

# AB update

July 2019 highlights

## Into the field for Round 8

- ✓ AB's national partner in Botswana kicked off R8 data collection, with Namibia to follow in early August.

## In other news ...

- ✓ On African Anti-Corruption Day (11 July), AB released the [Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019](#) in partnership with Transparency International as its eighth Round 7 **Pan-Africa Profile**. TI and AB partners in Ghana and Sierra Leone organized joint news conferences to publicize the report.
- ✓ AB Executive Director E. Gyimah-Boadi's "Aspirations and realities in Africa: Democratic delivery falls short" appeared in the July issue of *Journal of Democracy*.
- ✓ AB organized a conference on "The Future of Democracy in Africa" in Accra.
- ✓ AB staff provided data training to African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) research assistants working on the annual Governance Atlas.



*The Botswana team looks over its maps and practices interviewing before heading into the field.*



**AB in the media:** 251 media hits were recorded July across various local and international outlets, including [GhanaWeb](#), [News24](#), [Africa Report](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Washington Post](#), [Yabiladi](#) (Morocco), [Spiegel](#), [Republikein](#) (Namibia), [Europa Press](#). ...

New Afrobarometer data shows Africans want elections – especially if they bring change at the top

That's what Sudan's protesters are taking their lives for. They're not alone in their demands.



New surveys show Africa not making enough progress on corruption

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## On digital/social media

<b>Website</b>	9,703 users; 2,890 downloads Most popular download: <a href="#">Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019</a>
<b>Twitter</b>	227 new followers
<b>Facebook</b>	11,743 total followers
<b>Online data analysis</b>	2,033 distinct users

RT @afrobarometer: Happy #WorldEmojiDay These are the emojis that best represent 'amplifying the voices of ordinary Africans':



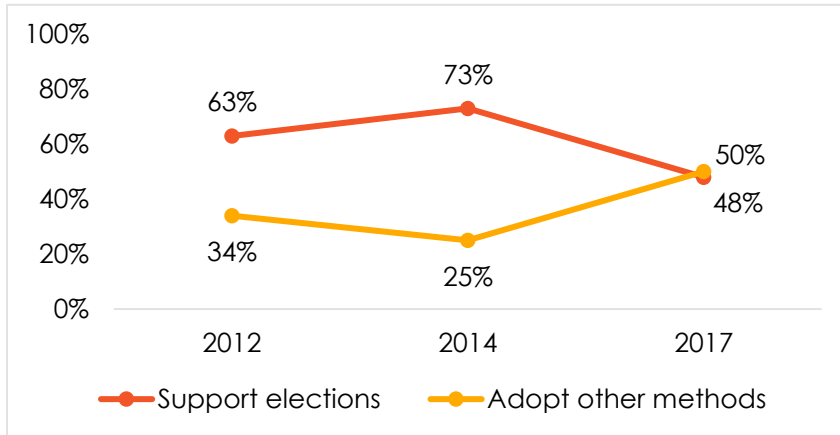
## New publications

- ✓ Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019: Citizens' views and experiences of corruption
- ✓ WP183: Traditional authority and state legitimacy: Evidence from Namibia
- ✓ AD312: Beaucoup de Sénégalais rêvent d'ailleurs pour de meilleures conditions de vie
- ✓ AD311: Ugandans commend their government's performance in bridging the gender gap
- ✓ AD310: In Togo, inadequate health services feed growing dissatisfaction with government performance
- ✓ AD309: Election fatigue? Half of Basotho want a different way to choose leaders
- ✓ AD308: La gouvernance économique: Une perception positive des Sénégalais sur l'orientation et l'avenir du pays

- ✓ AD307: Young and educated Ugandans are most likely to consider emigration
- ✓ AD306: With lived poverty on the rise, Guineans grow pessimistic, critical of government performance

## Chart of the month

### Support for elections | Lesotho | 2012-2017



#### Respondents were asked:

Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: We should choose our leaders in this country through regular, open, and honest elections.

Statement 2: Since elections sometimes produce bad results, we should adopt other methods for choosing this country's leaders. (% who "agree" or "agree very strongly" with each statement)

## Visibility

- ✓ AB was cited in:
  - The Institute for Economics & Peace 2019 SDG16+ Progress Report
  - The Legatum Institute 2019 Global Index of Economic Openness
- ✓ Former Ghanaian Minister of State Elizabeth Ohene and other panelists discussed AB's recent reports at a public forum on media freedom organized by Media General in Accra.
- ✓ Ghana's Minister for Local Government and Rural Development cited AB findings in Parliament to justify government's proposed election of municipal and district executives.
- ✓ The majority and minority leaders of Ghana's Parliament discussed AB findings on popular attitudes toward MPs in an interview on Citi TV's Point of View.
- ✓ AB findings on civic space, media freedom, elections, corruption, and Sudan economic discontent were featured in Network of Democracy Research Institutes July newsletter.
- ✓ AB contributed to an African Development Bank webinar on "Using data to tell stories."
- ✓ July's edition of #PulseCheck, a weekly data analysis series by CDD-Ghana Fellow John Osae-Kwapong, focused on Ghanaians' support for multiparty democracy.
- ✓ Presentations:
  - On "Democracy capture in Africa: Nature, causes, effects, remedies," at a workshop organized by CDD-Ghana and Open Society Foundations
  - On migration and climate change, at a Konrad Adenauer Stiftung conference on "African Climate Perspectives on Migration" in Rabat, Morocco
  - On media freedoms and digital rights, at an ARISA roundtable in Johannesburg
  - On perceptions of democracy, at a University of Cape Town conference on "AU solutions to continental problems"

## Support for Afrobarometer



Afrobarometer completed Round 7 and is launching Round 8 surveys thanks to support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Open Society Foundations, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, U.S. State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) via U.S. Institute of Peace, National Endowment for Democracy, and Transparency International. Voices of support will continue to be essential to ensure Afrobarometer's long-term survival.