



# QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMERICAS:

INSTITUTIONAL LANDSCAPE, GLOBAL POSITION,  
AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

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# **Institutional Landscape**







# Quality Infrastructure

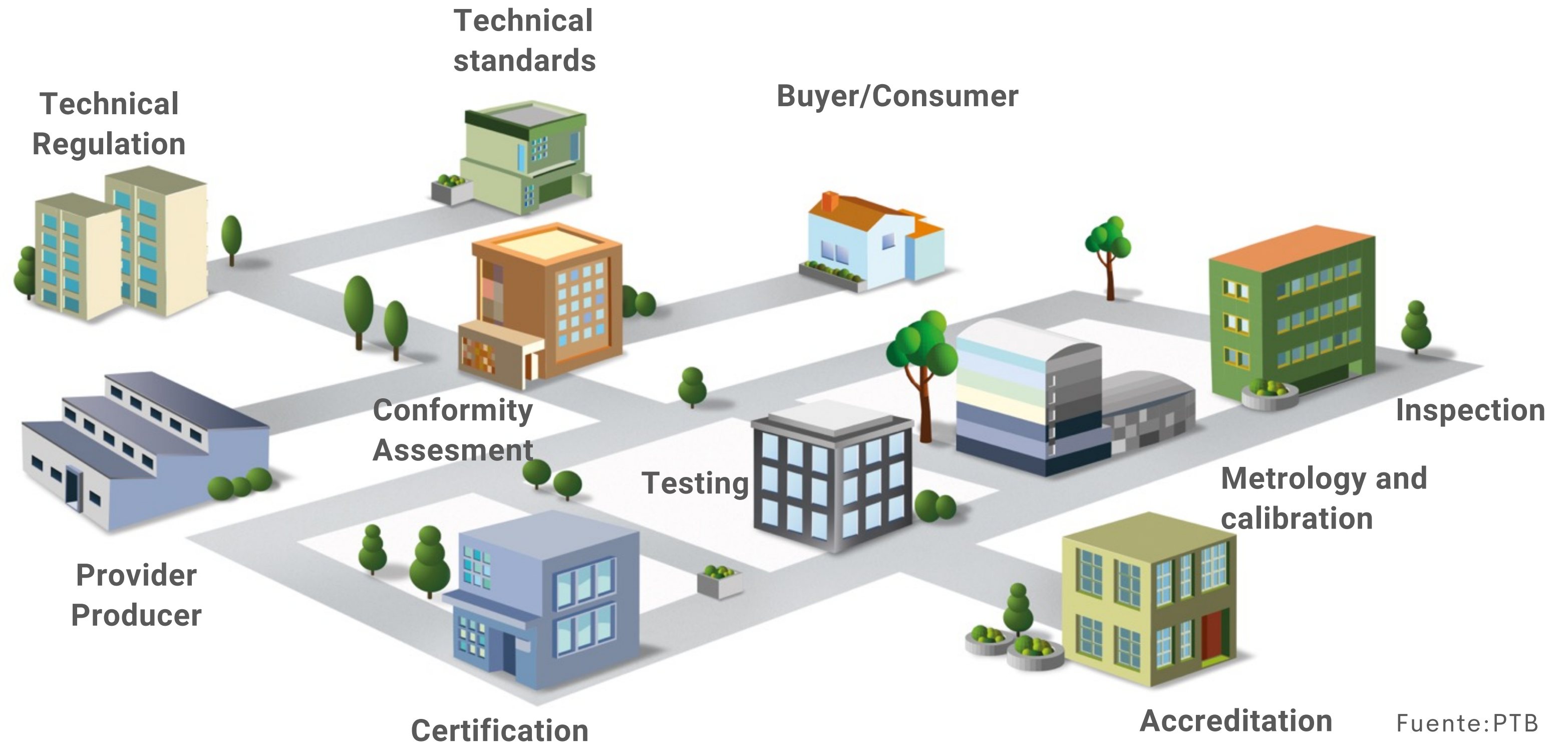
***“The system comprising the organizations (public and private) together with the policies, relevant legal and regulatory framework, and practices needed to support and enhance the quality, safety and environmental soundness of goods, services and processes”***



