

# AB update



## September 2022 highlights

### In the field and around the network



- ✓ Liberia, Zambia, the Gambia, and Morocco wrapped up Round 9 fieldwork. Burkina Faso and Eswatini started data collection. Coming up: Mauritania, Tanzania, Mozambique, Sudan. ...
- ✓ Nafissatou N'diaye Diouf (left), an international communications strategist with more than 25 years of experience, has joined AB as director of communications.
- ✓ The University of California San Diego approved additional AB funding to support dissemination of survey findings on gender equality and gender-based violence.
- ✓ AB successfully completed human resources and finance reviews of its partners as well as a review of key network policies on corruption, harassment, safeguarding, whistle blowing, conflict of interest, and confidentiality.

### In the news

A total of **344 media hits** were recorded in September across various media outlets, including the Guardian (Nigeria), Citizen, Al Jazeera, Agence Ecofin, Malawi Nyasatimes, Head Topics, Gabon Review, Premium Times, Africa Report, Newsweek, Mauricien, GhanaWeb, Council on Foreign Relations, News24, Scotsman, Tehran Times, Opera News, Bulawayo24 News. ...



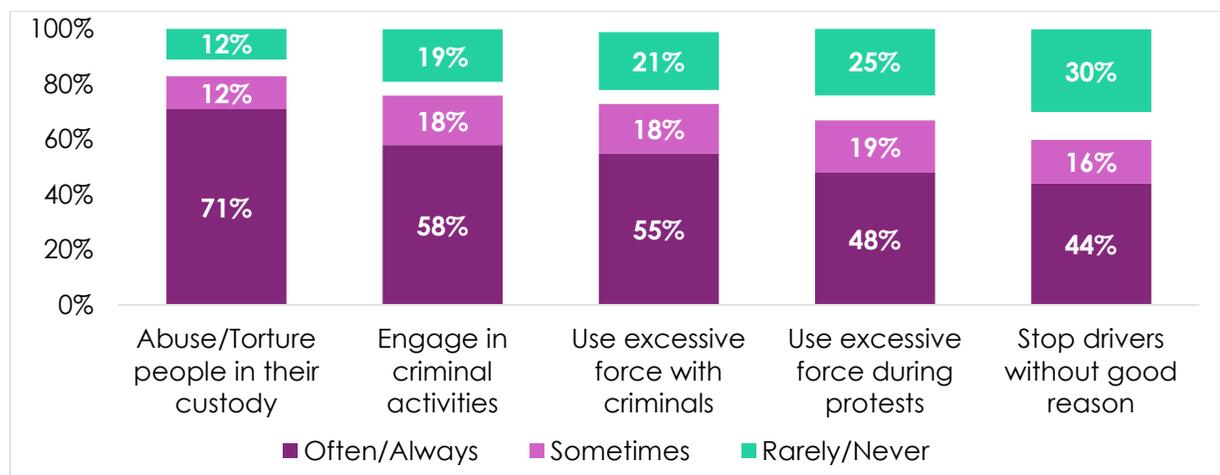
### On digital/social media

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| Website              | 12,412 users; 5,836 downloads      |
| Online data analysis | 2,938 distinct users; 25,514 pages |
| Twitter              | 26,932 followers                   |
| Facebook             | 15,970 fans                        |
| LinkedIn             | 3,848 followers                    |



### Chart of the month

#### Improper police practices | Lesotho | 2022



**Respondents were asked:** In your opinion, how often do the police in Lesotho ...?

## Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 556: Zimbabweans approve of COVID-19 response but expect more aid for vulnerable households
- ✓ Dispatch 555: Basotho cite brutality, lack of professionalism, and corruption among police failings
- ✓ Dispatch 554: Kenyan government gets mixed reviews on child welfare, especially from disadvantaged citizens
- ✓ Dispatch 553: Africans are split on COVID-19 vaccination, don't trust government to ensure vaccine safety
- ✓ Dispatch 552: Kenyans cite criminal activity, lack of respect, and corruption among police failings
- ✓ Dispatch 551: Support for elections weakens among Africans; many see them as ineffective in holding leaders accountable
- ✓ Dispatch 550: Mauritians embrace COVID-19 vaccination despite low levels of trust in vaccine safety
- ✓ Dispatch 549: Les Gabonais manquent de confiance envers leurs élus locaux et désapprouvent leur performance
- ✓ Dispatch 548: African citizens' message to traditional leaders: Stay in development, stay out of politics
- ✓ Dispatch 547: Climate change worsens life in Uganda; citizens want collective action to mitigate it

## Visibility

- ✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka and Director of Analysis Carolyn Logan presented AB findings related to the new U.S. strategy toward sub-Saharan Africa at a United States Institute of Peace side event at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly in New York.
- ✓ AB board chair E. Gyimah-Boadi gave the keynote address at the Stakeholders Engagement on Governance, Democracy, and Human Rights in Africa, organised by the Data for Governance Alliance, a consortium of governance data producers (including AB) funded by the European Union.
- ✓ AB continued its series of posts in the Washington Post Monkey Cage, its weekly "Data" pages in the Continent, and its Infographic of the Week series, and released Pan-Africa Profiles on attitudes toward COVID-19 vaccines, elections, and traditional leaders.



## Presentations:

- ✓ On AB findings on democracy, at the G7 conference on "Strengthening democracy – towards resilient institutions & societies in the G7 and Africa" in Berlin
- ✓ On democracy in West Africa, at the launch of the West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network and a conference on "Countering threats to democracy in West Africa" in Accra
- ✓ On AB and its online data analysis tool, to a group of Danish community-based and nongovernmental organisations, hosted by Civil Society in Development (CISU)
- ✓ "It takes two to toyi-toyi: One-party dominance and opposition party failure in South Africa's 2019 national election," at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in Montreal and at the annual conference of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association at Newcastle University
- ✓ "Who is canvassing whom? Party electoral strategies in Africa," at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association
- ✓ AB co-founder Robert Mattes was a panelist in a roundtable on "Contemporary challenges in survey research" at the annual conference of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association

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