

2014 Visa Openness Report

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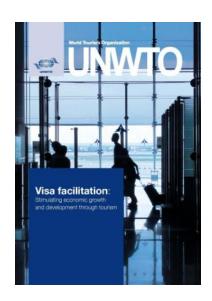
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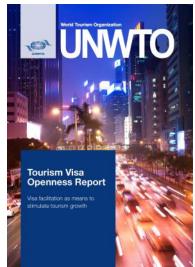
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Visa Facilitation

- Visa provide essential functions
 - Immigration Control
 - Security
 - Limitation of duration of stay and activities
 - Application of measures of reciprocity
- However ... visa also act as a constraint to international travel and its economic benefits







Data

Classifications

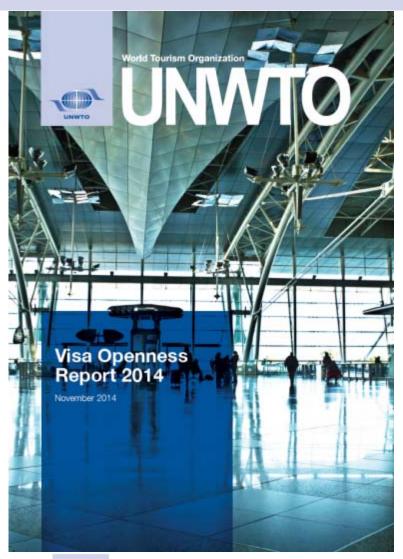
- No visa
- Visa on arrival
- eVisa
- Traditional visa

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Andorra	х					
Angola	х					
Antigua and Barbuda				х		
Argentina				х		
Armenia				х		
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Bangladesh				х		
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Belgium				x		
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Benin	х					
Bhutan	х					
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2014 Status



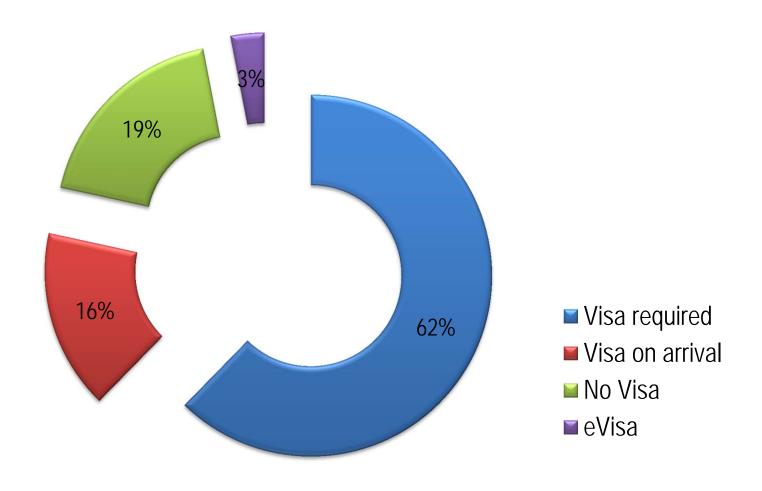
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Population affected

