AB update

January 2017 highlights

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In the field

While fund-raising efforts continue in hopes of improving country coverage, Round 7 surveys proceed on a limited basis:

- ✓ Kenya kicked off Round 7 dissemination of results, focusing on democracy and the economy.
- ✓ Fieldwork has been completed in Benin, Malawi, Uganda, and Côte d'Ivoire.
- ✓ Fieldwork is under way in Zimbabwe.
- ✓ Fieldwork in Mali and Nigeria is planned for February.





Rain or shine, Afrobarometer's Zimbabwe survey teams from Mass Public Opinion Institute go where the people are.

In the news

Here's how the Ebola outbreak shaped citizens' opinions of Liberia's government

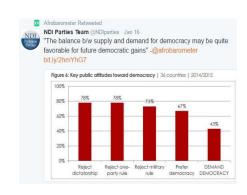


AB in the media: 62 media hits across various media outlets, including NTV, Foreign Affairs, Mail & Guardian Africa, the Christian Science Monitor, China.org, Financial Times, Washington Post Monkey Cage....

<u>Best Institutional Collaboration:</u> For the second year in a row, AB ranks among the world's top 5 "Best Institutional Collaborations Involving Two or More Think Tanks," according to the University of Pennsylvania ScholarlyCommons' <u>2016</u> Global Go To Think Tank Index Report.

On digital/social media

Website	 - 7,026 users; 2,153 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: <u>Do</u> Africans still want democracy?
Twitter	115 new followers (8,774 total) Top tweet: How free do Africans feel to exercise their right of association? bit.ly/2hUEZ77 #VoicesAfrica
Facebook	17,487 impressions



Data use and impact

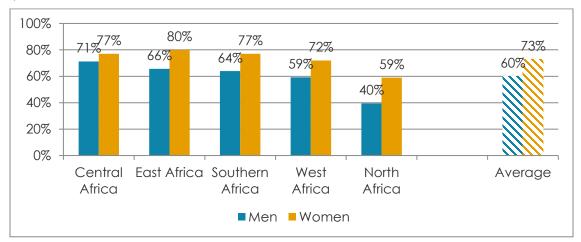
- ✓ At the UN World Data Forum in Cape Town, AB shared its insights as part of panel on "Using data to understand people's values, priorities and desires."
- ✓ AB findings on Malawians' perceptions of their government led to a 2016 political economy analysis of the Malawi Parliament's performance and prospects for improved effectiveness, commissioned by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.



New publication and chart of the month

✓ Weak support and limited participation hinder women's political leadership in North Africa

Support for equal opportunity for women's leadership | by region and gender | 36 countries | 2014/2015



Respondents were asked: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Statement 1: Men make better political leaders than women, and should be elected rather than women. Statement 2: Women should have the same chance of being elected to political office as men. (% who "agree" or "agree very strongly" that women should have the same chance as men)

Coming soon to a screen near you

A new Afrobarometer video on perceptions of the quality of elections in Africa



Support for Afrobarometer

Thanks to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. State Department, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the World Bank, Afrobarometer surveys will continue in 2017. But planned country coverage is still very limited, and Afrobarometer's longer-term survival remains uncertain. Voices of support for our work will continue to be essential.





