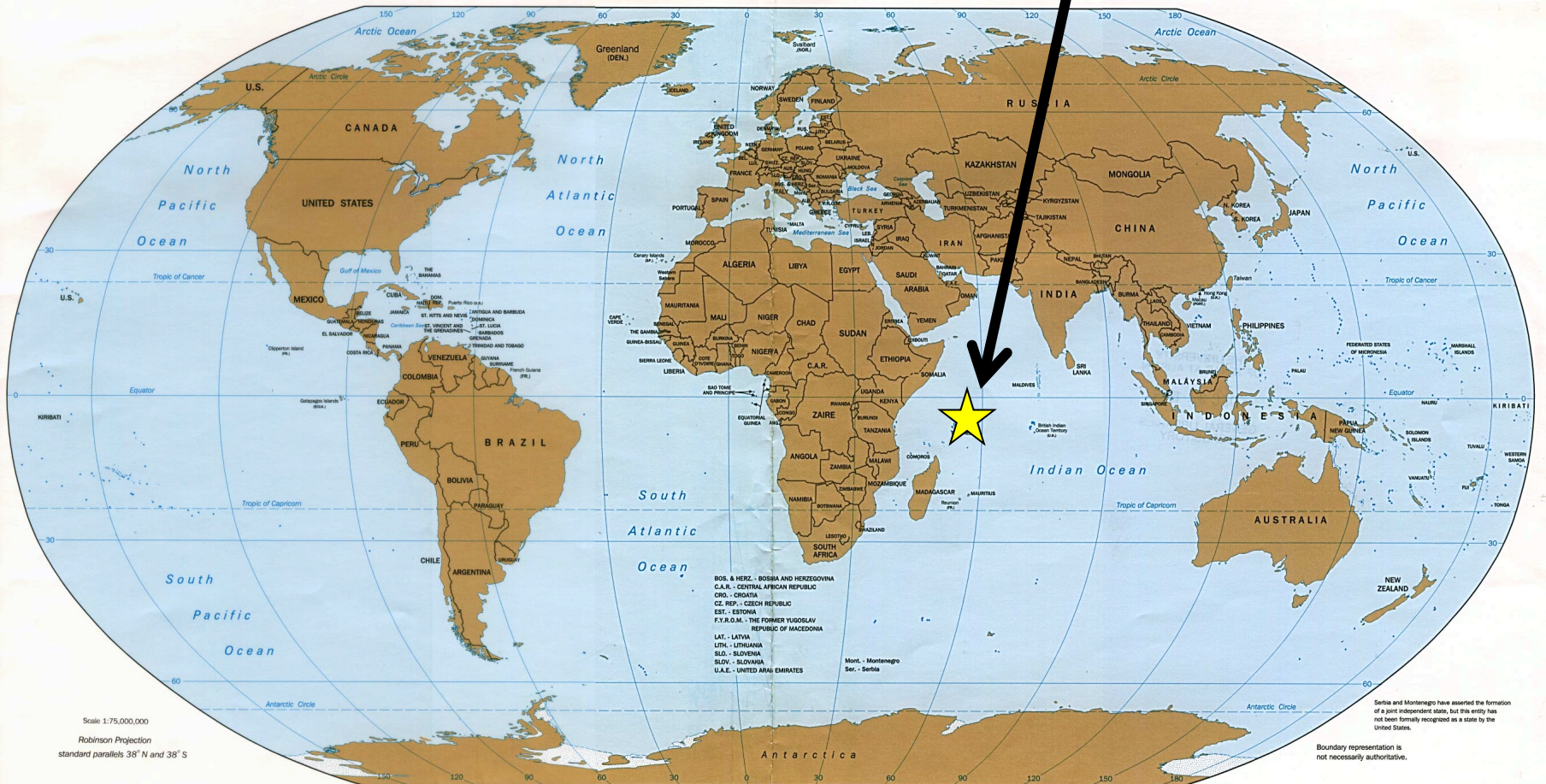
MOST Livable in Africa

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Seychelles

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Some Perspective..