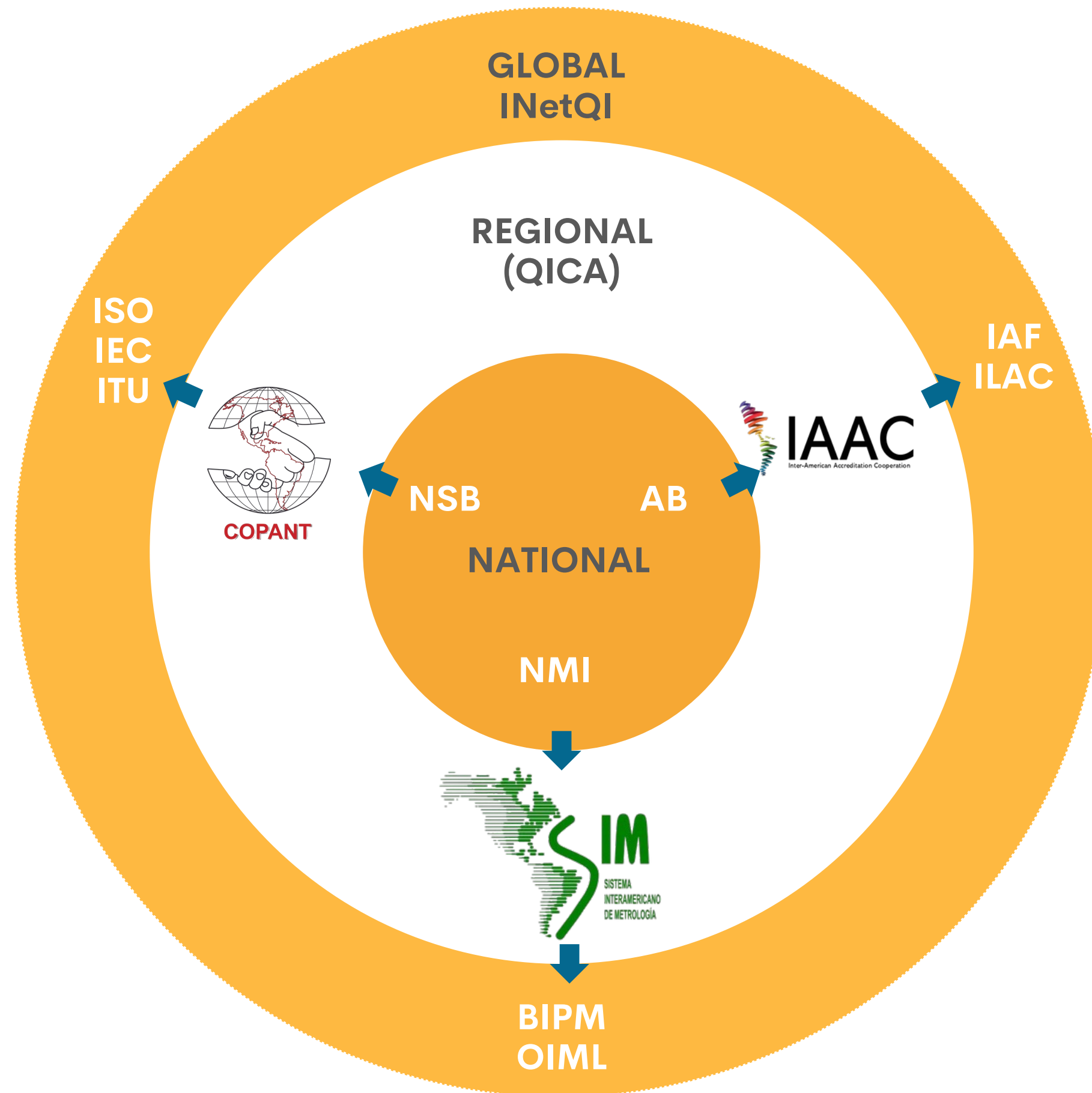
International Network on  
Quality Infrastructure



# Quality Infraestructure System







## QI Regional cooperation

Structured into three specialized organizations that serve as intermediaries between the international system and the national quality systems.





QICA

Quality Infrastructure Council  
of the Americas (QICA)

- **Platform** that brings together the three regional organisations working on QI in the Americas.
- **Objective:** to promote the development of standards, metrology and accreditation.
- **Activities:** joint projects, information exchange, capacity building, regional vision and coordination, representation before international bodies, among others.



# What is the nature of the national quality systems in the region?



All countries in the region have at least one agency responsible for at least one of the three pillars of quality infrastructure.

Almost all have agencies responsible for each of the 3 pillars.

## Structure

- One institution
- One institution for each component of the QI

## Scheme

- Public
- Private
- Mixed

## Scope

- National
- Cross-border
- Regional Collaboration

## Governance

- Legislation on QI
- National Quality Council
- National Quality Policy





# **Measuring the development of the Quality Infrastructure**





# Why measure QI Development worldwide?

- QI visibility
- Report and monitor the development of the system to the authorities
- Analyze the link between economic development, trade and QI
- Improve QI performance
- Identify opportunities and resources for development





# Evolution of QI measure tools



**2011-2019**

The first study to measure the state of development of QI in different countries is conducted.



**2019 & 2021**

The GQII is created becoming the first composite index on QI worldwide.



**2022**

UNIDO and INetQI launched the QI4SD Index which measures the overall state of development of a country's QI readiness to support the SDGs.



**2023**

A new edition of the GQII is published and continues to be developed with the support of BMZ and PTB.



**2024**

Efforts to create a roadmap of collaboration for developing a single and integrated Index.

