

# AB update

July 2023 highlights



## In the field and around the network

- ✓ Congo-Brazzaville completed its first AB survey, bringing Round 9 data collection to a successful close with 39 countries.
- ✓ AB extended its partnerships by signing new memoranda of understanding with the Institute for Security Studies (photo at right) and the European Centre for Development Policy Management.
- ✓ Luminate awarded AB a two-year, \$400,000 grant.
- ✓ AB conducted a geospatial information system workshop for senior staff.
- ✓ The Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, won a competitive bidding process to continue as AB's core partner for East Africa.



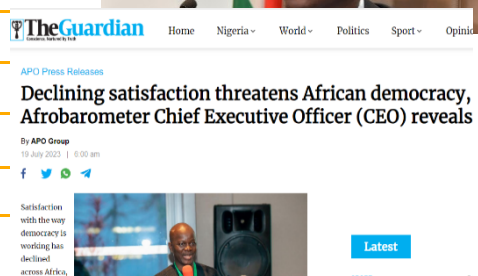
## In the news

A total of **785 media hits** were recorded in July across various media outlets, including the [Economist](#), [Washington Post](#), [News24](#), [NZZ](#), [Hespress](#), [Ghanaweb](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [South African](#), [IOL](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Guardian](#), [Livemint](#), [Irish Times](#), [Head Topics](#), [Businesstech](#), [Mediapart](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Financial Times](#), [Investing.com](#), ...



## On digital/social media

Website	16,648 users; 4,894 downloads
Online data analysis	2,640 user sessions
Twitter	31,458 followers
Facebook	16,554 fans



## Visibility

- ✓ In partnership with Amani Africa, AB introduced its data and analysis to a technical expert group of the African Union.
- ✓ In collaboration with Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister, AB national partner Hatchile Consult presented its analysis of "Service delivery challenges and opportunities in Uganda's new cities" to representatives of 13 line ministries, departments, and agencies in preparation for dissemination engagements with the respective new city administrations.

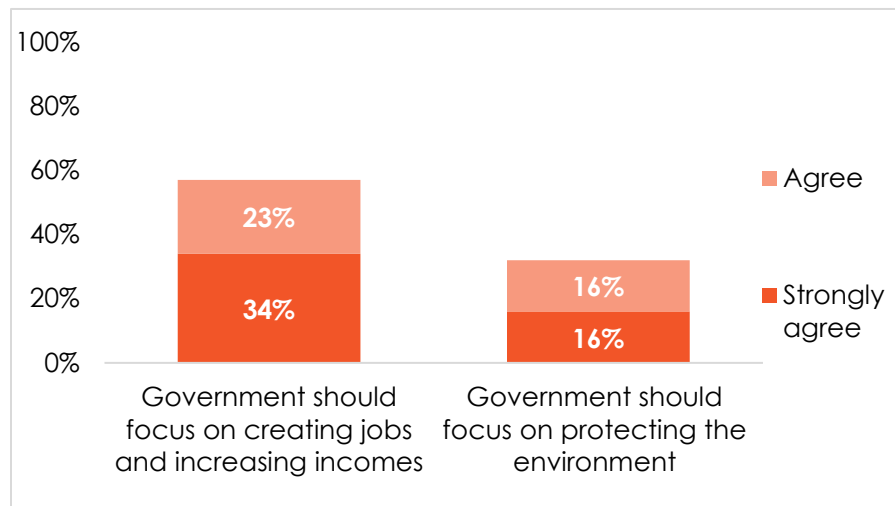
## Presentations:

- ✓ On the state of African democracy, at the Africa Drive for Democracy Conference Elders Retreat, hosted by the Center for Strategic Litigation, the Institute for Security Studies, and the MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation
- ✓ On "Data, digital citizens, privacy, and security," at the Citizens' Forum 2023 on Democracy and Digital Governance, hosted by the African Union's Economic, Social & Cultural Council
- ✓ On Afrobarometer as a resource for effective Africanist research and policy making, for the International Foundation for Election Systems and at the Legon Center for International Affairs and Diplomacy, University of Ghana
- ✓ On South Africans' views on the country's electricity crisis, hosted by the Department of Political and International Studies at Rhodes University

- ✓ On one-party dominance and opposition-party failure in South Africa's 2019 election, hosted by the Centre for Social Science Research

## Chart of the month

### Should the government prioritise jobs or the environment? | Botswana | 2022



**Respondents were asked:**  
Which of the following statements is closest to your view?  
The government should focus on creating jobs and increasing incomes, even if that means increasing pollution or other environmental damage.  
The government should focus more on preventing pollution and protecting the environment, even if this means there will be fewer jobs or there will be other disruptions to our daily lives.

## Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 201: [Taxation for development: The impact of the Ebola epidemic on citizen support across West Africa](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 678: [Kenyans want government to prioritise environmental protection, even at the expense of job creation](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 677: [Zambians look to one another and government for action to safeguard the environment](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 676: [Tanzanians want greater government action on environmental problems, even if it's expensive](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 675: [Inquiets de leur dette envers la Chine, beaucoup de Togolais sont prêts à payer plus d'impôts pour contribuer au développement](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 674: [Les Burkinabè sont fortement attachés à leur identité nationale](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 673: [Vast majority of Tunisians say pollution is a major problem, want government to do more to fight it](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 672: [Liberians prioritise environmental protection over job creation](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 671: [Economic conditions worsen in Eswatini; citizens cite poor government performance](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 670: [Os Cabo-verdianos veem a violência baseada no género como a questão mais importante dos direitos das mulheres](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 669: [Botswana say citizens and government must act to protect the environment](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 668: [Zambians laud government crime-fighting efforts but cite police for lack of professionalism](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 667: [Zambians say vulnerable children lack needed help in the community](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 666: [Au Mali, la fourniture de service d'eau et d'assainissement reste un défi](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 665: [Amid increased insecurity, Gambians cite corruption and lack of professionalism among police shortcomings](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 664: [Lack of access, connection to the electric grid still plagues most rural residents in Angola](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 663: [Gender equality in the Gambia: Citizens demand greater government efforts](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 662: [En pleine crise sécuritaire, les Burkinabè font également face à des défis économiques](#)

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