Costa Rica & Nigeria

−1

Distant

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

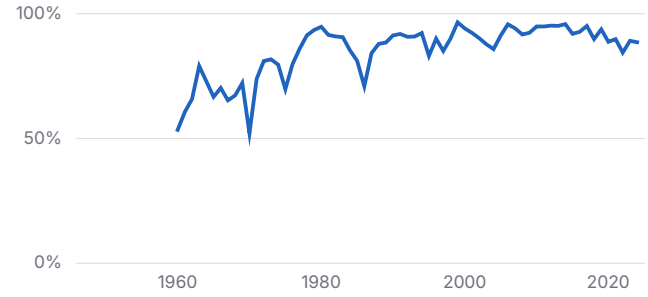
UN votes	−3
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

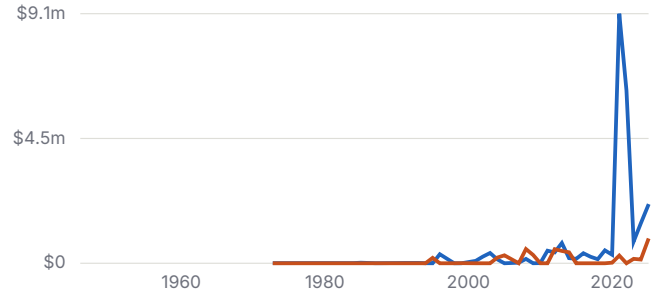
- At the UN their vote agreement is 87% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Trade in goods ($1.8 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 4 people born in Nigeria live in Costa Rica (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 30 refugees and asylum seekers from Nigeria in Costa Rica; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Costa Rica sells to Nigeria Nigeria sells to Costa Rica

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (99% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (84%), against 94% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	94% (1346 votes)
Disarmament	99% (178 votes)
Middle East	95% (165 votes)
Human rights	84% (233 votes)
Colonialism	97% (85 votes)
Nuclear weapons	99% (199 votes)
Economic development	99% (90 votes)

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 Costa Rica and Nigeria was 87% in 2022–2024. For Costa Rica, Nigeria is the 93rd closest voting partner out of 191; for Nigeria, Costa Rica is the 88th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.8 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Costa Rica's trade and less than 0.1% of Nigeria's.
Words	Since 1946, Costa Rica has named Nigeria in 3 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Nigeria has named Costa Rica in 1.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	4 born in Nigeria live in Costa Rica (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met once.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	238 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 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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