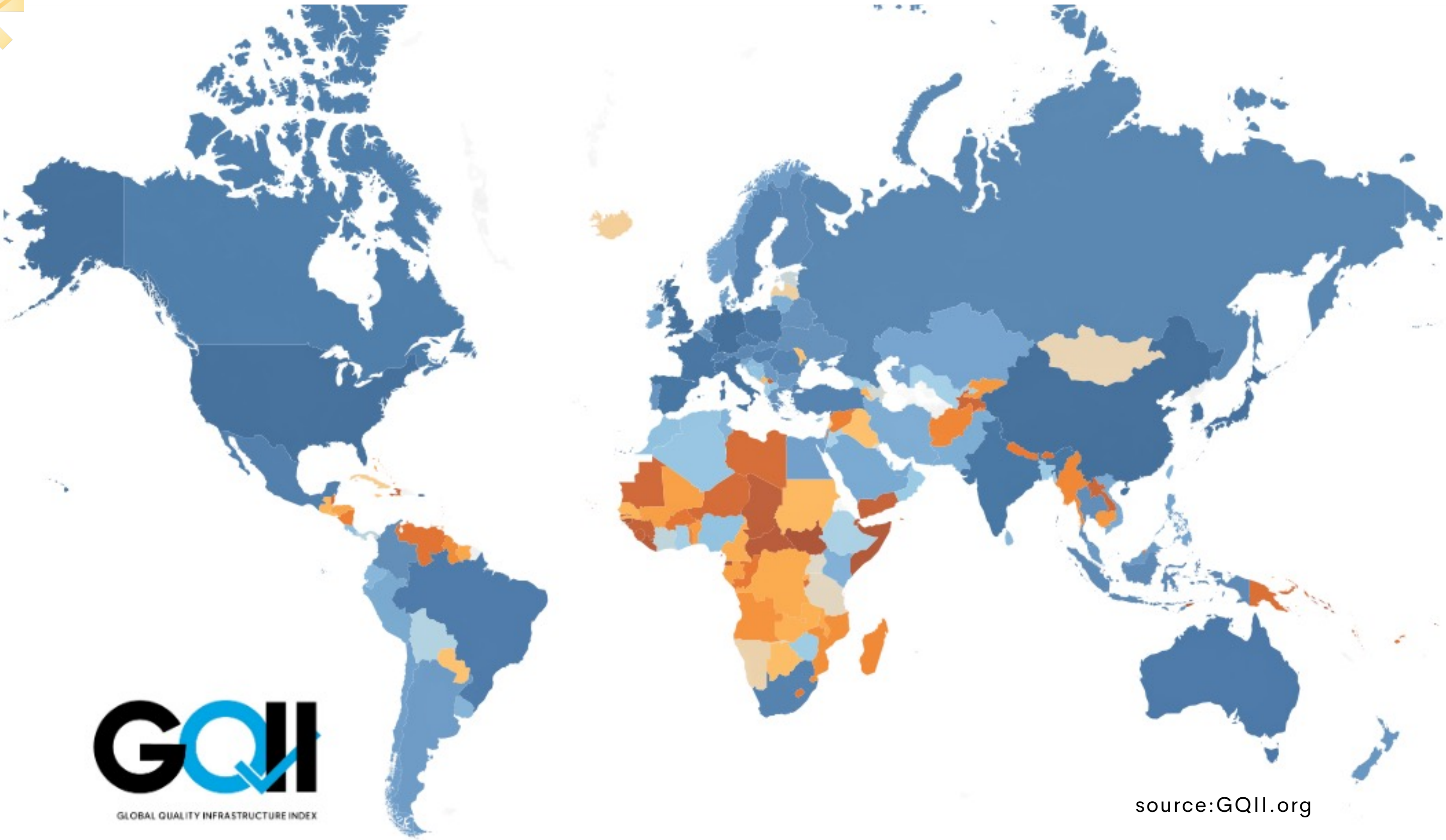




**The Global Quality Infrastructure GQII ranking allows comparing the QI of different countries worldwide.**

**GQII is a pioneer in measuring the development status and dynamics of QI worldwide.