

# AB update



## March 2025 highlights

### In the field and around the network

- ✓ Afrobarometer reached the 30-country mark in Round 10 as the Senegal team completed fieldwork. Sierra Leone is training its data collectors, and Eswatini and Seychelles are preparing to go to the field.
- ✓ The network received a one-year grant from the Hewlett Foundation.
- ✓ AB hosted capacity building workshops at the National University of Lesotho (photo at right) and the Prospect Peace Institute-Africa as well as a virtual masterclass for Future Elect alumni. Training focused on analysing data, leveraging data for policy making and advocacy, and using AB's [online data analysis tool](#).
- ✓ The network onboarded Comores Finance Consulting as a national partner in Comoros, a first-time AB survey country in Round 10.
- ✓ Results dissemination continued with the release of Round 10 country-level findings.



### In the news

A total of **928 media hits** were recorded in March across various media outlets, including [Newsweek](#), [Springer](#), [South China Morning Post](#), [SAPO Ground](#), [Independent Online](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Hespress](#), [Independent Türkçe](#), [Lietuvos Nacionalinis Radijas ir Televizija – LRT](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Business Insider Africa](#), [Premium Times](#), [Nairametrics](#), [Inkl](#), [Mail & Guardian](#), [Daily Monitor](#), [Graphic Online](#), [Citifmonline](#). ...



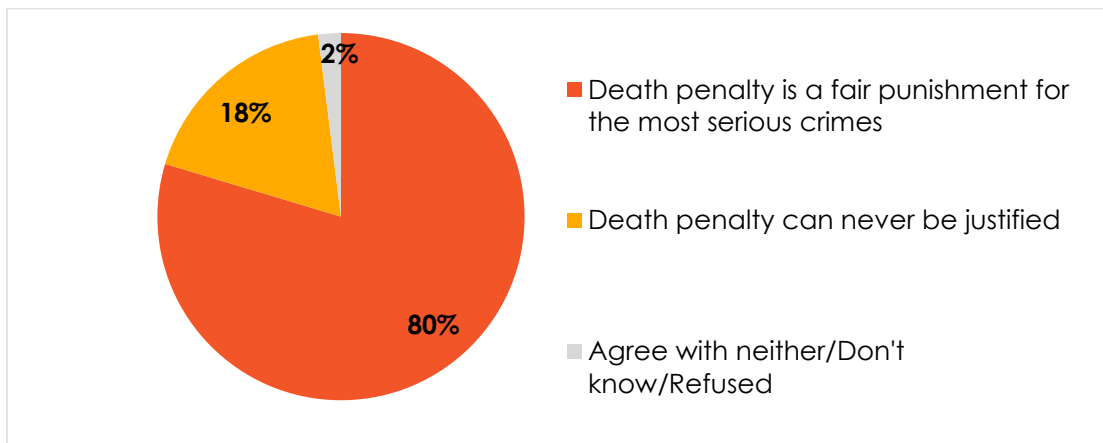
### On digital/social media

Website	25,864 users; 7,619 downloads	X	35,641 followers
Online data analysis	6,208 user sessions	Facebook	18,024 fans



### Chart of the month

#### Views on the death penalty | Gambia | 2024



**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The death penalty is a fair punishment for people who have committed the most serious crimes, such as murder.

Statement 2: There is no crime for which the death penalty can be justified.

## Visibility

- ✓ AB hosted a webinar on democracy in francophone Africa on International Francophonie Day, exploring key trends, challenges, and potential solutions.
- ✓ Network staff participated in the Global Democracy Coalition Forum at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ✓ AB joined a discussion on international cooperation for democracy at Wilton Park's democratic governance dialogue in Nairobi.
- ✓ The network hosted a webinar on women's rights, equality, and empowerment in collaboration with Oxfam and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

## Presentations

- ✓ On AB survey design, respondent profiles, data collection and processing, quality assurance, and key findings, at the World Bank's workshop on data sources for the Worldwide Governance Indicators.
- ✓ On "African perspectives on China," in a panel discussion at Maastricht University in the Netherlands
- ✓ On the state of democracy in West Africa, at the West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network annual conference

## Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 967: Ugandans see health as a key priority for government action, endorse universal access
- ✓ Dispatch 966: Ugandans say they enjoy civic and political freedoms; how many exercise them?
- ✓ Dispatch 965: Most Ugandans lack medical aid coverage and worry about being unable to afford care
- ✓ Dispatch 964: Ugandan women continue to face barriers in public and private spheres
- ✓ Dispatch 963: Ethiopians applaud COVID-19 response but call for more investment in preparing for future health emergencies
- ✓ Dispatch 962: Ugandans optimistic about country's direction but unhappy with economic management
- ✓ Dispatch 961: A deaf democracy? Ugandans see elected officials as unresponsive, but still prefer democracy
- ✓ Dispatch 960: Most Sudanese are dissatisfied with government efforts to support vulnerable children
- ✓ Dispatch 959: Majority of Ghanaians consider emigration; young and educated most likely to look abroad
- ✓ Dispatch 958: Nigerians say country is headed in wrong direction, oppose fuel-subsidy removal
- ✓ Dispatch 957: Zambians dissatisfied with their economy and the country's overall direction
- ✓ Dispatch 956: Les Tunisiens ressentent les effets des changements climatiques et attribuent la responsabilité aux pays riches
- ✓ Dispatch 955: Angolans express mixed views on migration, but majority have considered moving abroad
- ✓ Dispatch 954: Kenyans value multiparty democracy, but fewer feel close to a political party
- ✓ Dispatch 953: Gambians call for climate action, including assistance from wealthy countries
- ✓ Dispatch 952: Zimbabweans grow increasingly dissatisfied with government's provision of electricity
- ✓ Dispatch 951: Access to justice in Gambia: Courts seen as untrustworthy, unfair, and ineffective

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