

# AB update

August 2022 highlights



## In the field and around the network

- ✓ AB's board of directors approved the network's 2022-2032 strategy.
- ✓ Botswana, Cabo Verde, Mali, and Guinea completed Round 9 data collection, and Zambia, Liberia, and the Gambia headed into the field. Up next: Morocco, Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Tanzania. ...
- ✓ In addition, the AB Survey Unit oversaw three phone surveys – two in Zambia and one in Botswana.
- ✓ AB and the Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar trained 30 researchers from across Africa in the sixth edition of AB's French-language summer school in Dakar (photo at right).



## In the news

A total of **906 media hits** were recorded in August across various media outlets, including the [New York Times](#), [Economist](#), [Jeune Afrique](#), [NewsDay](#), [Washington Post](#), [Hill](#), [CNN](#), [China Daily](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [allAfrica.com](#), [Reuters](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Graphic Online](#), [Financial Times](#), [DNYUZ](#), [Mauricien](#), [Axios](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Investing.com](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Africa Report](#), [Yahoo!Finance](#), [France24](#), [Guardian \(Nigeria\)](#), [ABC News](#), [Malawi24](#), [Bulawayo24](#). ...



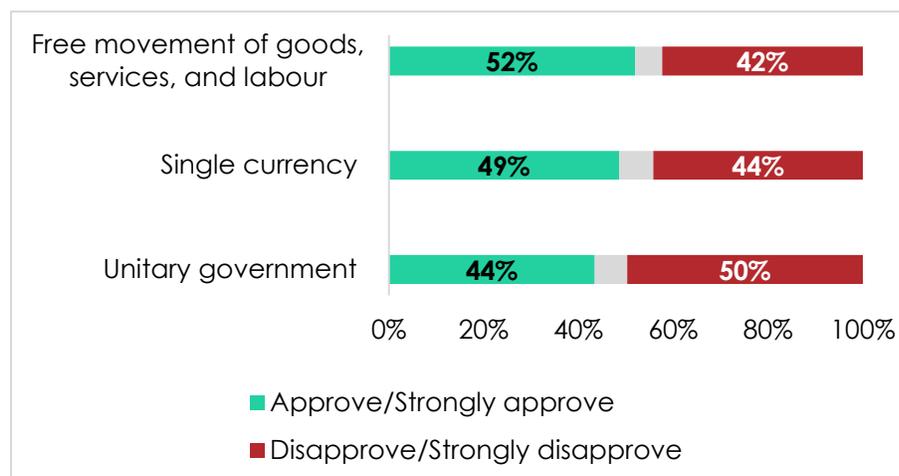
## On digital/social media

Website	12,800 users; 6,265 downloads
Online data analysis	2,817 distinct users; 26,424 pages
Twitter	26,666 followers
Facebook	15,907 fans
LinkedIn	3,767 followers



## Chart of the month

### Views on aspects of East African integration | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:**  
Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each of the following proposed aspects of integration, or haven't you heard enough to say:  
Free movement of goods, services, and labour?  
Monetary union, that is, formation of a single East African currency?  
Formation of a unitary government, including having one East African president?

## Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 192: Measuring the impact of self-censorship on political party support in Afrobarometer data using machine learning
- ✓ Working Paper 191: Only game in town? Inequality and demand for democracy in Africa – a micro perspective
- ✓ Policy Paper 81: Unresponsive and corrupt? Ugandan MPs hold key to how citizens perceive them
- ✓ Dispatch 546: In Lesotho, gender-based violence tops the list of women's-rights issues to be addressed
- ✓ Dispatch 545: Zimbabweans want government to prioritise environmental protection, tighten regulation
- ✓ Dispatch 544: Integrating states or integrating people? Kenyans have not heard much about the proposed East African Federation
- ✓ Dispatch 543: Égalité des genres en Côte d'Ivoire : Des efforts restent encore à faire
- ✓ Dispatch 542: Tanzanians endorse taxation but see tax evasion as widespread
- ✓ Dispatch 541: Nigerian women face persistent disadvantages, limited support for gender equality
- ✓ Dispatch 540: Egalité des genres au Bénin : Des écarts subsistent malgré les principes acquis
- ✓ Dispatch 539: Global or national crisis? Ugandans' economic outlook continues to worsen
- ✓ Dispatch 538: Les Togolais croient au leadership féminin, mais les discriminations et les violences sexistes persistent
- ✓ Dispatch 537: Zimbabweans look to government for action on climate change
- ✓ Dispatch 536: For religious leaders in Africa, popular trust may present opportunity, challenge in times of crisis

## Visibility

- ✓ U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken cited AB data on democracy in his Pretoria speech in conjunction with the release of the new U.S. Africa strategy.
- ✓ Responding the following day, China's Foreign Ministry spokesman cited AB data on Africans' perceptions of China.
- ✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka discussed the new U.S. strategy toward sub-Saharan Africa on "The China in Africa Podcast."
- ✓ Asunka also presented AB findings on trust in the military, at an Institute for Defense Analyses conference in Munich, Germany.
- ✓ The network continued its series of analytical pieces in the Washington Post Monkey Cage and in the Continent.
- ✓ Chatham House published "Will Africans' call for better democracy be met?" by Joseph Asunka, E. Gyimah-Boadi, and Carolyn Logan. The National Endowment for Democracy highlighted their analysis in its Democracy Digest.
- ✓ Malawi's minister of information and digitization described AB findings on weak trust in the government as a blessing in disguise and an opportunity for the government to improve.
- ✓ Following the release of AB findings on insecurity in Gabon, the national police announced the deployment of 1,500 additional officers.
- ✓ AB presented selected findings as part of the U.S. State Department Foreign Service Institute's Africa Regional Overview course, and findings on democracy in Ghana to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in Accra.
- ✓ The "Afrobarometer Corner" in the World Bank's Chief Economists of Government Initiative newsletter highlighted AB findings on taxation.



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