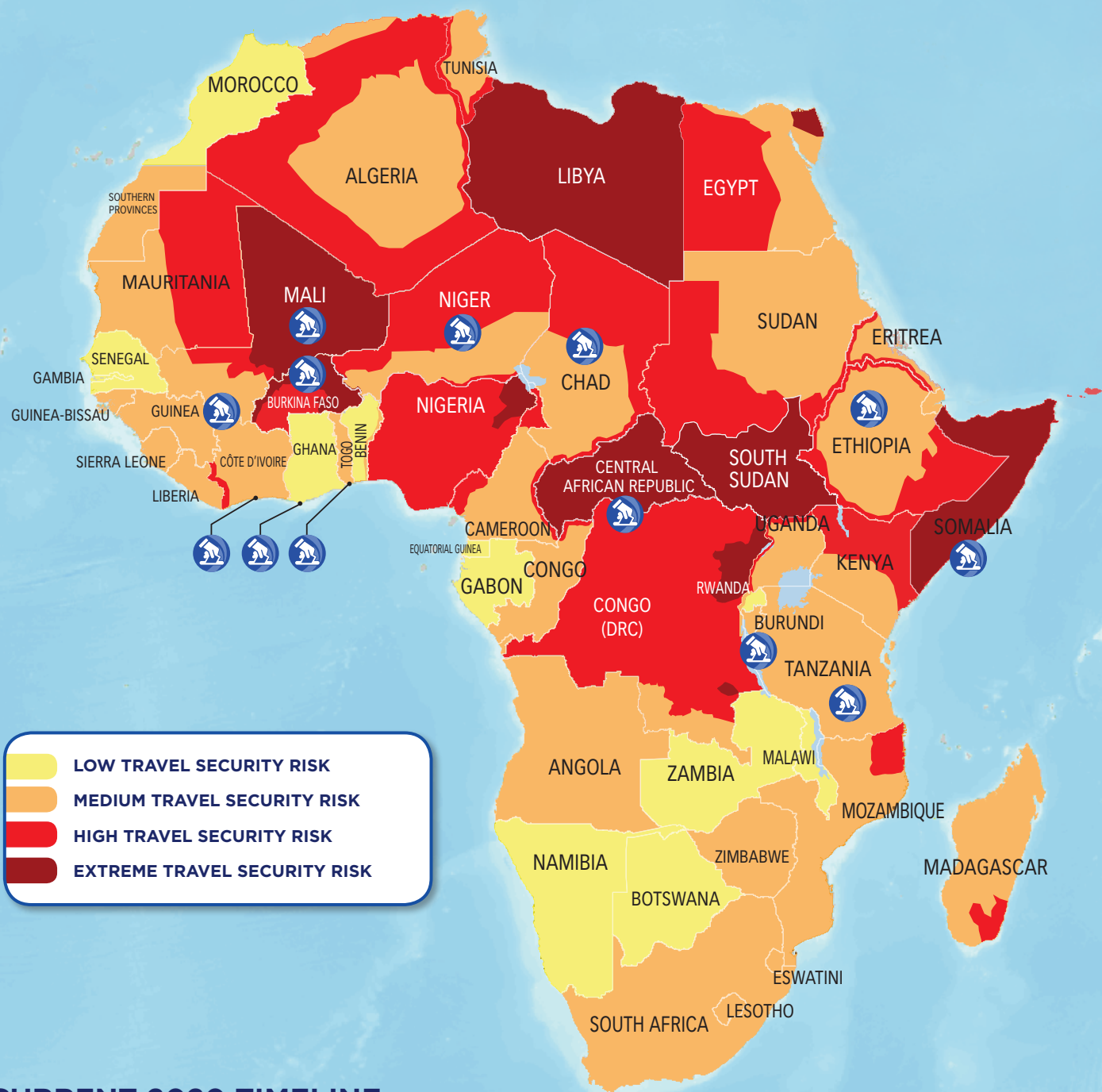


# 2020 KEY ELECTIONS MONITORED BY INTERNATIONAL SOS



## CURRENT 2020 TIMELINE





# Preparing for Elections

Businesses are often concerned during election periods, as the security environment may be affected before, during and after elections.

## CAUSES AND TRIGGERS

### BEFORE THE POLLS

- › Protests due to perceived partiality of electoral laws, electoral register or electoral commission
- › Comments or speeches by politicians that incite to violence along religious or ethnic lines
- › Arrests or incidents targeting members of the opposition
- › Attempts to amend the Constitution by the ruling party/incumbent president
- › Attacks on election rallies or politically-motivated violence targeting politicians

### POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS

- › Intimidation or widespread electoral irregularities are reported at the polls
- › In Presidential elections, violence is generally more likely to occur during the second round
- › Communication shutdowns, which could be perceived as an attempt to manipulate results
- › Logistical issues that might limit access of voting material to polling stations

### AFTER THE POLLS

- › Candidates proclaim themselves victors before announcement of the official results
- › Party/ies challenge official results
- › Mock swearing-in ceremonies
- › Arrest of opposition leaders/targeting of political HQs
- › Delays in results due to court/legal procedures

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEING PREPARED

### PREPARE

**Situational intelligence and building employee resilience.**

- › Know the risks, identify sources of accurate and reliable information
- › Plan the trip: itinerary, safe accommodation
- › Clarify escalation procedure

### OBSERVE

**Review and revise, policies and procedures.**

- › Be situationally aware
- › Verify information
- › Consult local contact
- › Hotel risk reviews
- › Workforce training models
- › Develop journey management plans

### RESPOND

**Escalation management and evacuation protocols.**

- › Escalation as per the procedure: who to contact, how to seek assistance, etc.
- › Identify and monitor triggers and indicators that could significantly change security environment to ensure appropriate risk management response

## IS YOUR ORGANISATION READY FOR THE ELECTIONS?

Organisations should adopt strategies to mitigate the risks for their mobile workforce ahead, during and following the elections.

- › How will the elections affect your business operations or travellers?
- › Are these scenarios included in your emergency preparedness guides or plans?
- › Does your staff know what to do during an emergency?
- › When last was your crisis management team trained?
- › When last was your emergency plans tested through a real-time, real-life simulation exercise?

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