

# AB update

February 2024 highlights



## In the field and around the network

- ✓ Afrobarometer's Round 10 data collection continued with Uganda, Benin, and Morocco (team in photo at right) completing fieldwork, Cameroon and Tunisia heading into the field, and Lesotho conducting training. Coming up: Namibia, Angola, Kenya. ...
- ✓ AB and its partners pursued dissemination of Round 9 findings, including the release of Pan-Africa Profiles on access to public information and education.
- ✓ AB led the first advisory board meeting of the Africa Judicial Independence Fund, a new joint initiative with the Open Society Foundations – Africa.
- ✓ AB hosted Joachim Beijmo, head of the Sida Regional Development Cooperation for Sub-Saharan Africa, and a team from its office in Addis Ababa.



## In the news

A total of **1,653 media hits** were recorded in February across various media outlets, including the [New York Times](#), [BBC](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Washington Post](#), [Associated Press](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [SAPO](#), [RFI](#), [News24](#), [BNN Breaking](#), [IOL](#), [Hespress](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Business Insider Africa](#), [Emerald Insight](#), [Brookings](#), [Kenyans.co.ke](#), [Myjoyonline](#), [Sowetan](#), [Modern Ghana](#). ...



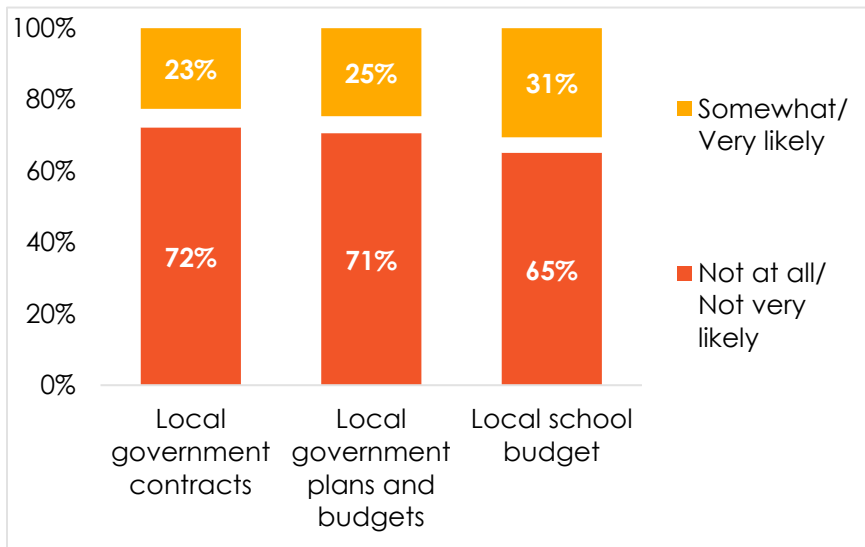
## On digital/social media

Website	24,250 users; 7,216 downloads	X (formerly Twitter)	33,129 followers
Online data analysis	4,577 user sessions	Facebook	16,787 fans



## Chart of the month

Access to information held by public officials | 39 countries | 2021/2023



**Respondents were asked:** How likely is it that you could get the following information from government or other public institutions, or haven't you heard enough to say: If you contacted the local school to find out what the school's budget is and how the funds have been used? If you contacted your local government office to find out about the local development plan and budget? If you contacted your local government office to request to see a contract for a government-funded project or purchase?

## Visibility

- ✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka participated in a panel discussion on “China in the global South: Development and influence in a shifting global order” at a conference organised by the Atlantic Council and the University of Notre Dame.
- ✓ AB shared insights on how to integrate support for democratic governance into climate change, economic recovery, conflict, health, and migration agendas, at the Summit for Democracy Retreat hosted by Wilton Park.

## Presentations

- ✓ On “Voices of ordinary Africans, indicators for the world: Afrobarometer's 25-year journey of survey work in diverse contexts” as part of a World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) webinar
- ✓ On AB findings on tolerance for sexual minorities in Africa, for the Africa Bureau of BMZ and GIZ
- ✓ On “African parties: A citizens' perspective,” as part of the Political Parties in Africa Conference, supported by the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa

## Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 776: South Africans see pollution as serious problem requiring greater government attention
- ✓ Dispatch 775: Les Togolais vivant dans les zones minières sont moins critiques sur l'extraction des ressources naturelles
- ✓ Dispatch 774: Mozambicans give government poor marks on its efforts to promote equal rights for women
- ✓ Dispatch 773: Namibian youth demand that government make job creation a top priority
- ✓ Dispatch 772: Mauritian youth see jobs, crime, and the economy as top priorities for government attention
- ✓ Dispatch 771: Veiled transparency: Access to public information remains elusive despite progress on right-to-information laws
- ✓ Dispatch 770: Eswatini losing the fight against corruption, according to its citizens
- ✓ Dispatch 769: Les Camerounais demandent plus dans la promotion de l'égalité des genres
- ✓ Dispatch 768: Assessing the gaps: Africans look for greater progress on education
- ✓ Dispatch 767: Les Malgaches et le genre : Des inégalités subsistent, plus d'efforts sont demandés
- ✓ Dispatch 766: Tolerance for social differences is high, but not universal, in the Gambia
- ✓ Dispatch 765: Les Marocains se disent satisfaits de la riposte du gouvernement contre la COVID-19
- ✓ Dispatch 764: In Seychelles, ensuring children's welfare remains a challenge for the poor

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