AB update

March 2024 highlights

In the field and around the network
✓ Round 10 data collection moved ahead as Lesotho and Tunisia wrapped up fieldwork. Namibia and Angola completed training and headed into the field. Up next: Kenya, the Gambia, Gabon, Tanzania, Mauritius. …
✓ The dissemination of Round 9 findings continued, including the release of a Pan-Africa Profile on water and sanitation.
✓ AB consulted with a team from the Civil Society and Community Engagement Division of the African Development Bank to explore areas of collaboration.
✓ AB met with the Africa Region Chief Economist of the World Bank Group in Accra and participated in a Luminate grantee convening in Nairobi.
✓ The AB-led Data for Governance Alliance hosted a webinar on education in Africa.
✓ The capacity building team conducted basic data analysis training sessions in Nairobi for East African civil society organisations and journalists.

In the news
A total of 1,115 media hits were recorded in March across various media outlets, including the New York Times, U.S. National Library of Medicine, Medium, Daily Mail, Hindustan Times, Newsweek, Reuters, Deutsche Welle, Investing.com, BNN Breaking, News24, Punch, Hespress, Mediapart, Daily Maverick, GhanaWeb, Ivoxx, Business Insider Africa, Defense Visual Information Distribution Service. …

On digital/social media
| Website          | 29,385 users; 9,906 downloads |
| Online data analysis | 5,427 user sessions |
| X (formerly Twitter) | 33,344 followers |
| Facebook        | 16,845 fans |

Chart of the month
Figure: Went without enough clean water | by urban-rural location | 39 countries | 2021/2023

Respondents were asked:
Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without enough clean water for home use?
Visibility

✓ AB CEO Joseph Asunka presented a keynote address to officers and cadets of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
✓ AB data and analysis are featured in the UNDP Human Development Report 2023/2024.
✓ The Conversation and Good Authority published articles based on AB data and analysis on police professionalism in Africa.
✓ AB introduced its work and free online data analysis tool to students and faculty at Wits University.

Presentations

✓ On “The populist citizenry in Africa: Democratic defenders or dictatorial desires?” at the Political Studies Association Annual Conference
✓ On democracy and governance in Africa, as part of the Wilton Park dialogue on Africa’s regional actors and democratic governance
✓ On popular attitudes toward elections in Africa, as part of an “Artificial intelligence and elections in Africa” panel discussion hosted by Yiaga Africa
✓ On educational attainment among women, for an International Women’s Day webinar organised by the Association of African Universities
✓ On Ghanaians’ views on the economy, for the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Publications

✓ Dispatch 791: Rising perceptions of corruption, weak trust, and low approval ratings mark Batswana assessments of their president
✓ Dispatch 790: Le mobile money : Une alternative pour l’inclusion financière au Togo ?
✓ Dispatch 789: Angolan youth’s discontent marked by concern about health, jobs, food and water insecurity
✓ Dispatch 788: Amid successes, Mauritians point to challenges in pursuit of child well-being
✓ Dispatch 787: Mauritians rank gender-based violence as top women’s-rights issue for government to address
✓ Dispatch 786: Les Togolais veulent toujours des élections mais sont peu convaincus de leur efficacité
✓ Dispatch 785: La Chine, première puissance influente sur le Burkina Faso ?
✓ Dispatch 784: Water and sanitation still major challenges in Africa, especially for rural and poor citizens
✓ Dispatch 783: Violence sexiste en Guinée : Les victimes entre crainte d’humiliation et espoir en la justice
✓ Dispatch 782: Amid economic gloom, few Malawians hold hope for improvement
✓ Dispatch 781: Ghanaians want fair and competitive elections, but mistrust the electoral commission
✓ Dispatch 780: Les Maliens acclament la baisse de la corruption, mais la peur des représailles en cas de dénonciation persiste
✓ Dispatch 779: Sudanese see pollution as a serious problem requiring greater government attention
✓ Dispatch 778: Les Togolais réclament plus d’actions en faveur du climat
✓ Dispatch 777: Les Burkinabé partagés entre la gouvernance démocratique et le régime militaire

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