World population affected by different types of visa policies

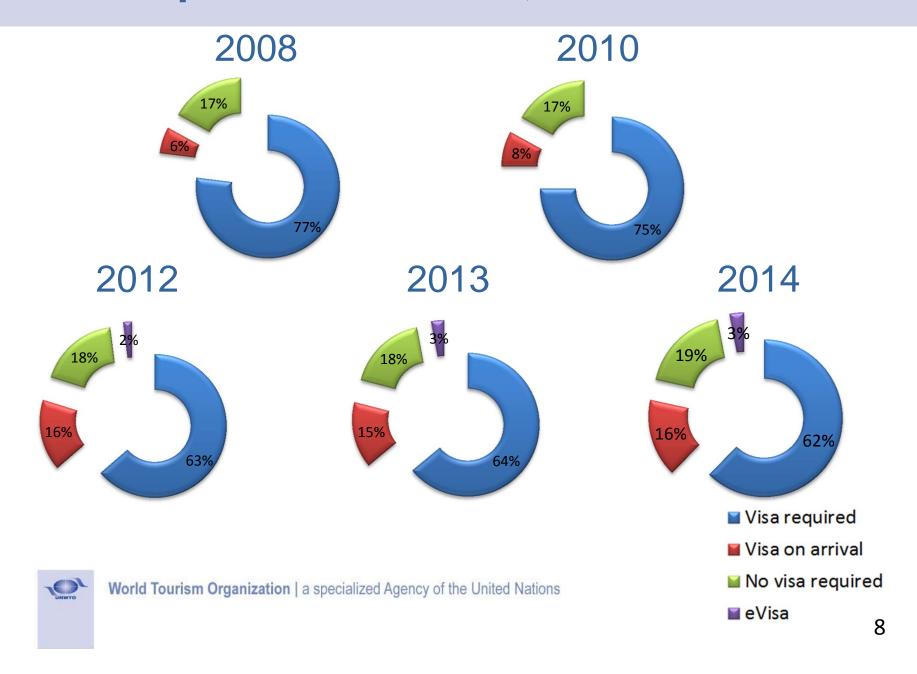


World Population Affected, 2014



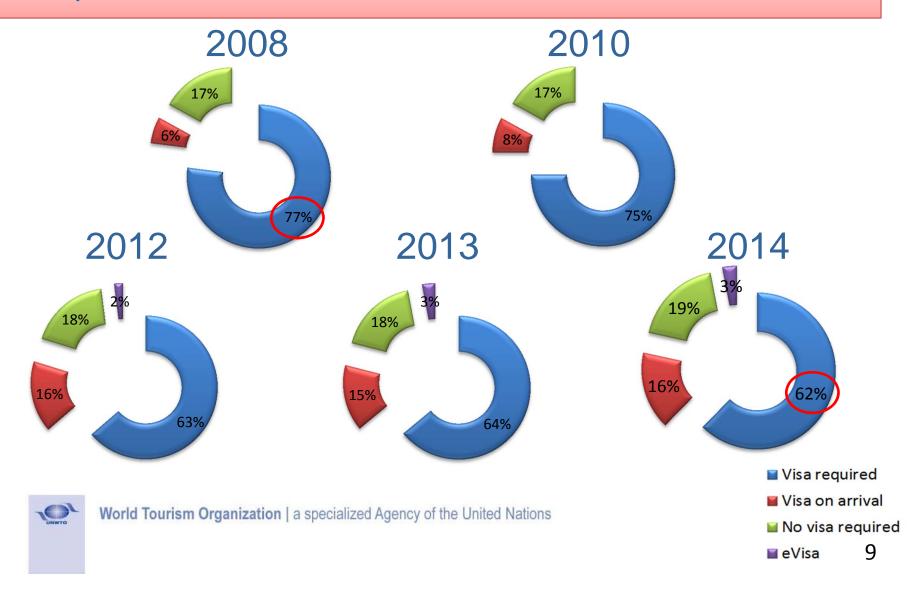


World Population Affected, 2008-2014



World Population Affected, 2008-2014

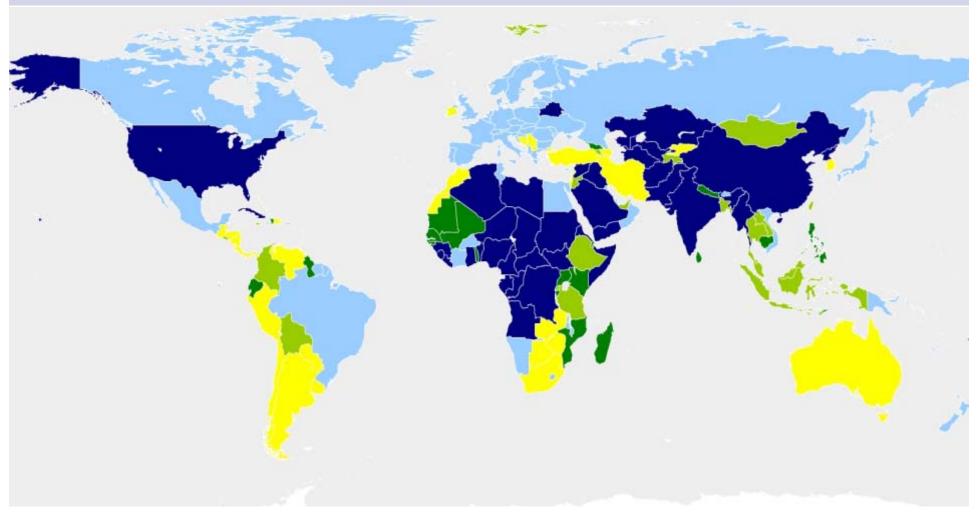
Requests for traditional visas decreased from 77% to 62%