	United States	Seychelles	Dem. Rep. Congo
Population	310 Million	90,000	75 Million
Life Expectancy	78 years	73 years	54 years
Literacy Rate	98%	91%	66%
Per Capita Income	\$46,000	\$25,000	\$400

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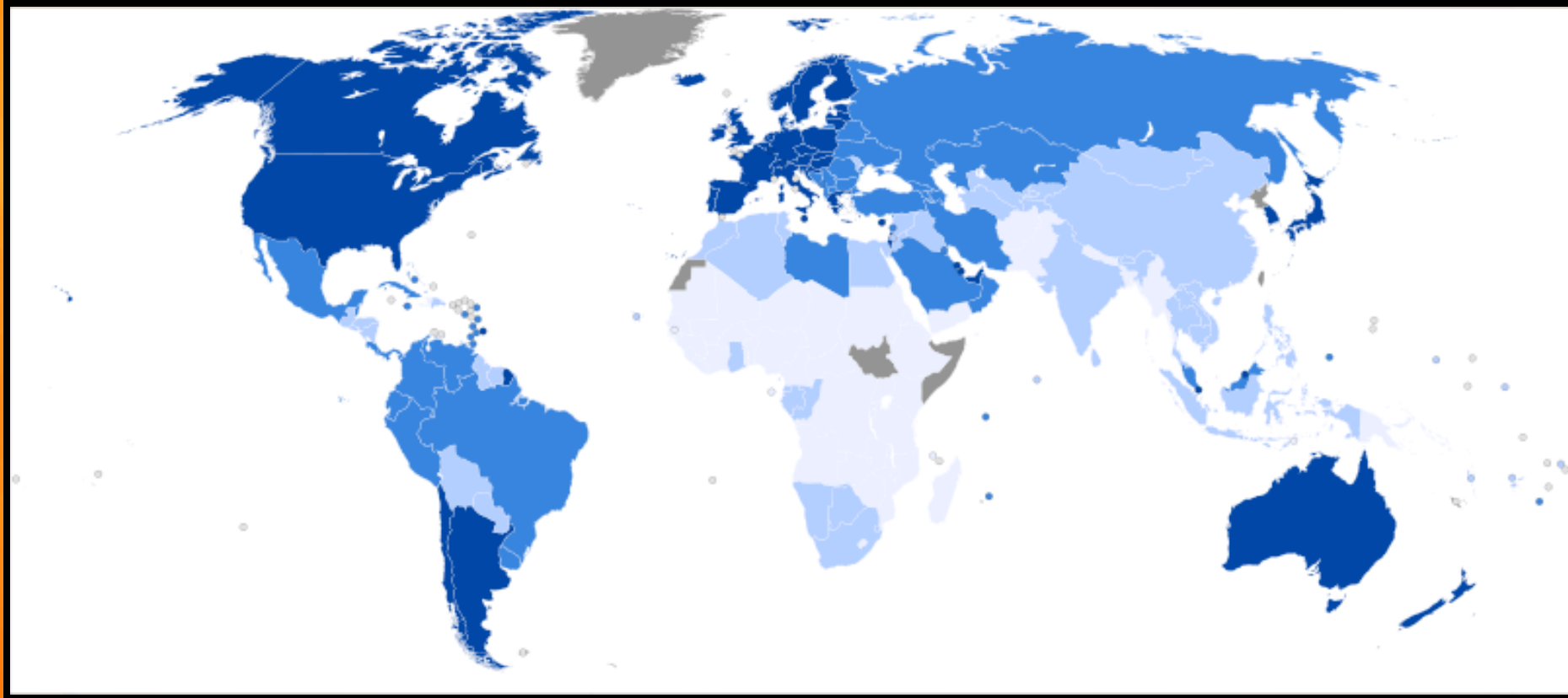
Lowest Life Expectancy = Mozambique 39 years

Lowest Literacy Rate = Burkina Faso 21%

Lowest Per Capita Income = Somalia & DR Congo \$400

All Above "Lowest on Earth" countries are in Africa

World Livability



English: The [United Nations Human Development Index \(HDI\)](#) rankings for 2011.



