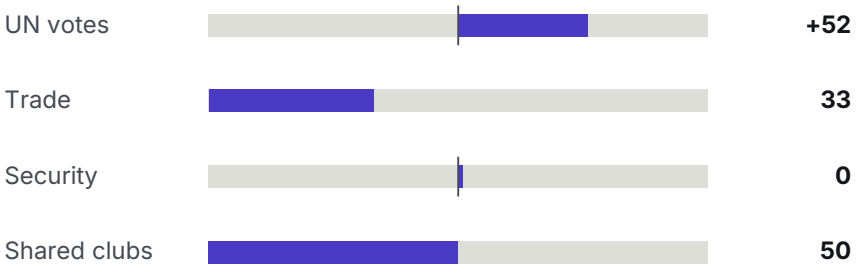
Burkina Faso & South Africa

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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

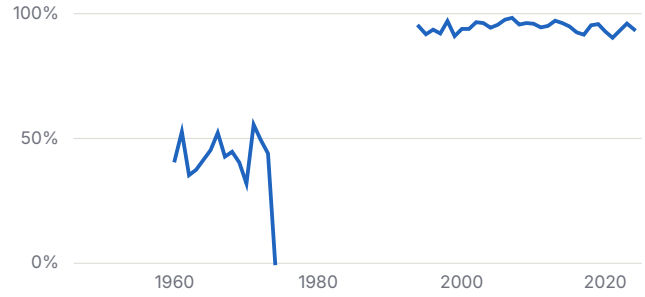


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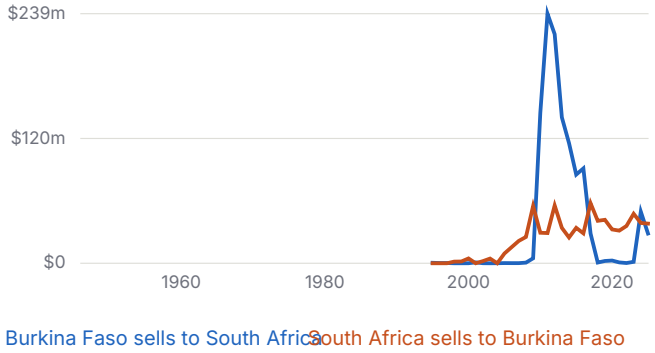
- At the UN their vote agreement is 94% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($68 million a year) is modest for Burkina Faso, much less so for South Africa.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Burkina Faso names South Africa far more often than the reverse (115 sentences against 0).

OVER TIME

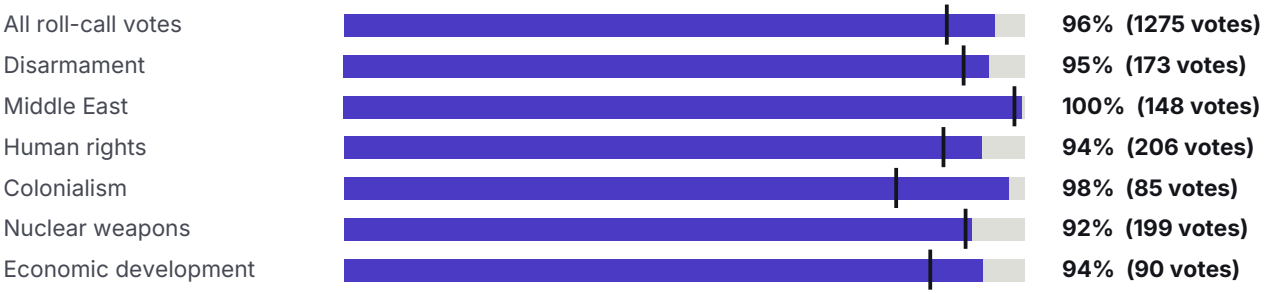
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes At the UN, the vote agreement of Burkina Faso and South Africa was 94% in 2022–2024. For Burkina Faso, South Africa is the 86th closest voting partner out of 191; for South Africa, Burkina Faso is the 7th closest partner.

Trade Trade in goods between them averaged $68 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.6% of all Burkina Faso's trade and less than 0.1% of South Africa's.

Words	Since 1946, Burkina Faso has named South Africa in 115 sentences of its General Debate speeches; South Africa has named Burkina Faso in 0.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	Their national football teams have met 9 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	210 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±7 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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