Openness



2014 Openness Index

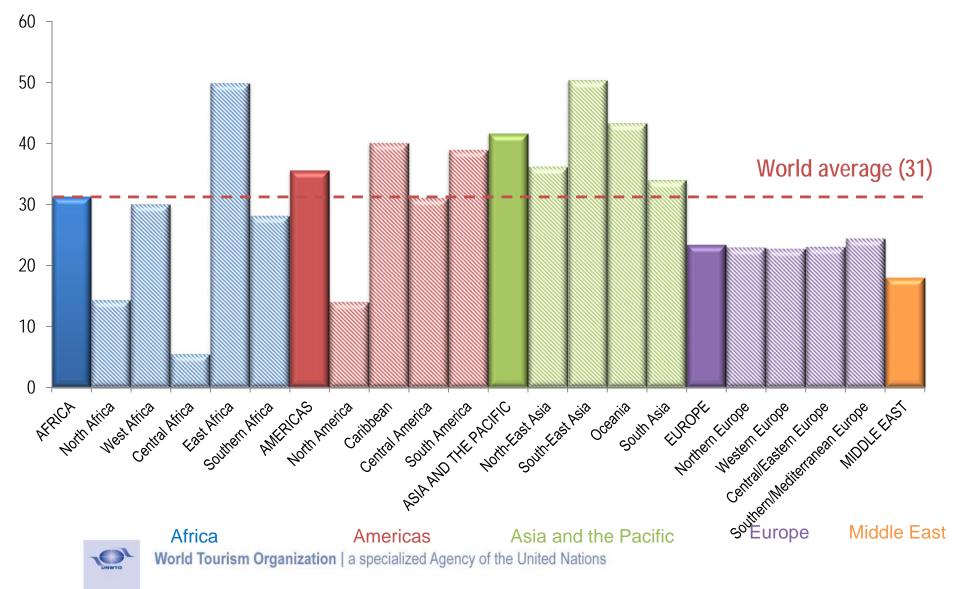


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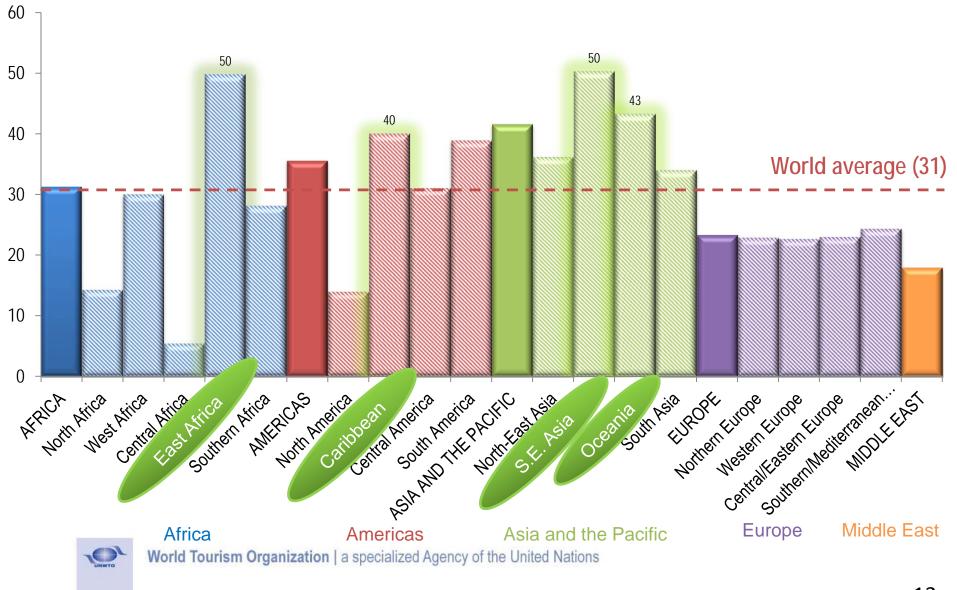