**

# How does the QI of the countries of the Americas rank?

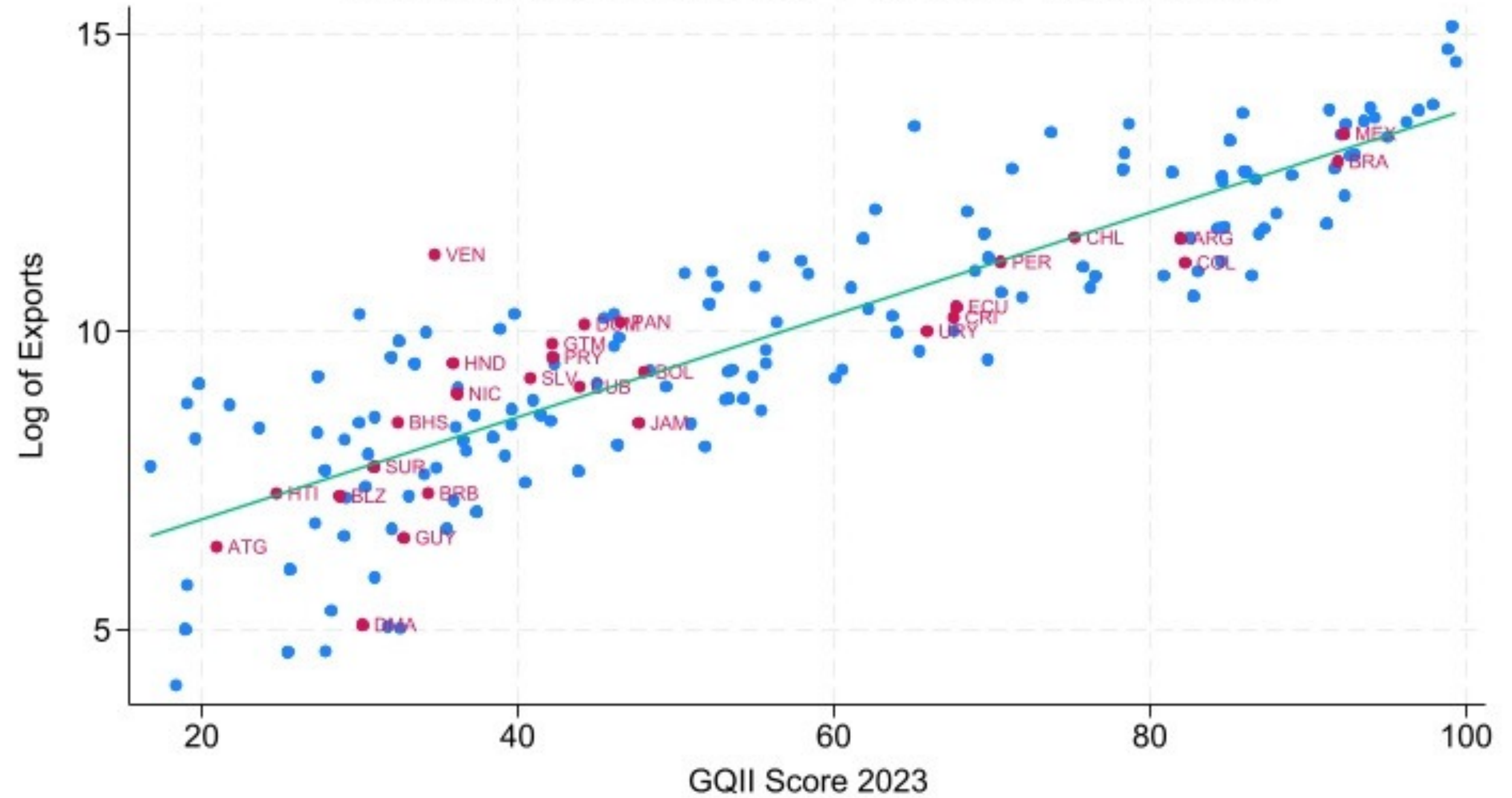


Country	Position in the ranking 2023
MEX	15
BRA	17
COL	39
ARG	40
CHL	49
PER	54
ECU	61
CRI	63
URY	64



