AB update

May 2023 highlights





✓ The network brought together AB supporters and leaders, including former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (front row, fifth from left), as well as national partners from 40 African countries for its five-day Round 10 Planning Meeting in Ghana.

In the field and around the network

- ✓ AB's national partners completed a pre-election survey in Zimbabwe and began Round 9 fieldwork in Ethiopia. Up next: Congo-Brazzaville, the 39th and final country for the round.
- ✓ AB received a grant from USAID Ethiopia to support Round 9 data collection and in-country dissemination and engagement activities.
- ✓ AB and Twaweza East Africa co-hosted a <u>webinar</u> on "Making democracy work in and for Africa," featuring a <u>keynote address</u> by former President Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone.
- ✓ The network conducted a four-day workshop on using public attitude data for 20 civil society representatives and 20 journalists from West Africa.
- AB is preparing a two-week French-language workshop in Dakar, Senegal, on intermediate quantitative research methods with a thematic focus on gender equality.

In the news

A total of **861 media hits** were recorded in May across various media outlets, including the <u>Conversation</u>, <u>Daily Maverick</u>, <u>Monitor</u>, <u>Economist</u>, <u>DW</u>, <u>SAPO</u>, <u>Business Tech</u>, <u>Modern Ghana</u>, <u>Namibian Sun</u>, <u>Weekend Post</u>, <u>News Ghana</u>, <u>Financial Times</u>, <u>MyJoyOnline</u>, <u>Graphic Online</u>, <u>Sika Finance</u>. ...

On digital/social media

Website	17,239 users; 4,749 downloads
Online data analysis	2,927 user sessions
Twitter	30,517 followers

Visibility

AB introduced about 30 young Africans who play leadership roles across a wide range of sectors to AB data and analysis with a presentation for the Obama Foundation Leaders Africa programme.



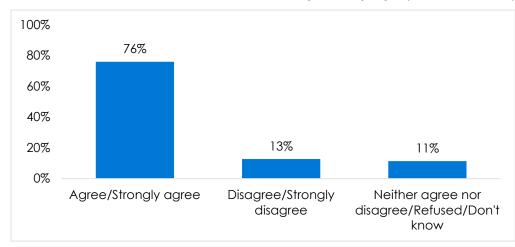
leveraging data infrastructure to drive development



- Trends in women's participation in governance were the topic of an AB presentation for a seminar hosted by the Institute for Security Studies and the Embassy of Australia in Ethiopia
- ✓ "How we know what people think," a special edition of AB's weekly "Data" series in the Continent, focused on Afrobarometer and its methodology.

Chart of the month

Should South Africa end Eskom's electricity monopoly? | South Africa | 2022



Respondents were asked: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't heard enough to say: The government should allow other actors to generate and distribute electricity in South Africa?

Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 199: <u>Keeping up with the Dlaminis: Perceived inequalities and satisfaction with democracy in Africa</u>
- ✓ Working Paper 198: <u>Does local infrastructure determine trust in local government councils? Evidence</u> from Cameroon
- ✓ Policy Paper 87: <u>Can cities cope? Service-delivery challenges and opportunities in Uganda's new cities</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 647: Zambians say climate change is making life worse, want collective action to limit it
- ✓ Dispatch 646: <u>Gambians reject men's use of physical force but see domestic violence as a private matter</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 645: <u>Blessing or curse? For many Ugandans, costs outweigh benefits of natural resource extraction</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 644: <u>Amid electricity crisis</u>, <u>South Africans want end to government monopoly</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 643: <u>Mauritians' dissatisfaction with leaders mirrors distrust, perceived corruption, economic strain</u>
- Dispatch 642: <u>Climate change 'making life worse' in Malawi; citizens demand action from all stakeholders</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 641: Angolans highlight police corruption and use of excessive force
- ✓ Dispatch 640: <u>Selon les Camerounais, le gouvernement peut faire plus pour le bien-être des enfants</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 639: <u>Uganda a continental extreme in rejection of people in same-sex relationships</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 638: <u>Les Marocains demandent plus d'efforts pour la promotion du bien-être des enfants</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 637: Tunisians' view of economic crisis: The struggle continues
- Dispatch 636: Namibians lack confidence in economy, express rising dissatisfaction with government

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