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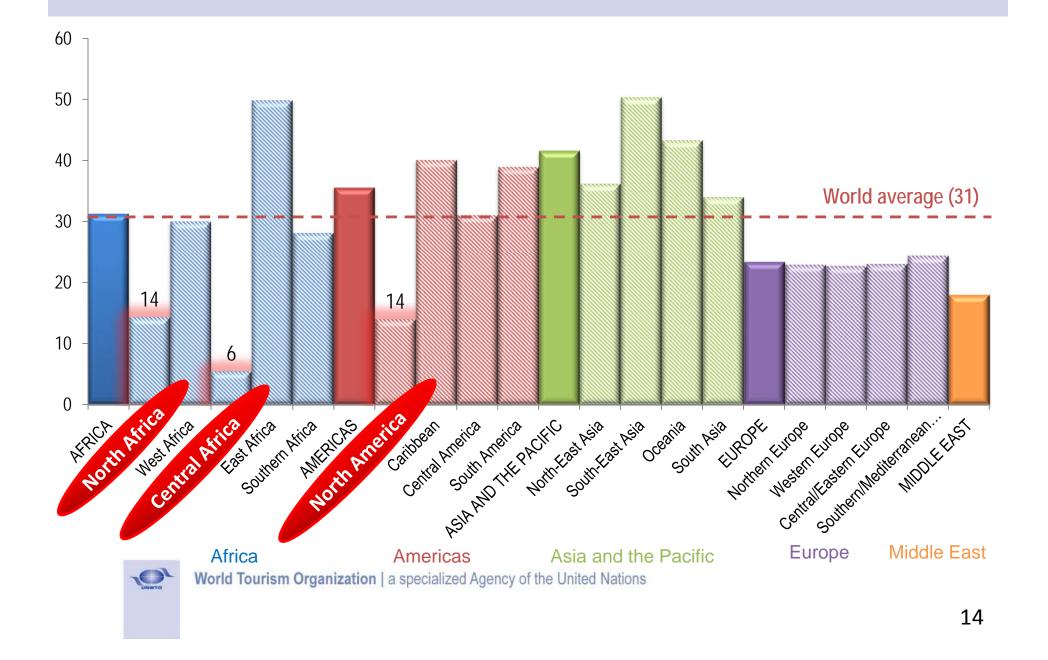
2014 Status - Openness Score



2014 Status – Most Open Destinations



2014 Status – Most Restrictive Destinations



The Most Open Destinations

Openness: 100

Cook Islands Dominica Micronesia Niue Openness: 99-80

Haiti

Macao (China)

Philippines

Georgia

Hong Kong (China)

Mauritius

Islands

Openness: 79-70

Turks & Caicos Islands

Fij

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Montserrat

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Guyana

Seychelles

Vanuatu

Cambodia

Mali

Cape Verde

Guinea-Bissau

Togo

Palau

Nepal

Uganda

Senegal

Ecuador

Mozambique

Burundi

Mauritania

Timor-Leste

Sri Lanka

Comoros Islands

Madagascar

Samoa

Tuvalu

Maldives

Djibouti

Kenya



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Destinations Improving Visa Procedures, 2010-2014

195-180 Improvements

- Niue
- Micronesia
- Palau
- São Tomé e Principe
- Djibouti
- Burundi
- Haiti
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Guinea-Bissau

179-130 Improvements

- Togo
- Cape Verde
- Mali
- Iran
- Senegal
- Mauritania
- Uganda
- Guyana
- Bangledesh
- Lao (P.D.R.)
- United Arab Emirates
- Kenya
- United Republic of Tanzania

129-75 Improvements

- Ecuador
- Bolivia
- Macao (SAR)
- Armenia
- Sri Lanka
- Georgia
- Colombia
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Nicaragua
- Montserrat
- Tajikistan
- Mauritius



Drivers of Change

- 54 destinations significantly facilitated the visa process for citizens of 20 or more countries
- Between 2010 and 2014 visa requirements were facilitated for 6,748 destination-source market pairs
- Significant changes (20 or more) were predominant
- Most common change was visa on arrival (57% of all changes)



Economic Blocs and Thematic Routes



Visa Facilitation in G20 Economies

- 5% to 25% international tourist arrivals growth
- US\$ 206 billion in tourism receipts
- 5 million additional jobs by 2015





G20 Los Cabos Summit Leaders' Declaration

The G20 Leaders recognized at their June 2012 Summit, the role of tourism as

"a vehicle for job creation, economic growth and development"

furthermore, they committed to

"work towards developing travel facilitation initiatives in support of job creation, quality work, poverty reduction and global growth."