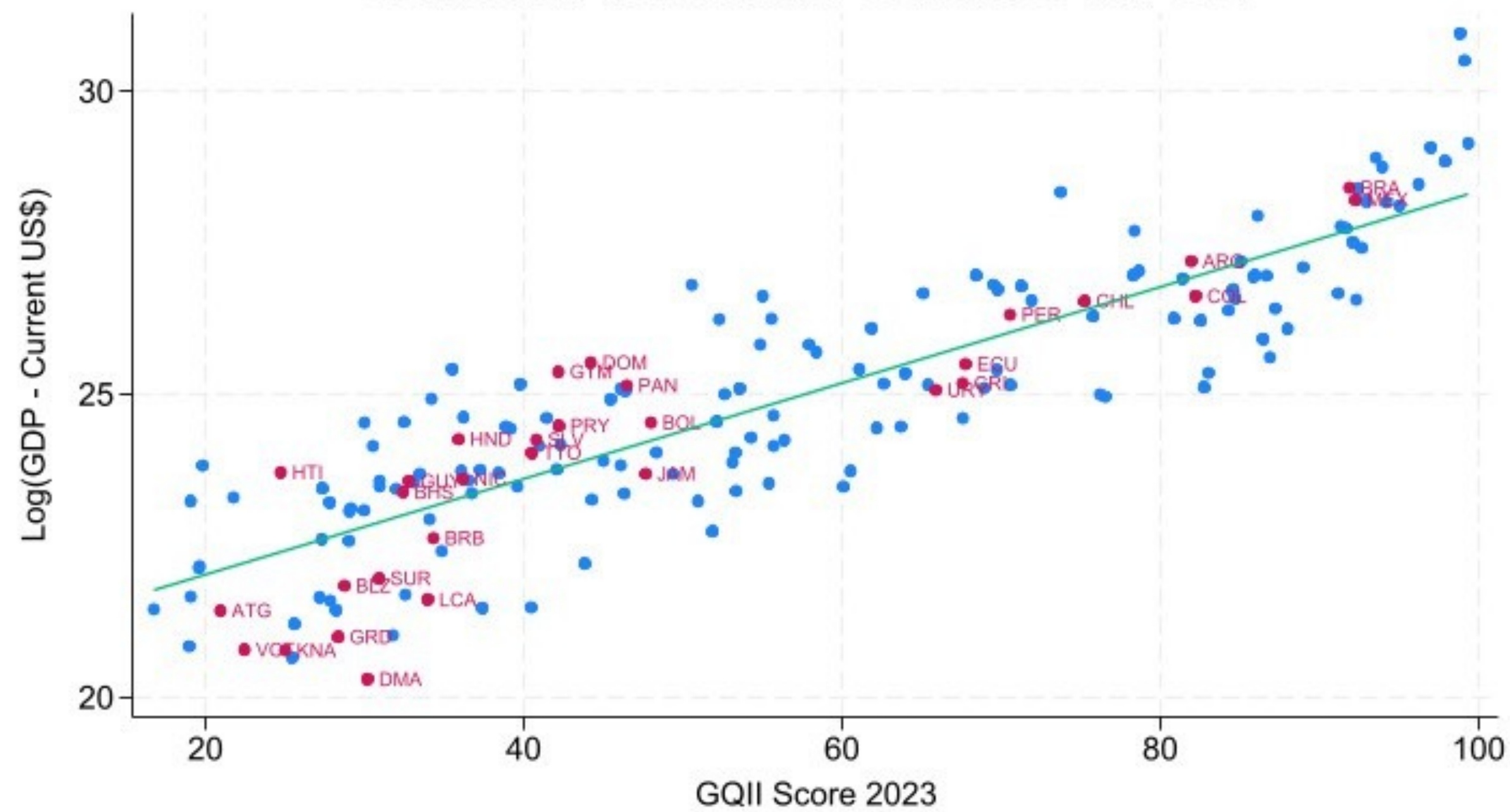
## GQII & EXPORTS

Correlation between the GQII 2023 and Exports



## GQII & GDP

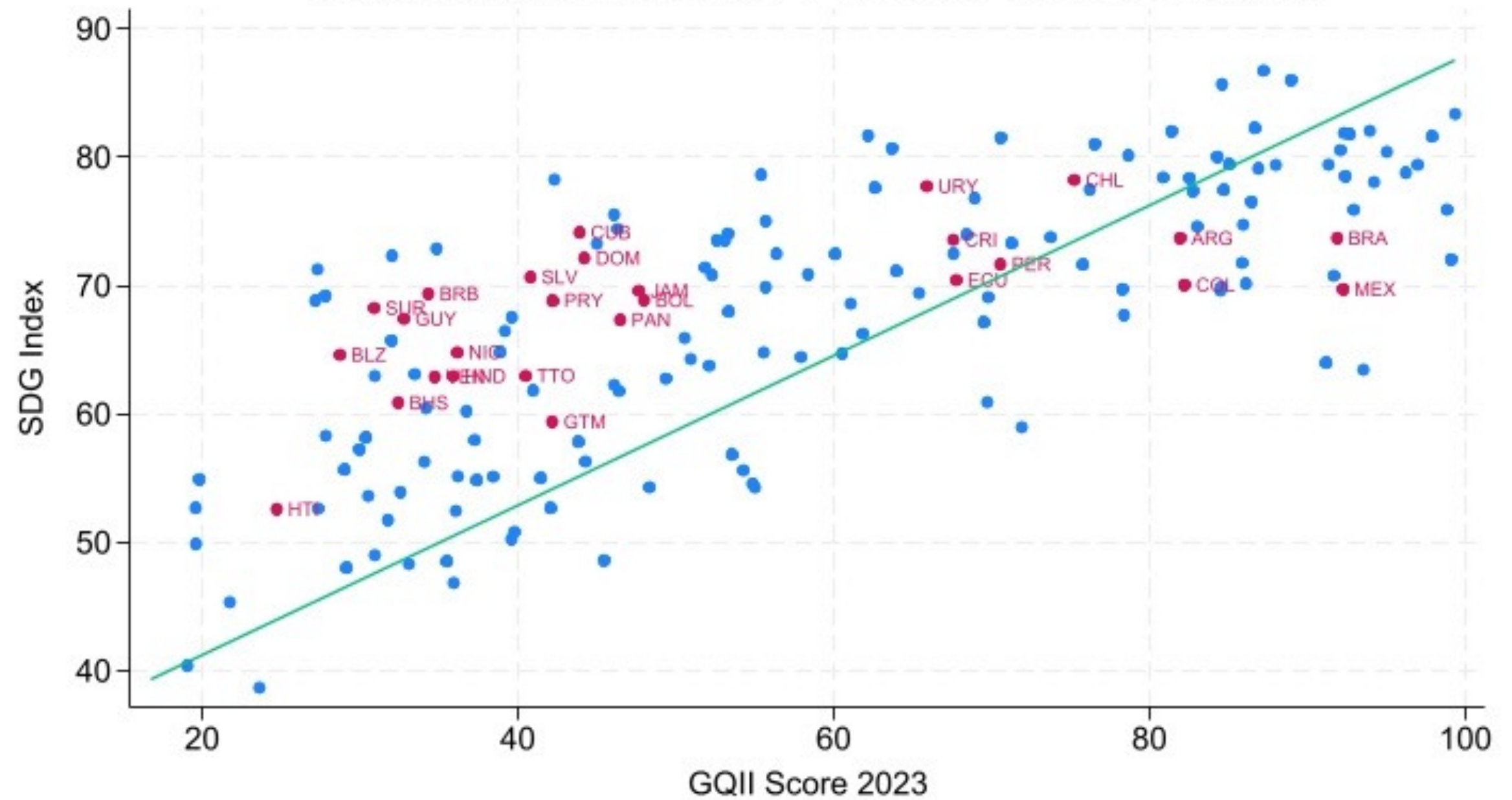
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## GQII & SDG INDEX

