AB update

September 2023 highlights

In the field and around the network

✓ With preparations for Round 10 surveys in full swing, AB pursued dissemination of Round 9 findings via briefings, news releases, dispatches, social media, and other channels.
✓ The AB-led Data for Governance Alliance (D4GA) hosted a week-long training in Cape Town for civil society organisations and African Union entities on leveraging AB data to enhance advocacy efforts (photo at right).
✓ AB led an action hub event at Africa Climate Week, amplifying Africans’ call for urgent climate action.
✓ An AB delegation concluded a four-day engagement with U.S. Africa policy actors in Washington, D.C., highlighting African views on climate change, democracy, governance, gender, and youth.
✓ The World Bank has extended its partnership with AB and will commit a one-year, $200,000 grant to the network.

In the news

A total of 3,549 media hits were recorded in September across various media outlets, including the New York Times, Nation (Kenya), Bloomberg, Le Monde, Folha de S. Paulo, Deutsche Welle, Al Jazeera, O Estado de S. Paulo, Conversation, Investing.com, RFI, News24, Irish Times, Independent Online, Nairaland, Messenger, Daily Maverick, Hespress, Guardian, …

On digital/social media

Website 18,045 users; 5,884 downloads
Online data analysis 2,864 user sessions
Twitter 32,098 followers
Facebook 17,645 fans

Chart of the month

Should government do more to protect the environment? | Cameroon | 2022

Respondents were asked: In your opinion, should our government be doing more or less than it is currently doing to limit pollution and protect the environment in this country?
Visibility

- AB CEO Joseph Asunka shared survey findings on democratic governance, freedom, corruption, and other issues at an evaluation of the status of the U.S. strategy toward sub-Saharan Africa hosted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

- Cabo Verde Prime Minister José Ulisses Correia e Silva cited AB data on democracy in his address to the UN General Assembly.

- AB Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi wrote on “Hostile governance trends in Africa once again” in the Wilson Quarterly.

- The UK House of Commons Library cited AB analysis in its research briefing on “Coups and political stability in West Africa.”

Presentations:

- On gender equality and gender-based violence, at an ECOWAS-UN Institute for Disarmament Research regional seminar on disarmament
- On “Democracy and autocratic trends” and “Citizen engagement and the state,” at the Wilson Center’s Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding conference
- On “Democracy, service delivery, and autocratic trends,” at a Sida Team Democracy meeting in Dar es Salaam
- On “Democracy in Africa: Resilient or at risk?” to U.S. State Department and civil society representatives
- On AB as a resource for advocacy, at a workshop with AU-facing civil society organisations, hosted by Amani Africa
- On “Democratic governance and youth issues,” to Swedish and Finnish embassy staff in Pretoria
- On AB data and analysis, to the Future Africa Institute

Publications

- WP202: Willingness of Zambians to sacrifice democratic principles during a pandemic: The case of COVID-19
- Dispatch 709: Nigerians look to government, private sector, developed countries for action to limit climate change
- Dispatch 708: Young Nigerians prioritise security, jobs, and the economy for government action
- Dispatch 707: Tanzanians applaud government efforts to promote gender equality but want more
- Dispatch 706: Zambians endorse gender equality, want greater government effort for women’s rights
- Dispatch 705: Liberians want fair and competitive elections, but mistrust elections commission
- Dispatch 704: Kenyans want greater government efforts to close persistent gender gaps
- Dispatch 703: In Seychelles, majority support gender equality, think greater efforts are needed
- Dispatch 702: Moroccans endorse women’s political participation but not equal access to jobs, land
- Dispatch 701: Au Bénin, la participation citoyenne a connu un recul
- Dispatch 700: São Toméans want ‘a lot more’ climate action from government and other stakeholders
- Dispatch 699: Cameroonians say government must do ‘much more’ to protect the environment
- Dispatch 698: Tanzanians say climate change is making life worse, demand collective action to fight it
- Dispatch 697: Les Marocains vivent les effets des changements climatiques, sans en être suffisamment informés

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