

Afrobarometer update

October 2016 highlights



In the field

Using remaining Rounds 5/6 funds, Round 7 surveys proceed on a limited basis:

- ✓ Kenya completed data collection, will start dissemination in November.
- ✓ Training/preparation for R7 surveys in Uganda (Nov-Dec), Benin (Nov-Dec), Tanzania (Dec), Zimbabwe (Dec), Zambia (Dec).

AB partner CDD-Ghana has completed data collection for a second Ghana pre-election survey.

In the news

AB in the media: 350+ reports, including [The Conversation](#), [Mail & Guardian](#), [CNBC-TV](#), [African Independent](#), [Quartz](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [New China TV](#), [Radio France Internationale](#), [Angola Press News Agency](#).

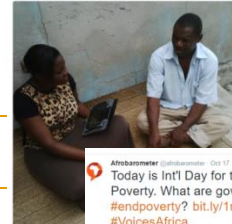
AB in the Monkey Cage: The Washington Post blog continues its every-Friday series of [posts highlighting AB findings](#).



On digital/social media

Website	- 7,445 users - 3,015 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: China's growing presence in Africa wins largely positive popular reviews
Online data analysis tool	1,366 distinct users
Twitter	246 new followers (8268 total) Gained "verified account" (public interest) status
Facebook	43,029 impressions

Afrobarometer (@Afrobarometer) Oct 18
Thanks to @GatesFoundation, #Afrobarometer surveys will continue in 2017. Next steps: Restore country coverage, ensure long-term survival.



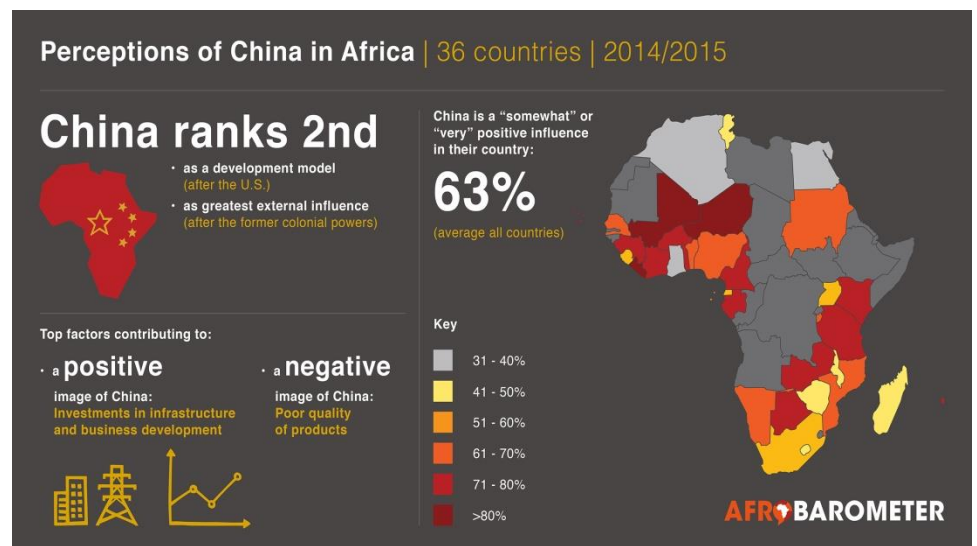
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Today is Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty. What are govts in #Africa doing to #endpoverty? bit.ly/1nzZY1X #VoicesAfrica



Impact

Tanzania's heated debate over proposed Media Services Bill, which seeks to regulate reporting and media work, plays out against a backdrop of strong public support for journalists' "watchdog" role and some of the highest ratings of media effectiveness and integrity in Africa ([press release](#)).

Chart of the month



New publications

Global releases:

- ✓ China's growing presence in Africa wins largely positive popular reviews

Country-specific releases:

- ✓ Despite criticism of economic performance, Swazis optimistic about future gains
- ✓ Approaching presidential transition, Liberians supportive and critical of their democracy
- ✓ 'Neither good nor bad': São Toméans critical but optimistic about economic performance

Working papers:

- ✓ Measuring democracy in Africa: Applying anchors
- ✓ Indirect colonial rule and the political salience of ethnicity

Presentations

- ✓ Class 91.3 FM, Accra (capacity building for radio journalists)
- ✓ GIZ, Porto-Novo, Benin
- ✓ African Philanthropy Forum, Rabat, Morocco
- ✓ Collaboration for Africa (C4A), San Francisco, USA
- ✓ University of California-Berkeley, San Francisco, USA

Support for Afrobarometer

"Given its extensive geographical scope and unique time series data, Afrobarometer is a crucial source of information on perceptions of security and security actors in Africa, and helps fill important gaps in statistics on the continent.

"I hope to be able to continue tapping into this base of knowledge and expertise to monitor trends and advise policy-makers working to address security issues in Africa."

Nicolas Florquin, research coordinator, Small Arms Survey



Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. State Department, and the National Endowment for Democracy, Afrobarometer surveys will continue in 2017. But planned country coverage is still very limited, and Afrobarometer's longer-term survival remains uncertain. Voices of support for our work will continue to be essential.



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