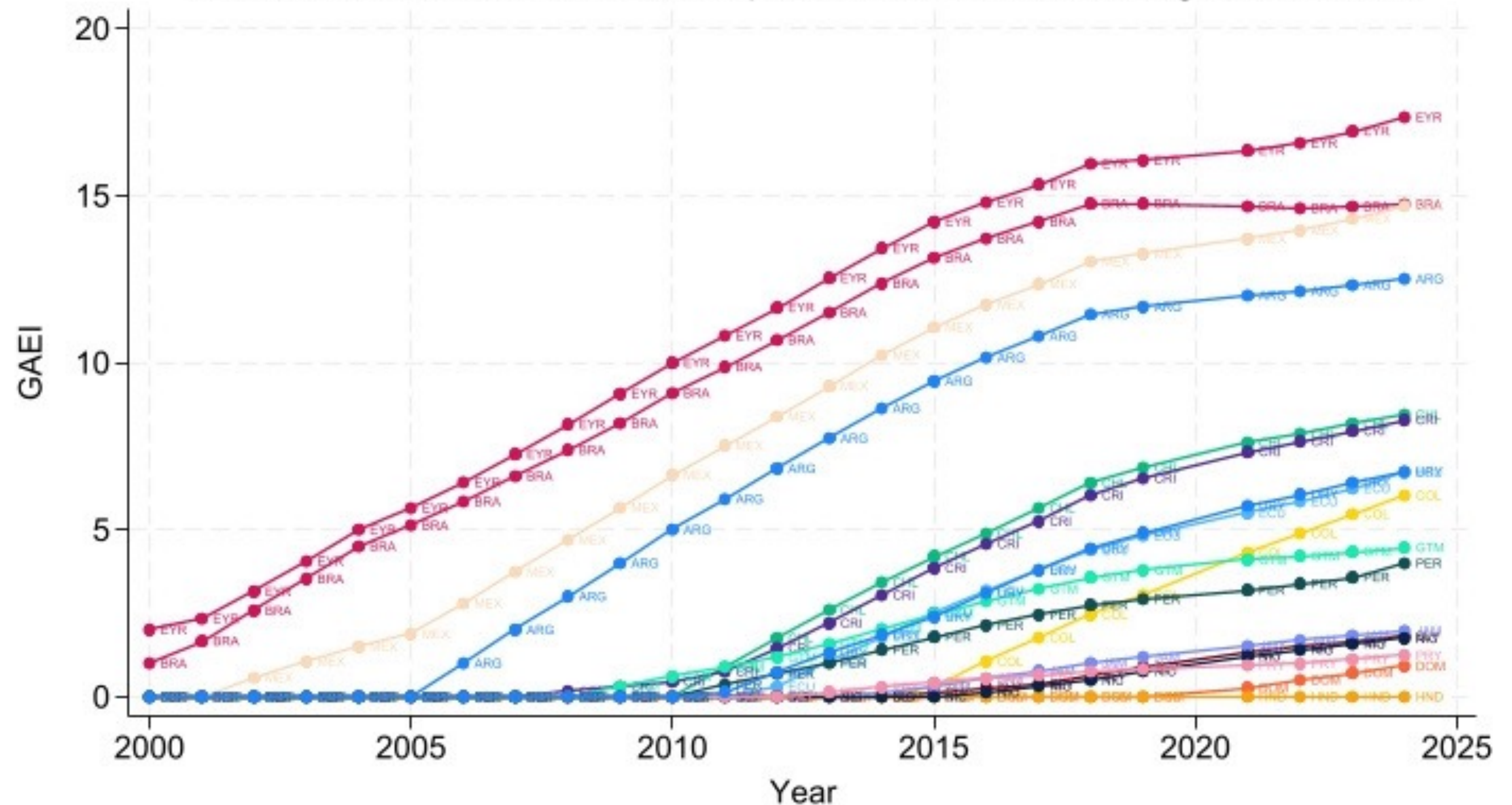
Correlation between the GQII 2023 and SDG Index



