AB update

January 2023 highlights

In the field and around the network

✓ While completing work plans, 2022 accounts, and performance appraisals, AB prepared to field its last two Round 9 country surveys, both in first-time AB countries – Guinea-Bissau and Congo-Brazzaville.
✓ The network’s leadership and technical staff met in Lilongwe, Malawi, to begin developing the questionnaire for Round 10, which is projected to start in late 2023.

In the news

A total of 990 media hits were recorded in January across various media outlets, including the Africa Report, PressAfrik, News24, BusinessGhana, allAfrica.com, SAPO, Business Daily, Journal du Cameroun, Modern Ghana, Middle East North Africa Financial Network, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, …

On digital/social media

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Chart of the month

Popular trust in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) | Nigeria | 2022

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Respondents were asked: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)?
Visibility

✓ Two high-profile editorial boards cited AB findings: the Washington Post (on democratic aspirations) and the Christian Science Monitor (on Gambian youth perceptions of economic opportunity).
✓ The Wilson Center’s Africa: Year in Review 2022 features AB CEO Joseph Asunka’s analysis of “The military in politics: Does democracy have a future in Africa?”
✓ Nigerian presidential candidate Peter Obi cited AB findings on elections in a speech at Chatham House.
✓ As lead partner in the Data for Governance Alliance (D4GA), AB participated in the 2023 African Governance Architecture Support Project planning meeting in Addis Ababa. The European Union is conducting a midterm review of the four-year D4GA project.
✓ The network continued its weekly “Data” page in the Continent and its Infographic of the Week series.

Presentation:
✓ On “Let the people have a say: Making citizen voice a pillar of Africa policy and development decisions,” to the Hewlett Foundation

Publications

✓ Policy Paper 85: Africans want more democracy, but their leaders still aren’t listening
✓ Dispatch 598: Nigerians want competitive elections but don’t trust the electoral commission
✓ Dispatch 597: Batswana offer mixed assessments of police trustworthiness and professionalism
✓ Dispatch 596: Child welfare in Ghana: Citizens say government is not doing enough
✓ Dispatch 595: Angolans approve of government’s pandemic response but say aid to households inadequate
✓ Dispatch 594: Batswana see gender-based violence as a priority for government and societal action
✓ Dispatch 593: Majority of Ugandans see domestic violence as a private – not criminal – matter
✓ Dispatch 592: Angolans look to government, one another for action on the environment
✓ Dispatch 591: Ghanaians applaud government's response to COVID-19 but urge greater emergency preparedness
✓ Dispatch 590: Les Gabonais déplorent la hausse du niveau de corruption mais craignent des représailles en cas de dénonciation
✓ Dispatch 589: Batswana support gender equity, want greater government action to promote equal rights
✓ Dispatch 588: Ugandans applaud government efforts to promote gender equality, but want more
✓ Dispatch 587: Les Maliens approuvent la réponse à la COVID-19 mais s’attendent à plus d’aide aux ménages
✓ Dispatch 586: In Angola, gender-based violence is seen as the top challenge to women’s rights

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