Physical Africa



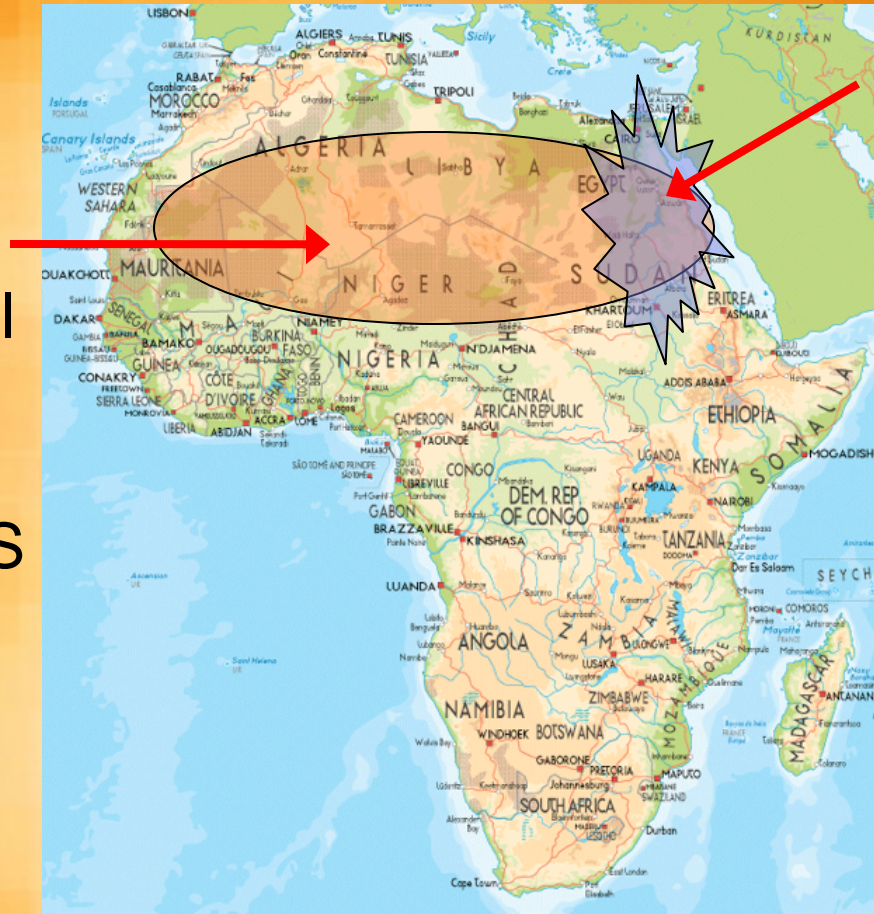
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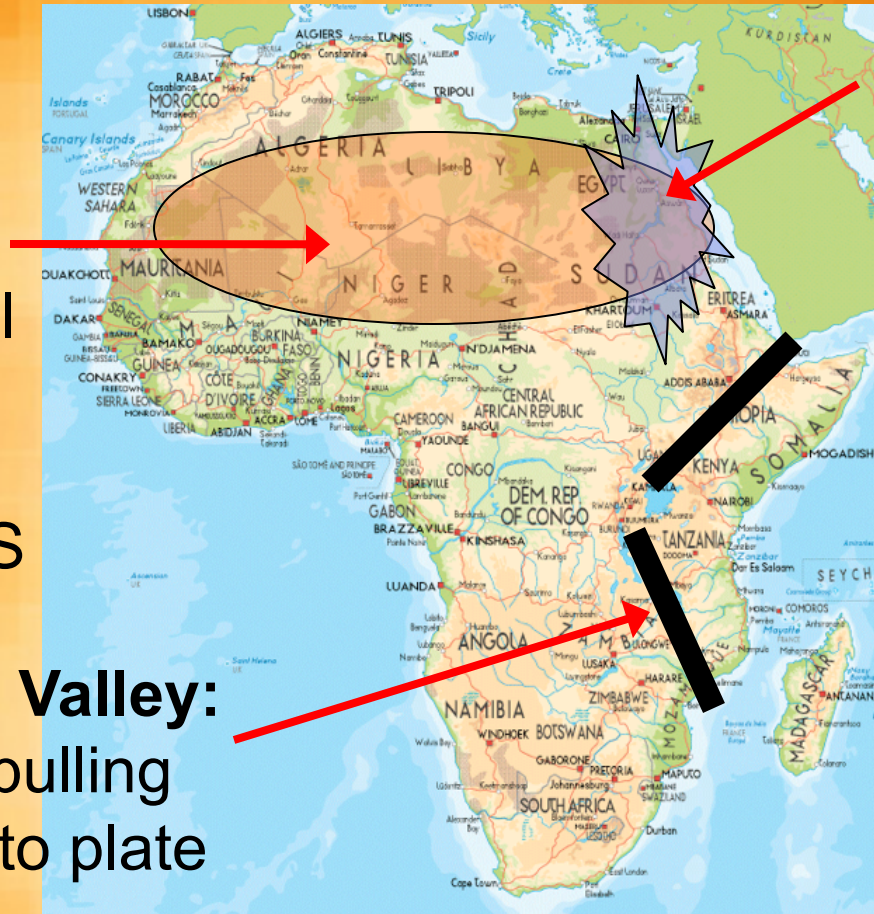