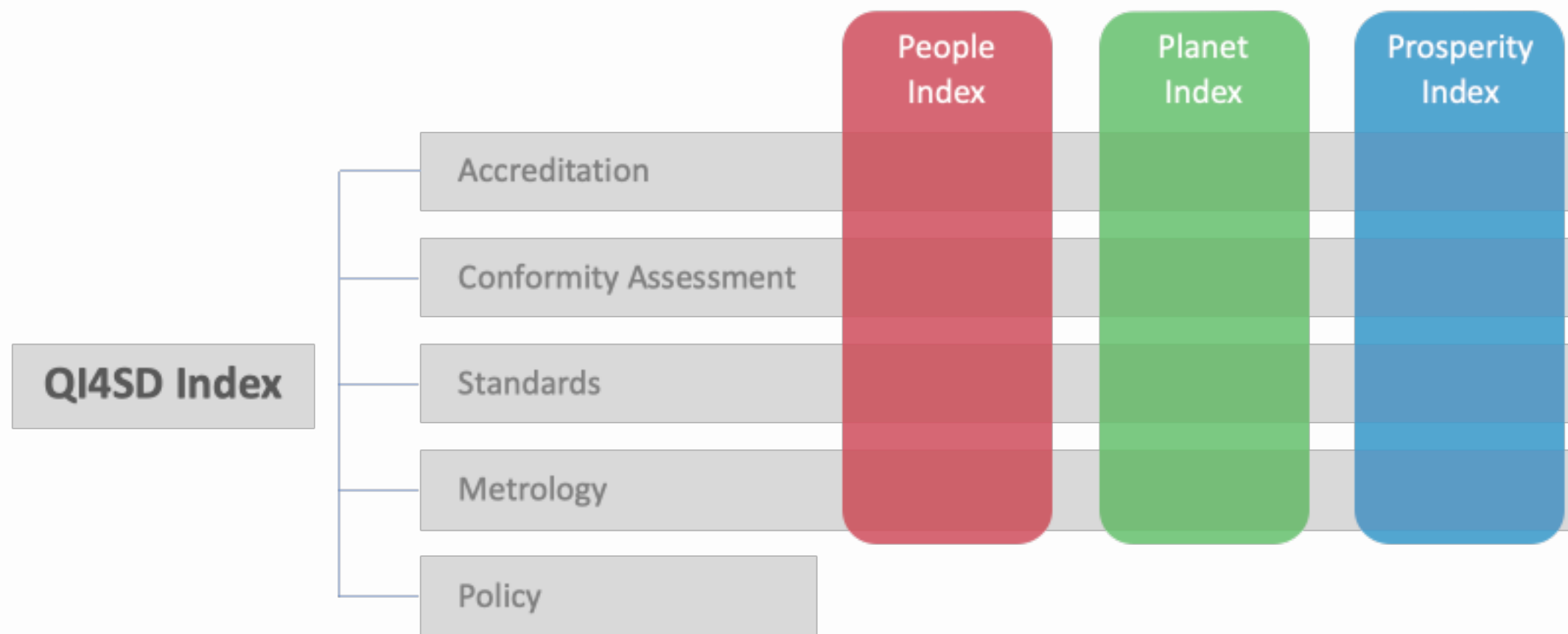
## GAEI FOR LAC REGION

The Global Accreditation Experience Index (GAEI) measures the experience of a country in accreditation based on the number of scopes and years of being a signatory (MLA, MRA).

Evolution of the Global Accreditation Experience Index for the LAC Region - 2000-2024







**The Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index (QI4SD) is a tool designed to assess a country's readiness in quality infrastructure (QI) to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

# QI4SDG TOP 5 AMERICAS COUNTRIES ON QI DIMENSIONS

Country name and QI4SD index value.

Indicator values for the 5 dimensions  
(bars) and median values for each  
dimension (vertical marks).

Colour of bars indicates whether the  
value is above or below the median for  
the selected group of countries.

 **Brazil**

67.1

Metrology



Standardization



Conformity Assessment



Accreditation



Policy



 **Mexico**

63.9

Metrology



Standardization



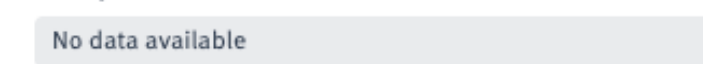
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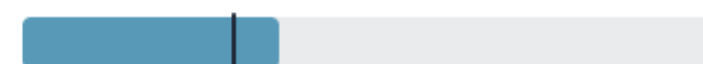
 **Colombia**

55.4

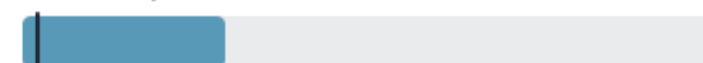
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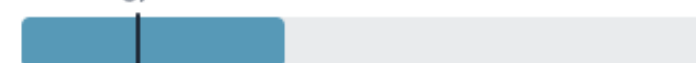
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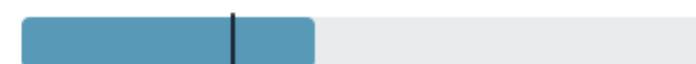
 **Argentina**

46.8

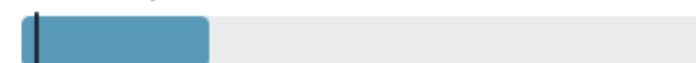
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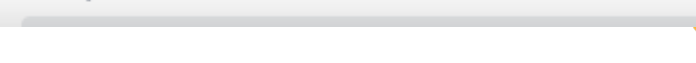
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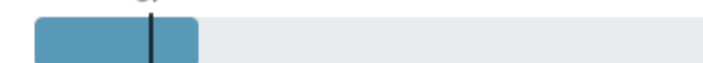
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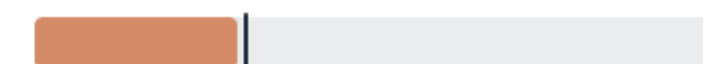
 **Ecuador**

