

AB update

July 2022 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation awarded Afrobarometer a two-year, \$750,000 grant to support Round 9 and Round 10 surveys and results dissemination activities.
- ✓ Botswana, Cabo Verde, Guinea, and Mali started Round 9 fieldwork. Up next: Zambia, Liberia, the Gambia, Tanzania. ... AB also began a telephone survey in Botswana, running parallel to the main face-to-face survey.
- ✓ Thirty researchers from across Africa (at right) gathered in Dakar to start AB's three-week French-language summer school, hosted by Université Cheikh Anta Diop.



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In the news

A total of **405 media hits** were recorded in July across various media outlets, including the [Africa Report](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Modern Ghana](#), [bladi.net](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Namibia Economist](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Daily Mail](#), [phy.org](#), [BusinessGhana](#), [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#), [Togo First](#). ...

POLITICAL FAITH OP-ED
Government needs to regain trust of the people of South Africa – and that means acting against corruption



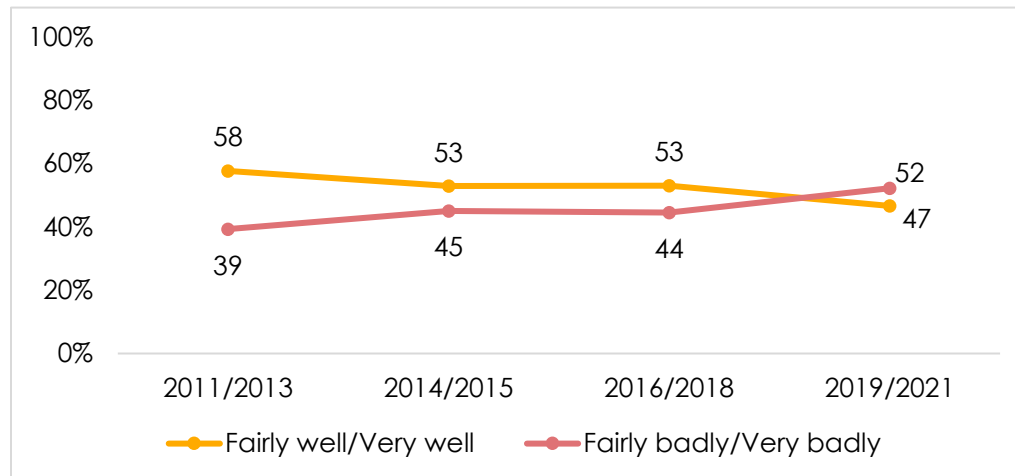
On digital/social media

Website	10,806 users; 5,106 downloads
Online data analysis	2,599 distinct users; 25,306 pages
Twitter	26,280 followers
Facebook	15,719 fans
LinkedIn	3,572 followers



Chart of the month

Government performance in improving basic health services | 29 countries | 2011-2021



Respondents were asked: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?

Publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 80: [Rising concern, falling performance: Health-sector challenges evident before and after onset of COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 535: [Basotho approach election with grim outlook on economy and democracy](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 534: [Nigerians condemn physical discipline but see gender-based violence as a private matter](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 533: [L'intégration monétaire sous-régionale est souhaitée par les citoyens d'Afrique de l'Ouest et Centrale francophone](#)

Visibility

- ✓ Former President of Sierra Leone Ernest Bai Koroma cited AB data on democracy in his [keynote address](#) at the Africa Drive for Democracy (AD4D) Conference in Arusha, Tanzania.
- ✓ Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi wrote on "[West Africa's authoritarian turn](#)" in Foreign Affairs.
- ✓ New AB findings on climate change are featured in the [Mo Ibrahim Foundation 2022 Forum Report](#).
- ✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka offered AB insights as a speaker at:
 - The Africa Drive for Democracy (AD4D) conference, hosted by the Center for Strategic Litigation, the Institute for Security Studies, and the MS Training Center for Development Cooperation.
 - The Africa Charter for Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hosted by the African Governance Architecture Secretariat.
- ✓ AB provided training in research methods for 14 Parliament of South Africa researchers, hosted by the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation.
- ✓ AB's work earned nice mentions in the [Democracy Digest](#) (National Endowment for Democracy) and in Jeffrey Paller's "This Week in Africa" (citing interesting [graphics](#) on democracy, our [new website](#), and new Round 9 [findings](#) from Ghana).
- ✓ The network continued its weekly series of "Data" pages in the [Continent](#).



Presentations:

- ✓ On "African citizens' perspectives on Africa-China relations: Welcoming China's influence while maintaining commitment to democracy," at the 11th China-Africa Think Tank Forum, Peking University
- ✓ On "The role of citizen polling in building democratic resilience," at the African Union Economic, Social & Cultural Council's Citizens' Forum on Democracy and Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa
- ✓ On "Explaining issue representation in Africa," as part of the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy/Democracy in Africa webinar on "African MPs: Out-of-touch elites or put-upon civil servants?"

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