Visa Facilitation in APEC Economies

- 9% to 13% international tourist arrivals growth
- Between US\$ 62 and US\$ 89 billion in tourism receipts
- 1.8 to 2.6 million additional jobs by 2016





APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Travel Facilitation

APEC 2013 Leaders' Declaration:

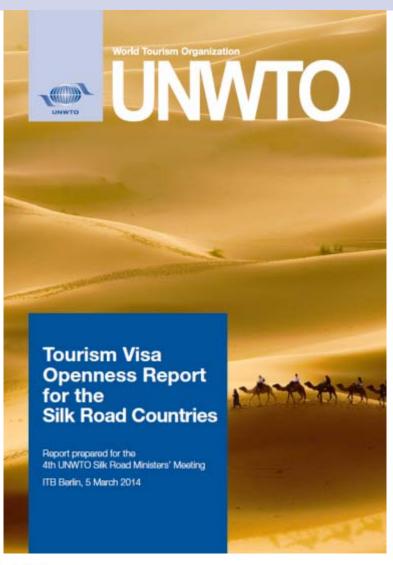
"...we will...progress work on the Travel Facilitation Initiative as a way to promote tourism and facilitate business..."



Visa Facilitation in the Silk Road Countries

Presented at the 4th UNWTO Silk Road Ministers' Meeting at ITB Berllin, 2014

The development of tourism in the Silk Road relies more than usual on a prevailing tourism interest that produces cooperative initiatives and solutions for the tourism sector.



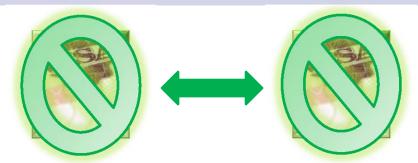


Reciprocity

Global Status and Selected Economic Blocs



Global Reciprocal Policies, 2014



 17% of visa policy pairs between countries are reciprocally open

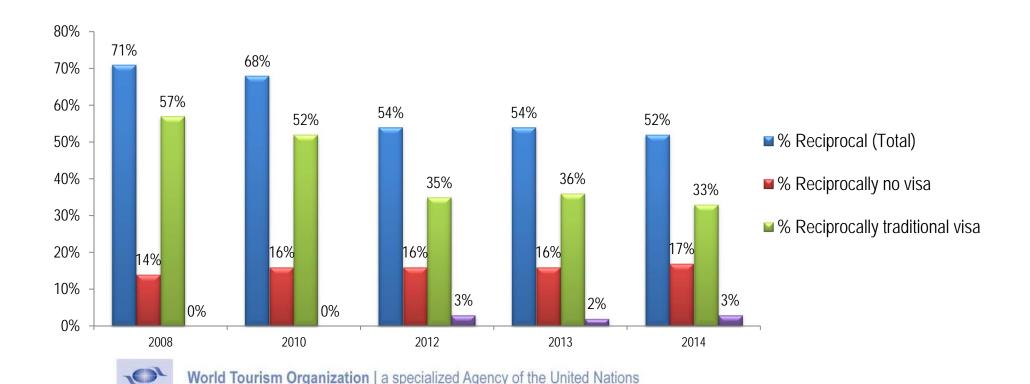


• 33% of visa policy pairs between countries reciprocally require traditional visas