45.8

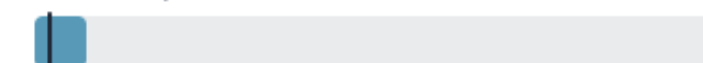
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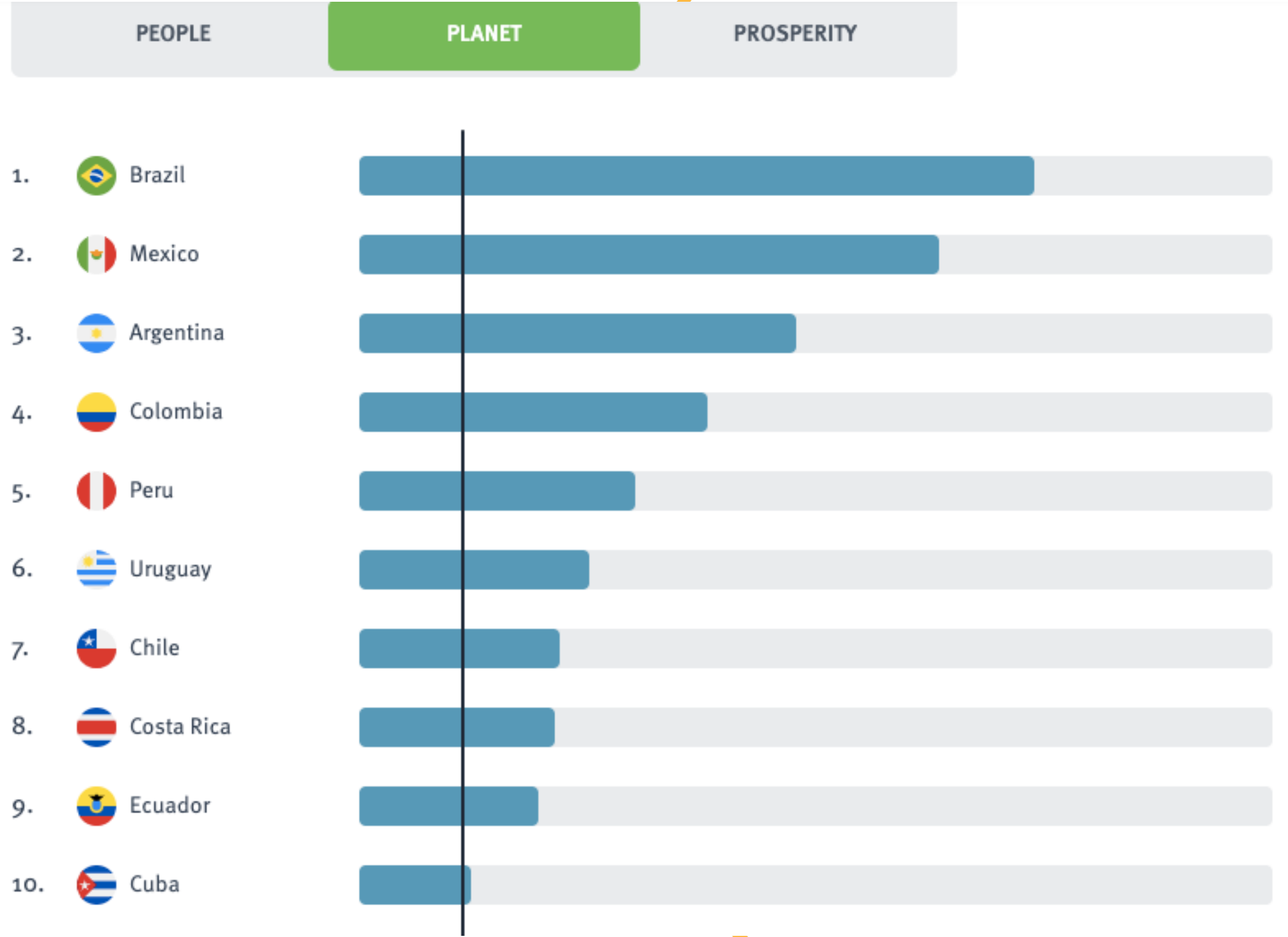


Policy





QI4SDG  
AMERICAS  
RANKING ON  
PLANET  
DIMENSION





# **FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**







# QI A PARTNER FOR THE REGION

Beyond conventional trade, QI equips, connects, and facilitates pathways for a dual, equitable, and inclusive transformation.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**DIGITALIZATION**







# SUSTAINABILITY

## **IQ ORGANISMS**

- Collaboration for services innovation
- Regional perspective of standards
- Reliable measurements

## **REGULATORS**

- Streamlining regulation by relying on quality standards

## **COMPANIES**

- Use of norms and standards to establish trust and gain a competitive advantage





# DIGITALIZATION

## STANDARDISATION

- Smart standards
- Digital purchases of standards

## METROLOGY

- Digitisation of international measurement system and digital calibration certificate

## ACCREDITATION

- Information System and Provision of Accreditation Services.
- Digital accreditation symbol

## CROSS-CUTTING

- Interoperability of all QI services
- Digital passport



# Stakeholders' role

- To raise the profile of the QI in the eyes of other stakeholders
- Participate actively in trade associations
- Use of QI services in their organisations
- Participate in the development of new services
- Transparency of data and promotion of research on QI impact







# THANK YOU

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