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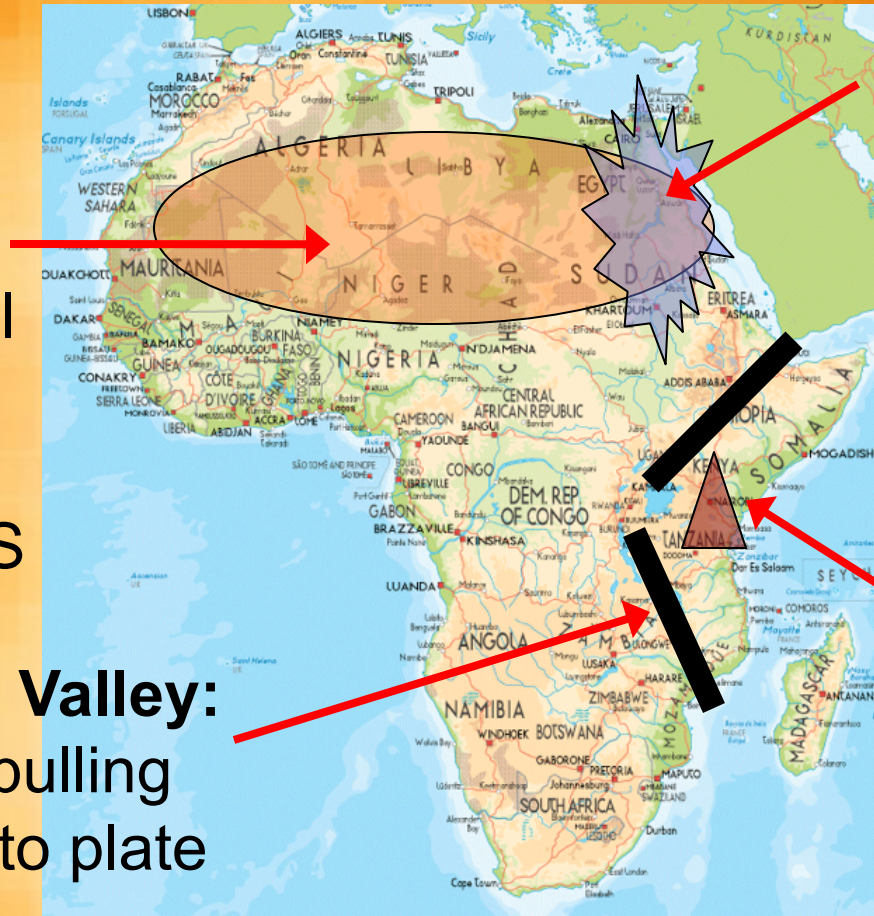


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