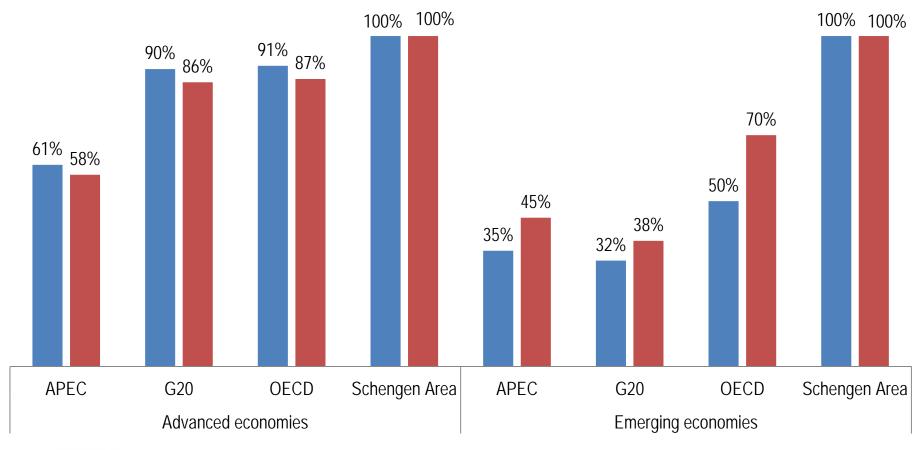
Global Reciprocal Policies, 2008-2014

Reciprocal traditional visa restrictions decreased from 57% to 33% Reciprocal "no visa" increased from 14% to 17% Non-reciprocal policies increased from 29% to 48%



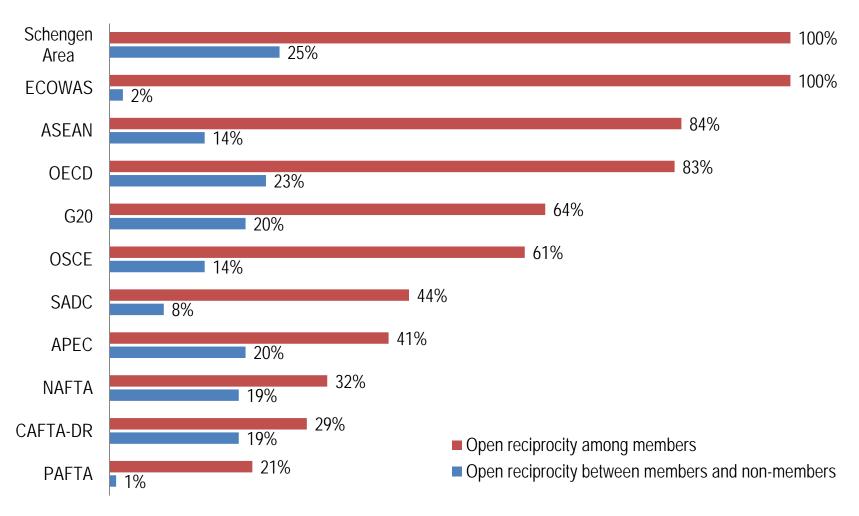
Open Reciprocity, 2008-2014





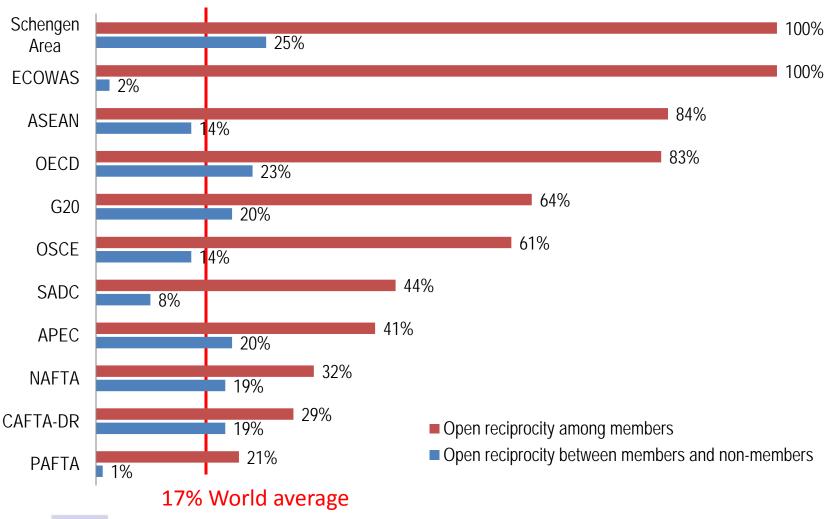


Open Reciprocity – 2014 (among members and between members and non-members)





Open Reciprocity – 2014 (among members and between members and non-members)





87 States represented at the 1963 Conference on International Travel and Tourism

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo(Leopold-Ville), Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Republic of South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.



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States agreed:

"Governments should extend to the maximum number of countries the practice of <u>abolishing</u>, through bilateral agreements or by unilateral decision, the requirement of entry visas for temporary visitors."





Thank you!

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