



# Data for Governance Alliance

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## Press Release

### **Data for Governance Alliance gathers in Ethiopia for 2023 African Governance Architecture Support Project planning meetings.**

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The Afrobarometer-led and EU-funded project Data for Governance Alliance is participating in the first workshop of the year run by the African Governance Architecture (AGA) Support Project hosted by Expertise France. Expertise France is the technical assistance component of the support project.

The workshop in Addis Ababa brings together five African Union organs namely, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), the Pan African Parliament (PAP), the African Peer Review Mechanism, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) and the Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC). Civil society organisations (CSO), Data for Governance Alliance, and Charter Project Africa representatives are also attending.

The group will work on an overarching campaign strategy to strengthen cooperation and teamwork and discuss and agree on a communication strategy focusing primarily around two objectives and workstreams:

- Raise awareness of the AGA-SP project
- Ensure that their mandates and mechanisms in relation to the advancement of democratic governance and human rights in Africa are known to the wider public

The strategy will specifically focus on branding messaging, content production and training with journalists. The group will finalise a new African Union, Voices of African Citizens campaign with plans for its launch in 2023.

Last year, 42 CSO representatives received practical training on accessing and using new data and information tools at three regional workshops in Ghana, South Africa, and Kenya hosted by the Data for Governance Alliance.

### **About Data for Governance Alliance**

The Data for Governance Alliance is a four-year project that promotes data-based advocacy and engagement between pan-African civil society organisations (CSOs) and African Union organs. The project is led by Afrobarometer with partners, including CDD Ghana, the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and Laws.Africa. The project is funded by the European Union.

### **About AGA Support Project**

The AGA Support Project is led by Expertise France, appointed by the European Union to implement the Technical Assistance Project to the African Governance Architecture grants to the five African Union organs and civil society projects, namely: the ACHPR, the PAP, the APRM, the African Court and ACERWC; and the civil society's Data for Governance Alliance and Charter Project Africa. .

### **About Afrobarometer**

Afrobarometer, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Ghana, is a pan-African, non-partisan research network. Regional coordination of national partners in about 35 countries is provided by the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) in South Africa, and the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Michigan State University (MSU) and the University of Cape Town (UCT) provide technical support to the network.

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